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UNIVERSITY NEWS



Northumbria records biggest rise in research power for second time

Results from the Research Excellence Framework (REF2021) show Northumbria University with the biggest rise in research power ranking of any UK university for the second time. Its research power ranking rose to 23rd, having previously risen from 80th to 50th between 2008 and 2014. Sustained progress by Northumbria has given the city of Newcastle a second research-intensive university and has created a Northern Research Powerhouse with the largest city-area concentration of researchers outside London.

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Minister for Science, Research and Innovation opens £2m investment in region's Engineering and Environment students

George Freeman MP, Minister for Science, Research, and Innovation, has officially opened new world-class engineering teaching facilities at Northumbria University, following a successful capital funding award from the Office for Students (OfS). The funding award has allowed the University to expand, refurbish and install new equipment to develop state of the art teaching laboratories for programmes in its Mathematics, Physics and Electrical Engineering.

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Royal garden party recognises services to education

Professor Greta Defeyter, a Professor of Developmental Psychology, was nominated to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in recognition of her services to education and children services. Greta is Director of Northumbria University's Healthy Living Lab, one of the UK's leading research centres into issues around holiday hunger and the provision of child feeding programmes. Greta has spent 20 years researching food insecurity, social injustice, school feeding and holiday hunger programmes in the UK.

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Tech business funds new scholarships at Northumbria

Students looking for high value careers in computing are being offered funding support for postgraduate study following a partnership between Northumbria University and Version 1. As one of the leading lights in the UK computing and software sector, Version 1 is expanding rapidly and is looking to support future talent with the creation of 15 scholarships in Computing Science. The financial support will be match-funded by Northumbria and students will benefit from funding towards the cost of study.

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Northumbria University and BALTIC announce new partnerships

After over a decade of innovative collaboration, Northumbria University and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art have announced a renewed partnership that will continue to put the region on the map as a global hub for contemporary art learning and practice. For ten years, BALTIC and Northumbria have worked together with a shared vision to support creative talent development, nurture public engagement and enhance the region's reputation for artistic excellence.

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Northumbria University News Spring 2022 edition

In the Spring 2022 edition of the Northumbria University News, learn about Project Civil War Bluejackets - a study led by Northumbria University exploring the lives and experiences of immigrant and African American sailors during the American Civil War. Find out about our graduate successes, including a start-up business co-founded by one of our Law alumni who secured financial backing after appearing on Dragons' Den. Packed with the latest news, features and interviews, you can keep up to date with the exciting developments taking place across the University.

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ALUMNI NEWS



Thank you for your support!

Thank you to all of those who took the time to speak to our student callers during our Spring 2022 Telethon. The generosity of our alumni community has helped us to raise over £20,000 for our Higher Education Without Barriers Campaign. This provides vital funding to support a range of student support and wellbeing services as well as educational projects that make higher education more accessible for academically talented students.

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Share your expertise and support our current students

Are you a Northumbria University graduate who benefited from the guidance, support and resources from the Careers and Employment Service? Are you interested in giving back your time to support current students as they embark on their own employability journey? Graduate Futures and the Alumni Association offer a range of events for current students and are delighted to welcome contributions from our talented alumni network. Giving your time has never been easier.

[Get involved](#)



Northumbria graduate franchising expert visits campus to share insights with staff and students

Jonathan Holden, graduate and Chief Operating Officer at Molly Maid UK, supported International Business Management students and Entrepreneurship & Innovation foundation year students with a visit to the City Campus on Friday 29 April. Jonathan, who graduated from Northumbria University in 1991 with a BTEC HND in Business Studies & Finance, has since enjoyed a successful career in the business franchise industry, supporting print, fitness and now the cleaning services sector with Molly Maid, a £20 million turnover UK business.

[Find out more](#)



Agile business experts nurture future leaders

Following a successful three-year programme of financial and practical support for students at Northumbria University, Agile Business Consortium has committed to a further three years of funding. A supporter since 2019, the Consortium became the inaugural corporate donor of Northumbria University's Higher Education Without Barriers Fund, which helps reduce financial barriers to Higher Education for students from under-represented groups. As experts in agile business practices, they share Northumbria's commitment to preparing graduates for the changing world of work.

[Find out more](#)



Northumbria graduate Dr Andrea Siodmok OBE appointed as new Chief Impact Officer at the RSA

The Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA) has appointed Northumbria graduate Dr Andrea Siodmok OBE, to be its new Chief Impact Officer. Dr Siodmok has an international reputation for applying design for the public good. She was formerly Chief Design Officer at the Design Council and a Deputy Director at the Cabinet Office where she worked on more than one hundred policy projects under three Prime Ministers. She was awarded the OBE in 2021.

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Northumbria University named as finalist for Physical Activity Excellence Award

The University is in the running for one of the industry's biggest accolades, as trade body UKActive recognises the very best in the physical activity sector. Northumbria's entry focused on four new initiatives, each which aimed to increase physical activity and wellbeing of the student community with one strand, FUNdraiser Fridays, tapping into the student community's desire to use sport to 'give back,' raising money for good causes whilst enjoying sport together.

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**EVENTS
OF THE NORTH**

Reserve your place at Try on the Tyne in partnership with Events of the North

Northumbria University is working in partnership with Events of the North, which is managed by alumnus Steve Cram, to enable students, staff, and alumni to take part in the **Try on the Tyne** event on 13 August 2022. The event involves a 5k run and sprint duathlon along the Newcastle-Gateshead quayside and, for the first time this year, Paula Radcliffe's Families on Track relay in Baltic Square. On a first come, first served basis, the University is offering a limited number of complimentary entries for the 5k, Duathlon and the Families on Track event.

[**Reserve your place**](#)

GRADUATE FUTURES



NEBS Internships for recent Northumbria Graduates

If you are looking to gain some paid work experience our Northumbria Enterprise and Business Support (NEBS2) internships could be for you. These internships are open to alumni who have graduated within the last three years. Northumbria Enterprise & Business Support (NEBS2) Internships Programme is supported by the European Regional Development Fund. The University works with small to medium-sized businesses in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland to provide student and graduate internships of up to 6 months.

[Find out more](#)



Northumbria Graduate Futures prepares for Summer Internship launch

Northumbria Graduate Futures ramps up activity to promote its exciting new Summer Internship funding following an initial announcement in March. This new funding activity is provided by the existing Northumbria Enterprise Business Support scheme (NEBS2) and is aimed at trading SMEs in Tyne and Wear and Northumberland. The NEBS scheme continues to support the growth of small to medium sized businesses by providing a grant to recruit an undergraduate Northumbria student for a Summer Internship of between 8-13 weeks between June - September 2022.

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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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