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ACADEMIC CONGREGATIONS



Northumbria University awards honorary degrees at Summer congregations

Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals who have obtained the very highest standards of distinction in their academic or professional field and we are proud to recognise the outstanding achievements of Northumbria University graduates and champions for the North East.

Honorary degrees were awarded to graduates Robin Ferris, Founder of Bankuet; John Mark Williams, Chief Executive of the Institute for Leadership; Michael Brodie CBE, Chief Executive of NHS Business Services Authority; and award winning crime writer Cally Taylor, in addition to Dr Henry Kippin, Chief Executive of The North East Combined Authority; and Caroline Theobald CBE, Founder of Bridge Club Ltd.

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Northumbria University graduates recognised in national design awards

Two Northumbria University graduates have been commended for their work after making the shortlist at the prestigious RSA Student Design Awards. Abbie Smith and Frankie Harrison attended the awards ceremony in London to celebrate their achievements. Their collaborative submission, an animation called It All Starts on Paper, was shortlisted and commended in the category of Centenary Celebrations – a special category to highlight the 100 years of the RSA StudentDesign Awards (SDA).

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Double success for Northumbria PhD law graduate

Northumbria Law School PhD graduate, Dr Eva Szewczyk, has celebrated her doctorate by securing a career-enhancing promotion in the UK Civil Service. Her expertise has led to a promotion within the Department for Business and Trade where she has been leading a policy unit within the international maritime trade team.

Dr Szewczyk chose Northumbria for her PhD because of the Law School's knowledge and teaching in less explored areas of law, such as maritime and space law.

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Northumbria Vice-Chancellor hosts celebratory event in Singapore

Northumbria University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Andy Long, recently hosted a reception with our partner institution Kaplan Higher Education Academy following the Academic Congregation Ceremony for Class of 2024 graduates. Graduating students, alumni, current students and staff came together to celebrate, share experiences and develop new networks.

[View photo gallery from the event](#)

NEWS



Northumbria University News summer edition out now!

Packed with the latest news, achievements, features and interviews, the newspaper is the perfect way to keep up to date with the exciting developments taking place across the University. The Summer 2024 edition also features [Born of Ambition](#), a special publication setting out Northumbria's vision for the future, and a special four-page pull-out on [Next generation space innovation](#).

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Decade long partnership with Santander has social mobility at its core

Northumbria has renewed its partnership with Santander Universities, receiving a further £1.3 million to support life-changing opportunities that will help students progress and succeed. This funding will support even more internships with local businesses, scholarships and entrepreneurial weekend activity.

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Northumbria achieves highest ever world ranking for sustainability

Northumbria University has been ranked among the top 50 institutions in the world for sustainability in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024, the only global performance tables that assess universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Northumbria achieved its highest ever position in the league table, climbing to joint 48th in the world and within the top 10 in the UK, from almost 1,700 universities worldwide. The University scored especially well for its stewardship activities, ranking within the top 10 in the world.

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New North East cultural partnerships announced

Northumbria University has announced partnerships with two of the North East's largest cultural organisations in a move that will cement the region's reputation for excellence in the cultural and creative industries. Northumbria has joined forces with both Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums (TWAM) – the regional museum, art gallery and archives service which manages spaces across the region, including the Great North Museum, the Discovery Museum and Laing Art Gallery; and Live Theatre – one of the few UK theatre venues outside of London dedicated exclusively to new work.

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Business Clinic hits new milestones in anniversary year

The Business Clinic at Northumbria University has hit a series of notable milestones in its tenth anniversary year. Since its launch in 2014 by Nigel Coates, Director of the Business Clinic, it has delivered 780 consultancy projects involving over 3000 students across all business subjects. It offers pro-bono consultancy support to SMEs, multi-national organisations, charitable organisations, educational trusts and social enterprises that operate across a wide range of sectors in the North East, as well as the rest of the UK and overseas.

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Graduate Futures hosts successful annual Careers Fest

Northumbria final year students have benefitted from expert careers advice and employment prospects at our recent Careers Fest event. The day featured career focussed workshops, inspirational speakers who shared their career journey, and networking opportunities with a range of employers. Northumbria Graduate and Honorary Graduate Michael Brodie CBE, Chief Executive of the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), gave the keynote speech emphasising authenticity and passion in career pursuits.

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BENEFITS



Life After University online careers support offered by Graduate Futures

The Graduate Futures team understands that careers support is often required following graduation. Graduates can access a range of *Life After University* workshops via [Careers Online](#). Workshops include interview skills, creating your CV, career wellbeing, and a LinkedIn masterclass.

Did you know the team also offers a range of graduate-specific support that you can access for up to five years after you graduate? Get the support you need now!

[Find out more](#)



Your opinion matters to us! Graduate Careers Appointment Feedback

Graduate Futures offers flexible online and in-person appointments to support you and would like to hear your feedback about the services offered. One graduate said: "I found this one-to-one appointment very helpful before doing my job interview. I picked up very useful comments on my CV, work experience and potential employers from them".

If you graduated within the last five years and would like to book a careers appointment, please visit our dedicated [Information for Graduates](#) website for more information.

[Find out more](#)



Volunteer Zambia Project

Northumbria University Sport is part of The Wallace Group, a collaboration between seven other universities in the UK which share a commitment to support the development of sport in Zambia. Annually our Northumbria students and a staff member visit Zambia, where they use sport to educate and positively impact young people's lives. If you've taken part we'd love to hear from you, and if you'd like to get involved and support the project, get in touch by contacting [Andy Barton](#), Sport Development Manager and Volunteer Zambia staff lead.

[Get in touch](#)



The Association of Apprentices and the Chartered Institution for Further Education launch new scheme

The Association of Apprentices and the Chartered Institution for Further Education have launched The Post Apprenticeship Recognition Scheme. This recognises this unique educational route and the commitment to continuous professional development and professional standards. If you completed an apprenticeship in the UK from 1 January 2019 onwards, you can apply for an award that will showcase your professional growth and recognise your study.

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Share your thoughts about Northumbria newspaper and win a £100 shopping voucher!

We hope you enjoy reading the new summer edition of the [Northumbria University newspaper](#). Your feedback is important to us. Tell us what you'd like to see more of for a chance to win a £100 shopping voucher, or donate this back into the Higher Education Without Barriers Fund.

[Complete the survey](#)



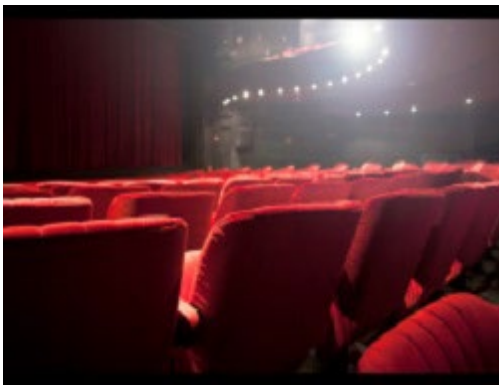
Be heard: Shape the future of Northumberland's workforce

Are you a recent graduate of Northumbria University? Do you work in Northumberland or somewhere else? We want to hear from you! We aim to understand why so many young people are leaving Northumberland for job opportunities elsewhere.

Supported by Connect Northumberland, we're dedicated to making Northumberland a great place to live and work. Take our quick survey - it takes less than 10 minutes - and be a voice for positive change in Northumberland!

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EVENTS



REVEAL: Theatre and Performance, 22 August 2024

Northumbria University Degree Shows are a major highlight in the North East's cultural calendar.

Join us in the Students' Union at our Newcastle Campus on 22 August at 2pm for a showcase of work by Postgraduate Theatre and Performance students. This event is free to attend, but registration is essential.

[Book your place](#)



Undergraduate & Postgraduate Open Day, 28 September 2024

If you're thinking about further study, come to our Open Day on 28 September, 9am - 3pm, where you can speak with academic staff, attend drop-in sessions and explore the campuses. You can also meet our Student Ambassadors who, as recent graduates of Northumbria, can share their personal experiences of life at the University.

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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.



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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