

UNIVERSITY NEWS



Northumbria's Autumn 2021 Newspaper is out now!

The Autumn 2021 edition of Northumbria University News is available to read online now. Discover more about our alumni community as we celebrate 30 years of graduate fashion week and read about the trailblazing graduate who has been named as one of the Top 50 Women in Engineering in 2021. **Register today** to get future editions of Northumbria University News, delivered to your door. If you have previously signed up to receive the newspaper you don't need to register again. If you no longer wish to receive Northumbria University News, please **contact us**.

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Northumbria rated as top university in the North East for sustainability

Northumbria University has been rated as 'first class' for sustainability and is the highest ranked university in the North East in the latest People & Planet University league table. The League is annually compiled by the UK's largest student campaigning network, People & Planet. It is the only comprehensive and independent league table of universities ranked against sustainability and ethics criteria. More than 150 universities and smaller specialist institutions were included in the table, which ranked Northumbria as 17th overall for sustainability in the UK.

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Graduate and President of Crocs hosts exclusive online Q&A for Fashion Marketing students

Fashion Design & Marketing students were delighted to benefit from an exclusive online Q&A with Fashion Marketing graduate, Michelle Poole. Michelle is now based in the US and is President of Crocs, a major international shoe brand. She was delighted to connect with current students and share her knowledge and insights with those following in her footsteps at Northumbria. The session was hosted by one of Michelle's peers in her 1992 cohort, Fiona Raeside, who is now a Senior Lecturer at Northumbria.

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Real Estate graduates support growth at leading property firm

Graduates from Northumbria University are supporting the continued growth of Northern property firm, Bradley Hall Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents. Matthew Jackson and Oliver Bartles-Smith have been appointed as Assistant Surveyors at Bradley Hall after completing a placement year with the company while studying towards the Real Estate BSc (Hons) degree at Northumbria. Northumbria's BSc (Hons) Real Estate course has been accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) for graduate membership.

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Woon Art Prize winner launches solo exhibition

The winner of a prestigious art prize has launched an exhibition at Northumbria University. Chika Annen, from the UCL Slade School of Fine Art, was awarded the Woon Foundation Art and Sculpture Prize in 2019 for her unique installation, entitled Fluffy. The prize includes a £20,000 year-long fellowship, studio space at Northumbria and a final exhibition, as well as mentoring by staff from Northumbria University and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art. The Woon Prize was established in 2012 by Honorary Graduate and alumnus Wee Teng Woon who, along with his three brothers, set up the Woon Brothers Foundation.

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Alumni Blog: Gemma Robson, MSc Artificial Intelligence graduate

MSc Artificial Intelligence graduate, Gemma Robson, was recently named winner of the Microsoft Azure UK Championship for a chatbot she developed using Microsoft software. She has now secured an exciting new job with Microsoft and tells us how her time studying at Northumbria assisted her transition into the workplace. Speaking of her success Gemma comments, "I believe giving us the opportunity to gain Microsoft accreditations alongside my master's degree dramatically increased my employability as well as my digital capabilities".

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Interested in offering a student placement at your company that is outside of the UK?

The Turing Scheme helps students, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds, by providing funding to help cover travel expenses and costs of living while they work abroad. Placements can last from four weeks - 12 months. Do you own or work at a company outside of the UK that can offer a placement for a student or new graduate? **Contact us** if you think you can help and to discuss this further.

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Improve the post-graduation experiences of students

We are looking for graduates who completed their studies in 2021 and received support from the University or from student finance due to circumstances like being a care leaver or studying without the support of a family network. If this sounds like you, we would love to hear your thoughts in our new research project funded by the VC Inclusivity & Diversity Fund on Supporting Standalone Students. Participants will be asked to take part in two short surveys about experiences since completing their course in summer 2021.

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Graduate Futures Internship Scheme continues to offer support to Northumbria graduates in 2022

Are you looking for a new graduate opportunity in 2022? There is still time to take advantage of the Northumbria Enterprise and Business Support Scheme (NEBS2), the paid Internship Scheme part funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The scheme is open to all Northumbria University graduates across all degree subjects. NEBS2 is delivered by Graduate Futures and provides funding to small and medium sized businesses in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland to employ a graduate on a full-time internship of up to six months.

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Did you volunteer during your studies at Northumbria?

We want to hear from graduates who volunteered their time or expertise as students to feature in our social media campaign in February as part of Student Volunteer Week. Volunteering as a student can take many different forms, you might have helped out at a soup kitchen, mentored a fellow student, managed a charitable event, run an NSU society or represented your cohort as a Class Rep. Whatever your story, we would love to hear from you and don't forget to send us a photograph!

Share your story







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.





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



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