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## UNIVERSITY NEWS

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### 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.

[Read more](#)



### Northumbria supports national pledge to protect academic standards

Northumbria University is backing a new national scheme to protect the integrity of university level qualifications. The University has signed up to the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education's (QAA) Academic Integrity Charter, which safeguards the standards of university level qualifications. The Charter has been signed by 118 higher education providers across the UK and was developed with the support of the UK Academic Integrity Advisory Group.

[Read more](#)

Rural Economies boosted by new migration trends



Researchers at Northumbria University are studying how shifting work patterns and home-buying preferences are changing rural communities and creating new business opportunities. **Dr Gary Bosworth** and **Dr Robert Newbery** are working with partner universities and property consultants to explore how changing migration choices are shaping today's rural communities. The team are now asking those who are thinking of moving house, or have moved within the last year, to complete their survey.

**[Moving to the Country Survey](#)**

## ALUMNI NEWS

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### **Join our alumni mentoring programme**

Entering the world of professional employment can be a challenging time for our students and new graduates. This is true now more than ever, due to the current economic climate and intense competition within the labour market. We've recently launched an Alumni Mentoring Programme and are looking for graduates to join our group of mentors available for future cycles. This could offer the support and positive boost that can make a big difference in the first steps to the success of a mentee's career.

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



### **Northumbria partners with the Chloe & Liam Together Forever Trust**

On 22 May 2017, Chloe Rutherford, 17, and Liam Curry, 19, girlfriend and boyfriend, were murdered in the atrocity of the Manchester bombing at the Ariana Grande concert. Their families set up the Chloe & Liam Together Forever Trust to honour their children by inspiring others to enjoy and pursue their dreams in the activities that they loved the most. To celebrate the legacy of Chloe and Liam, the Trust is working with the University to enable students to fulfil their potential in sport and performing arts.

**[Read more](#)**

**New Northumbria University spinout to develop world-leading medical device**



Scientists at Northumbria University have worked with the institution's Research and Innovation Services to launch a medtech spinout company whose lead product for collecting breath samples could revolutionise diagnosis of a range of diseases, including Covid-19. Northumbria Associate Professor, Dr Sterghios Moschos, has worked in collaboration with graduates Jonathan Brookes and Saqib Ali, supported by Dr Pete Hotten and Dr Huw Edwards to create the first in a series of products, PBM-Hale™.

[Find out more](#)



### **Graduates set up creative ideas agency during lockdown**

Dooka was created from a shared ambition to work with people who inspire and on projects that the team truly believes in. After graduating from Northumbria in 2017, Barney, Jack, Haaris and Rob took the opportunity to go out and gain a range of industry experience, however the thought of running their own creative agency was always in the forefront of their minds. The graduates acted upon these thoughts in April 2020, and dooka was born, named aptly after the street in Jesmond where the friends all lived.

[Find out more](#)



### **Alumni Blog: Life after Graduation and the Road to Wellbeing**

Northumbria University Human Resource Department's Staff Wellbeing Coordinator and Business with Human Resource Management graduate, Hannah Greaves, shares her experiences of life after University and her wellbeing journey with us in her alumni blog. She writes, 'I want to begin my blog by saying I am sharing my personal experience, in the hope that it will help others realise they are not alone whilst navigating post-graduate life'.

[Read more](#)



### **British Council Study UK Preparing for Work MOOC open now!**

The Study UK campaign, delivered by the British Council, is launching its fifth run of the 'Study UK: Preparing for Work' free online course. The MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) is open to international final-year students and alumni of UK universities who are preparing to enter the jobs market or wish to develop their careers. It is specifically designed to help participants present their UK education, skills and knowledge to prospective employers and navigate the global employment market.

[Register now](#)





## Your Graduate Futures Event Series 1 - 25 June 2021

This series of events will take place throughout June and is open to all final year students and recent graduates. The events focus on the support that will equip you with the skills, knowledge and connections that will get your graduate future off to the best possible start. In 2021, our event is even better, with more digital content, talks and activities than ever before. Running all of June, you can access the activities that would best help you.

[Find out more](#)



## Graduate Market to Experience Growth with launch of new funding

There is still time for graduates to benefit from the European Regional Development funding delivered by Northumbria Graduate Futures. The **Northumbria Enterprise and Business Support (NEBS) 2** scheme includes a financial contribution to help small businesses in Tyne and Wear and Northumberland recruit a highly motivated and talented fellow graduate to help grow the business. SMEs looking to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 are encouraged to apply.

[Find out more](#)

## DISCOVER MASTER'S STUDY AT NORTHUMBRIA.

Uncover your earning potential and career opportunities. Register for an on-campus Experience Day, a virtual event or access on-demand content.

**REGISTER HERE**



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.



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!



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).



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