

Alumni Association



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NEWCASTLE

Hello {#First Name#},



To you, it might only be the cost of a cup of coffee but collectively, donations from alumni to our hardship fund of as little as £3, are making a significant difference to Northumbria's most vulnerable students.

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds are more likely to drop-out of university and are less able to call on family for financial support. Currently across the UK, 300,000* are in financial crisis and it is estimated that half are at risk of dropping out. Students' cost of living has increased by 14% but Government funding has only increased by 2.3%**.

Fola couldn't call on family for financial support. When extra hours at work started to undermine his studies, he wondered if it would be better to give up his degree and get a full-time job. Help from Northumbria alumni kept him studying.

“Thank you so much. This will help massively. It will help me to do fewer working hours and free up extra time to study again.”

We're supporting as many students as we can with our hardship fund. But with a 69% increase in requests for financial assistance and a 30% rise in students accessing our foodbank, our hardship fund is struggling to keep up. That's why, last month, our student caller team helped raise over £16,000 for our hardship fund - and we are asking for your help too.

This Giving Tuesday, can you donate the cost of a cup of coffee - just £3 - to help Northumbria's most vulnerable students?

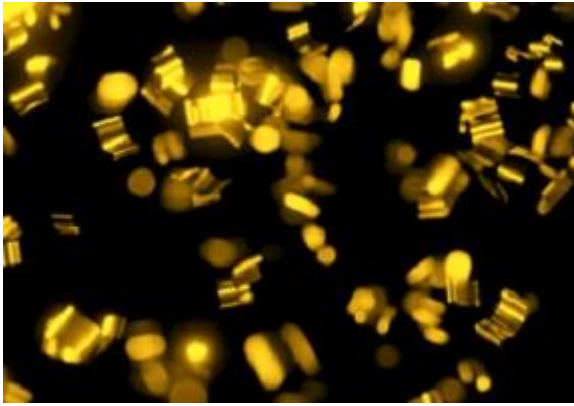
Give now:

- Donate a one-off £3 now;
- Make it monthly... become a regular giver and donate £3 a month; or
- Make it weekly... donating £12 a month.

Whatever you can afford to give will make a real difference to our students.

Thank you.

PS. See how we're supporting students through these difficult times [here](#).



Northumbria named as UK's best University in THE awards

Northumbria University has been named University of the Year 2022 in the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Awards. The THE Awards are widely recognised as the 'Oscars of higher education'. The impressive win recognises exceptional performance, as well as bold, imaginative and innovative initiatives that have advanced a Higher Education institution's reputation during the academic year 2020/21. It marks Northumbria's remarkable transformation to become the UK's first research-intensive modern university.

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Graduates wanted for Northumbria Students' Union sub-committees

Northumbria Students' Union is looking for alumni who would be interested in joining their Audit & Risk and HR & Remuneration sub-committees of the trustee board. Appointed members will not be trustees of the Union but will be full members of the sub-committee, giving their insight and expertise to support the effective decision making of the Union. The sub committees meet in advance of the main Board meetings, six times a year and are hybrid meetings so members can attend via Teams or in person.

[Find out more](#)



Eco-Friendly start-up gains business boost from Northumbria University students

An eco-friendly phone accessory start-up is making waves in the market, with a quarter of a million turnover in just its second year. Wave, which was founded in 2019 by a group of Northumbria alumni friends from the North East, has been working with students from the Business Clinic to help identify more sustainable ways of working. As graduates themselves, they undertook consultancy projects at the University's Business Clinic, as part of their degree courses and recognised the value the scheme can add to businesses.

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Graduate activewear founders named Sustainability Entrepreneur of the Year!

Graduates and founders of YANA Active, Sophie and Charlotte Wilson, have been named Sustainability Entrepreneur of the Year 2022 at the Great British Entrepreneur Awards 2022 Grand Final. Founded by the sister-duo, the ambitious Northern-born sisters have created a sisterhood community to encourage the warrior in every woman. Conscious creation is at the heart of the British-born brand, YANA Active, with a belief that every brand has a responsibility to support the planet and reduce consumer consumption.

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Awards give Northumbria's graduates a real design for life

Graduate designers from Northumbria University are celebrating after receiving accolades from a global award scheme endorsed by global fashion giant Gucci. Three students from the University's BA (Hons) in Fashion Design and Marketing impressed judges at the 2022 Global Design Graduate Show, with one contender winning the overall Menswear Award in the fashion, accessories and textiles category of the event.

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North East graduates get careers off to a flying start with 'Angels of the North'

Several young TV crew from Northumbria University's Film and TV production degree have seen their careers get off to a flying start by working on the latest series of a BBC show. 'Angels of the North' is now on its fourth series on BBC3 and when a local production firm was looking for talent to be part of the crew, it approached the University for help.

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Graduates wanted for ReNU Conference sustainability panel!

Northumbria Graduate Futures are looking for alumni to take part in the ReNU Conference, an employability conference focused on the Renewable Energy Sector, on 10 January 2022. The conference is aimed at current students studying Renewable Energy at postgraduate level and will provide students with the opportunity to speak to professionals from both the alumni community and employers working within the renewable energy sector.

[Get involved](#)



Computing alumnus joins Northumbria University's Graduate Futures team

Northumbria University's Graduate Futures team have welcomed a new addition to their development team focused on employer engagement. Michael Peeke-Vout is a Class of 2011 Computer & Information Sciences graduate and has worked in the IT industry for over a decade, providing support for software development, web applications and funding applications. Active in the community, Michael has played a key supporting role for both local organisations and national governing bodies.

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Northumbria University News Autumn 2022 out now!

The Autumn 2022 edition of Northumbria University's newspaper is now available and packed full of the latest news, developments, achievements, and research stories. This issue celebrates Northumbria being shortlisted for University of the Year in the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards 2022, with the cover story explaining how Northumbria's nomination reflects its transformation to become the UK's first research-intensive modern university.

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Share your experiences of working in the UK with current students

Were you an international student at Northumbria who is now working in the UK? Northumbria's Career Planning team is looking for alumni to share their experiences of job hunting and working in the UK with our current international students. You can get involved and support current students by providing a case study or taking part in an alumni panel discussion in February 2023. For more information contact Kathryn Saunders, Careers Adviser.

[Find out more](#)

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Uncover your earning potential and career opportunities by returning to NU, the University of the Year (THE Awards 2022).

There's still time to join us for our last Postgraduate Open Day of 2022.
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