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Read the latest issue of Northumbria University News: Spring 2025 edition

In this issue we share Northumbria's role in a new Centre for writing, based in Newcastle, which will develop the next generation of northern writers and publishers. With £5 million recently awarded from the Department of Media, Culture and Sport's Cultural Development Fund to develop the Centre, we explore what it means for students, staff and the local community. We also share some of the latest research being produced by Northumbria's world-leading academics.

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Education Champion Award for Northumbria academic with stellar vision

Professor John Woodward has been named Education Champion at the Northern Leaders Awards for his leadership of Northumbria's new £50 million North East Space Skills and Technology (NESST) Centre. The BusinessCloudNorthern Leaders Awards, honours those who have made the biggest positive difference to the North. Described as a 'game-changer' for the UK space economy, NESST brings together industry and academia to collaborate on internationally significant space research and technological developments.

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Funding boost to transform breastfeeding education and practice

Northumbria University has received a grant from the Sir Halley Stewart Trust to produce, pilot and evaluate an accessible digital training package for professionals, practitioners and educators involved in promoting and supporting breastfeeding. Breastfeeding is a global public health priority, with evidence suggesting that it has immediate and long-term physical and mental health benefits for both mother and baby. The UK has the lowest rates of breastfeeding in Europe, particularly amongst young mothers and in areas of high socio-economic deprivation.

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GRADUATE NEWS



Northumbria graduate Lol makes his mark on the film industry

In March the biggest names in the world of film gathered in Hollywood for the 97th Academy Awards with 23 Oscars awarded to the brightest talent in the industry. Amongst the winners was Northumbria Film graduate, Lol Crawley, who won Best Cinematography for his work *The Brutalist*. His Oscar followed his recent BAFTA for Best Cinematography on the same film. Alongside him, fellow Film graduate, Jack Tarling, also won the BAFTA for Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer. for his film, *Kneecap*.

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Gatwick CEO inspires Engineering students

Electrical & Electronic Engineering graduate and Chief Executive Officer of Gatwick Airport Stewart Wingate recently returned to campus to give Engineering students invaluable insights into the aviation industry, his personal success in business, and the future of sustainable airport operations. Students welcomed the opportunity to learn first-hand from a leader at the forefront of the aviation industry, equipping them with knowledge and insights that will help them in their future careers.

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A new brand of coffee culture takes hold in the North East

Daily Pour, a disruptive coffee brand born from the entrepreneurial spirit of Business graduate, Jack Fenwick, is shaking up the North East coffee scene. The brand, focused on blending coffee with musicality and community, recently held its first successful pop-up event. The DJ event, in collaboration with Minor Figures Oat Milk at Hidden Heights Creative Studio in Newcastle, saw Jack serving up his signature coffee, while DJ sets from Ally, Bradley Circles and Socialness created a fusion of music and coffee culture.

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Graduate funds doctoral students to explore the experiences of women who have been in prison

Funded by justice system reformer, philanthropist and graduate, Lady Edwina Grosvenor, these PhD research projects will focus on women's experiences of violence and access to housing and home before, during or following time in prison. The projects will form part of research carried out through Northumbria University's Centre for Health and Social Equity (CHASE).

[Find out more](#)



New partnership gives Sport and Performing Arts students a lifeline

The Chloe & Liam Together Forever Trust has confirmed its support of postgraduate Sport and Performing Arts scholarships commencing September 2025. The partnership will enable three underrepresented students from the North East to access university as part of our Higher Education Without Barriers campaign. The Trust's mission is to 'inspire and support others to achieve and reach their full potential through the love of sport and performance'.

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Celebrating Graduate Success

Anthony May graduated with an MLaw (Exempting) degree in 2023 and is a trainee solicitor at Sintons LLP in Newcastle and a Trustee and Director of Changing Lives, a national charity. Anthony actively engaged with careers support during his law studies through tailored one-to-one careers advice, events, and workshops. He recently returned to support Graduate Futures' IGNITE Programme, inspiring students by sharing his own career journey since graduation.

[Find out more about Anthony](#)

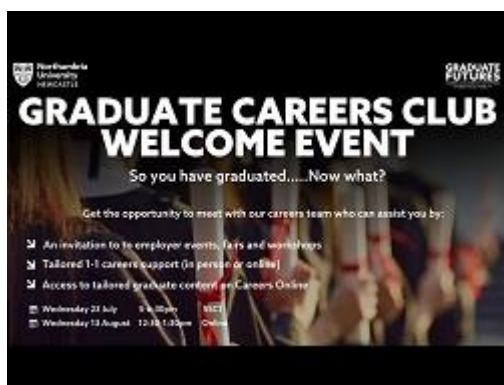
BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES



Join the Alumni Association in New York!

We are hosting the first *Northumbria in New York* alumni social on Thursday 5 June 2025, 6pm - 7:30pm at Peter Dillon's Bar, 2 East 36th Street, New York. Join the Northumbria Alumni & Philanthropy Team, catch up with old friends and meet other graduates. It'll be an opportunity to find out what's happening at Northumbria and give your views about the University's plan to develop alumni networks in the US with refreshments provided.

[Register your place](#)



Did you graduate in the last five years?

Following the success of our first Graduate Careers Club Welcome Event, if you graduated in the last five years, you are invited to attend further sessions this summer. Learn more about your dedicated careers service and how to get the most out of it, helping you progress in your career and expand your network. Join one of our Graduate Careers Club events at Newcastle City Campus on Wednesday, 23 July 2025, 5pm - 6pm or participate in an online session on Wednesday, 13 August 2025, 12:30pm - 1:30pm.

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Great Northern Contemporary Craft & Art Fair

Great Northern Contemporary Craft & Art Fair is a brand-new, high-end selling event for the North East, showcasing the very best in contemporary craft and art, taking place in Sports Central on our Newcastle City Campus. It is an unrivalled opportunity to browse and buy directly from over 100 specially selected makers and artists. From jewellery and textiles to ceramics, glass, furniture and fine art. If you are a maker or artist and interested in exhibiting at the fair this year click the link to find out more. Bursaries are available for graduates.

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DONATE

There are a range of opportunities to support the University and our students. With your support we can continue to inspire students to take on the challenges of tomorrow without financial barriers. Join our growing numbers of alumni supporters today!



OBITUARIES

We commemorate and celebrate the lives of alumni and friends of the University who are no longer with us. If you would like to submit an obituary for an alumnus or former member of staff for inclusion, please email alumni@northumbria.ac.uk.



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