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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS BULLETIN



## University News



### Northumbria soars in rankings



### Our Spring 2021 issue of Northumbria University News is out now!

Packed with the latest news, features and interviews, the newspaper is the perfect way to keep up to date with the exciting developments taking place across the University. The Spring 2021 edition also comes complete with two special supplements. Our **Partner of Choice supplement** features all the University's latest business news, collaborations and case studies, while **A Parents' Guide to Northumbria** is the perfect guide for anyone applying for university or supporting their child through the transition to university.

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### Northumbria top 50 in the world for sustainability

Northumbria University has been ranked 50th in the world for sustainability in the 2021 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, showcasing the excellent work being delivered by the University globally and in the local community. The THE Impact Rankings are a global league table which measure universities' success in delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs are a set of global targets aiming to help the world achieve a more sustainable future and address global challenges.

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## Alumni News



### **Cameron Grant Memorial Trust supports student wellbeing initiative**

The Cameron Grant Memorial Trust aims to reduce the number of young people suffering from mental health issues. The Trust was set up by the family of Cameron Grant, who tragically took his own life in November 2014 aged just 21. The Trust has awarded a grant to Northumbria University because it wanted to support an activity that Cameron would have loved to take part in whilst at university. Commencing in September 2021, the programme will involve the provision of subsidised memberships for students to engage in the Dog Walking Society.

**[Find out more](#)**



### **Santander Universities UK Freelancers Scheme supports Northumbria graduate start-up**

In April 2021, two Northumbria graduates successfully applied to receive Santander Universities UK Freelancers grants of £1,000. The funding is given to up to 250 SME freelancers nationally with one of these successful recipients being Leoni Darcy, a 2019 Graphic Design graduate, who runs freelance graphic and brand design business, D'Arcy Design Co. Leoni is taking on her business full time this year and so welcomes the support of the grant received through the Freelancers Scheme. Find out more about D'Arcy Design Co. on the link below.

**[Find out more](#)**



### **The memories that make us**

BA (Hons) Design alumnus and Co-Founder of Gardiner Richardson, Darren Richardson, shared with us what studying at Northumbria, then called Newcastle Polytechnic, meant to him. 'The 80's was a very special time to be starting a career in the creative industry and Newcastle Poly was a very special place for me. An inspiring group of people in an inspiring place. They nurtured my skills, prepared me mentally and gave me the confidence to enter into the commercial world as a graphic designer. I can safely say I wouldn't be where I am today without that very unique experience.'

**Share your memories**



### **A walk down memory lane...**

Recent events may have got you thinking about your time at Northumbria University and perhaps how different it was for you, right? With brighter times on the horizon and our doors reopening, why not take a trip down memory lane and visit our Gift Shop online! From the classic Northumbria hoodies and bags to bespoke stationery and even sportswear - there's a gift for every moment that will have you reminiscing over your incredible time at Northumbria! We're offering all alumni a 10% online discount, just use code 'NUALUMNI' at checkout.

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### **Graduates, we want to feature you!**

As a proud graduate you will value the time you spent at Northumbria and the impact that it has had upon your career. We are looking for graduates to share their experiences of studying and their journey after graduating with us to help inspire future students and graduates. We will be featuring a series of these stories in our 'Graduate of the Week' feature on our social media channels and on our alumni profile web pages. To get involved share your story via our online form in the link below.

[Share your story](#)



### **Improved graduate online support**

Graduate Futures supports thousands of graduates annually with careers and enterprise enquiries. All graduates are able to access one-to-one career support and the **Careers Online** employability hub for up to five years after graduation. Our online platform has seen large changes over the last year and you can find out more in our video [here](#). Careers Online includes exclusive graduate job vacancies, career tools, articles and industry insights, all geared towards helping you succeed in the competitive graduate job market.

[Find out more](#)



### **Northumbria University Students' Union Trustee opportunity**

Northumbria Students' Union is looking for the input of skilled and experienced people to sit on their Trustee Board to help shape the Union's future. As a Trustee you will not only help to improve their facilities and services for over 35,000 students, but will be helping the University to become even more vibrant and relevant, bringing enormous economic, cultural and social benefit to the City of Newcastle, in the region and nationally. Applications close at 12pm on Friday 21 May 2021.

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Receive **£2750 discount\*** off Master's fees with the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship.

\*UK/Home students with 'Home' fee status only, T&C's apply. Visit the website to check eligibility.



*Northumbria University Alumni Association encourages our graduates to get involved in the work of the University as one of our Alumni Ambassadors. From providing an alumni profile to providing a lecture, talk or workshop, there are lots of ways to volunteer.*

**Get Involved**

*In addition to our COVID-19 Fundraising Campaign, there are a range of other opportunities to support the University and students. With your support we can continue to inspire our students to take on the challenges of tomorrow without financial barriers. Join our growing numbers of alumni supporters today!*

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*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](mailto:alumni@northumbria.ac.uk).*

**Obituaries**

**[northumbria.ac.uk/alumni](http://northumbria.ac.uk/alumni)**

