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NEWS BULLETIN

As we celebrate **Giving Tuesday**, we're reminded of the power of our community of graduates. Your journey didn't end at graduation; your generosity continues to help shape the journey of others as they navigate the path that you once did.

We are inviting you to invest in the next generation of graduates by supporting our **Higher Education Without Barriers campaign**.

Because when one graduate gives back, countless futures move forward.

Can you volunteer your time to share your experience and expertise, or open up your professional networks to help create student opportunities? You can make a difference. Sign up to our volunteering and mentoring programme **here**.

Find out more about how our donors, partners and graduates have made a life-changing difference to our students in our **Impact Report**.

UNIVERSITY NEWS



George Clarke appointed new Chancellor of Northumbria University

Renowned architect, author and TV presenter George Clarke has been appointed as the new Chancellor of Northumbria University. George, one of the North East's most inspirational success stories was born in Sunderland, growing up on a newly developed council estate in Washington, just a few miles away from Northumbria University. His experience shaped his ambition to become an architect as he recognised the ability of architecture to transform lives.

Read now



University partnerships key to driving social mobility

Northumbria University has welcomed a major House of Lords report which champions the role of universities in driving social mobility through local partnerships. The 'Social Mobility: Local Roots, Lasting Change' report calls for collaboration between universities, further education colleges, schools, employers, and local authorities to remove opportunity barriers and tackle rising numbers of young people not in education, employment or training. Social mobility is a key focus for Northumbria University, with around 40% of Northumbria students coming from underrepresented backgrounds.

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Read the latest issue of Northumbria University News

From research influencing national policy to welcoming new leadership, this latest edition showcases some of the exciting updates and developments happening across our university community. In this issue, we welcome George Clarke as Northumbria's new Chancellor. The award-winning architect, author and TV presenter brings decades of experience transforming communities through design.

[Read more](#)

IMPACT OF GIVING



New education centre provides opportunities for local young people

Young people facing disadvantage from Gateshead and the surrounding areas will benefit from enhanced opportunities to attend higher education, thanks to a new children's education centre. The new Centre, funded by **IntoUniversity**, Newcastle University and Northumbria University, will offer after-school academic support, mentoring with local university students and professionals, in-school aspiration-raising workshops and enrichment and work experience.

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New MGL Group built environment scholarship

MGL Group, a family-owned company with over 54 years of experience in the construction industry, has established the MGL Group Undergraduate Scholarship (2026–2030). This scholarship for built and natural environment students, reflects their commitment to social mobility, supporting the next generation of talent and their ambition to help reshape the built environment.

[Read more](#)



From student to supporter: Raman Sehgal's commitment to giving back

Toronto-based Marketing graduate Raman Sehgal is part of our Global Graduate Network and the driving force behind several international businesses including design, digital and content agency Ramarketing, which has its headquarters in Newcastle.

"I'm a proud Northumbria graduate and donor and very happy to support the University's global alumni network, whether that's through advice, making introductions or just sharing experiences - a small but simple way to help."

[Find out how you can support our students](#)



Strength in connection: Nazik Bashir and the power of the Northumbria global network

Another member of our Global Graduate Network is Nazik Bashir, who qualified as a barrister and solicitor. Nazik emigrated to Canada in 2010 and established her own practice, Nazik Bashir Law, in 2016.

"My connection to Northumbria is deepened by giving back. It's where my journey began and it's wonderful to help in any way I can. It has been a privilege to provide legal expertise to Northumbria's Law Advisory Board."

[Find out more about our network of graduates](#)



Student Law Office partnership provides real-world training

Northumbria University law graduates have highlighted the transformative impact of EduCourt, an innovative collaboration between the University's award-winning Student Law Office and His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service. This pioneering project provides valuable support for unrepresented individuals navigating family court proceedings, addressing the growing number of Litigants in Person following legal aid restrictions, and provides students with invaluable hands-on experience.

[Find out more](#)



Invaluable work experience with EY Newcastle

Northumbria University Business Clinic students have received invaluable work experience with a leading global professional services firm, helping them to attract a new cohort of young, local apprentices in Newcastle. EY welcomed the students as part of a long-standing collaboration, providing real life experience of working in a professional environment. The students were challenged to come up with ideas around how to boost the number of young, local applicants from the North East to EY's degree apprenticeship programmes in Newcastle.

[Find out more](#)



Students build foundations for Aptus expansion

A North East construction firm is targeting expansion after completing a marketing project with students from Northumbria University Business Clinic. Aptus Construction who has its headquarters in Newcastle, asked the students to develop a comprehensive marketing strategy to increase company awareness, showcase its expertise in fit-out and refurbishment projects and expand its client base across Yorkshire and the North East.

[Read more](#)



Movember success: sport clubs raise £15,000

Throughout November, Northumbria Sport's clubs have gone above and beyond to support Movember, fundraising for men's mental health through events, raffles, cycling challenges, and more. Thanks to their incredible efforts, they've raised over £15,000 - and the total is still climbing! If you'd like to help push that number even higher, you can donate directly to the cause via the link below.

[Donate to Movember](#)

BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES



Community Foundation's Trustee Match: Make a Difference While Building Your Career

Becoming a Trustee offers professional development, networking opportunities, and the chance to support meaningful causes. Local charities need your skills and fresh perspectives, and Community Foundation North East's Trustee Match service provides personalised support to connect you with suitable roles and ensure positive trustee experiences. You'll gain governance experience, engage in strategic discussions, and develop perspectives beyond your day-to-day work.

[Register your interest](#)



New year, new career? Let the Graduate Careers Club support you!

Start the new year by focusing on your future and accessing free, tailored support for up to five years after your graduation. As part of the Graduate Careers Club, you'll be able to access graduate vacancies, one-to-one guidance (in-person and online), exclusive resources, and employer events to help you navigate post-university life. Join our January Graduate Careers Club sessions to find out more, connect with advisers and network with fellow graduates.

[Register today!](#)



Beyond Northumbria: Graduate support feed

Graduate Futures, Northumbria's careers service for students and recent graduates, recognises you may need a range of support when you leave university and step into graduate life. That's why they've put all their key graduate support messages into one handy, social media-like website. With short-form video content and interactive posts, this easily seen, quick content can help you in both the short and long-term.

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profile to providing a lecture, talk or workshop, there are lots of ways to volunteer.



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!



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 a graduate or former member of staff for inclusion, please email alumni@northumbria.ac.uk.



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