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Northumbria researchers evidence the importance of HAF provision

Research from the Healthy Living Lab, led by Professor Greta Defeyter OBE, outlining the critical importance of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme has been instrumental in a recent £600 million Government funding commitment for the next three years. The Programme gives children and young people receiving means-tested free school meals across England access to healthy food and opportunities to participate in enriching physical and cultural school holiday activities.

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Outstanding rankings for Northumbria's nursing courses

Northumbria's nursing courses have been ranked among the very best in the country in the Guardian University Guide 2026. The University was ranked first for Children's Nursing, second for General Nursing, which includes Adult and Learning Disability Nursing, and sixth for Mental Health Nursing. The Guide highlighted the use of innovative immersive technologies and high-fidelity simulation in nurse education which replicate real clinical environments.

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Northumbria researchers appointed to official REF panels

Seven leading researchers from Northumbria University have been selected to support the official panels for the 2029 Research Excellence Framework (REF), recognising the University's reputation for excellence in research. The four UK higher education funding bodies have announced the appointments to the panels for the criteria-setting phase of REF 2029, which is a major national exercise for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions.

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Northumbria academic honoured for transforming legal education

Dr Elisabeth Griffiths from Northumbria Law School, has been awarded the National Teaching Fellowship in recognition of the impact her work on student outcomes and the teaching profession. Her stellar work has had a major impact on inclusive legal education, particularly her innovative work enhancing disability inclusion, employability and sector-wide policy through collaborative, real-world and equity-focused teaching practices.

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Celebrating 20 Years of Transforming Lives Through Sport in Zambia

The Wallace Group, a pioneering collaboration of seven leading UK universities including Northumbria University has marked its 20th anniversary with a three-day celebration in Lusaka, Zambia. The Twentieth Anniversary Gala in August highlighted two decades of partnership working with Zambian NGO Sport In Action through the Volunteer Zambia Project, which positively impacts on lives and contributes to Zambia's sporting infrastructure.

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GRADUATE NEWS



Elite basketball players celebrate graduation with Northumbria

The achievements of the third cohort of TIME-OUT graduates were recently celebrated at the Patrick Baumann House of Basketball in Switzerland. TIME-OUT, developed by Northumbria's Newcastle Business School in partnership with FIBA Europe, is a unique international programme that prepares elite basketball players for their future life and career by equipping them with the tools, knowledge and qualifications needed to transition from the court to the workplace.

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Northumbria graduates celebrate 10 years of award-winning marketing agency

Award-winning marketing agency Bumbl is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Founded by Managing Director, Greg Miles, shortly after he and Creative Director, Lois Miles graduated from Northumbria University, Bumbl has grown from a one-person start-up into a global business with headquarters on Newcastle's Quayside. The agency's portfolio includes work for notable names such as Nike, Bandai Namco, Tommee Tippee and Newcastle Building Society.

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Graduate launches West Yorkshire Fashion Week

Fashion Design graduate, Hollie Haughin, founded West Yorkshire Fashion Week to highlight creative talent outside the traditional London fashion scene. Inspired by the lack of regional platforms whilst working as a Seamstress at Burberry, Hollie set out to create a space where local designers, models and artists could showcase their work and connect with industry professionals. The inaugural launch event takes place on Saturday 11 October 2025 at Gomersal Park Hotel in Cleckheaton, featuring runway shows, networking opportunities and industry showcases.

[Find out more about Hollie's journey](#)



Northumbria graduate co-founds Naturali in Singapore

Gina Tan, a graduate from Mass Communication with Public Relations is the Co-Founder of Naturali Singapore, a company that creates sustainable laundry and household cleaning products. She completed her studies, with our partner institution Kaplan Higher Education Academy, juggling a full-time career working in different industries with administrative, operations, advertising, and events roles.

[Find out more and share your story](#)

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS



Last few places remaining - join us for the Northumbria London Network event this October

Our inaugural London Network event will take place on Tuesday, 7 October 2025, 6pm - 7:30pm at our partner, Hachette UK's, London office. The event is open to all alumni, and other supporters of Northumbria and will be hosted by our Vice-Chancellor, Professor Andy Long. Join us to hear from a panel of speakers including Maura Wilding, Group Communications Director at Hachette UK; Victoria Howard, Rights Executive at Hachette UK; Andy Leck, Chief Financial Officer at Growth Pilot; and Claire Malcolm MBE, Chief Executive at New Writing North.

[Register to confirm your place](#)



Join Northumbria's new Trailblaze programme

Start growing your enterprise, employability and business skills with Northumbria's Trailblaze Programme, aimed at both students and recent graduates. Designed to help you become more employable, or if you have a business idea, get ready to take your idea from a concept to a trading business. Whether you are wanting to develop enterprise and employability skills, researching an idea or in the early stage of trading, this series is tailored to ensure you've got the knowledge to help make your business venture a success.

[Find out more](#)



Generous International Student Scholarships for January 2026 applicants

Designed for full-time postgraduate taught international students joining us in January 2026, these scholarships* will be applied automatically as a fee discount, so there's no need to make a separate application. There are further savings too, if you hold an offer to study with us in January 2026 and pay your deposit by 31 October 2025, you may be eligible for an additional £500 off your tuition fees with our early payment discount* (T&Cs apply). To find out how much you can save, use the search toolbar at the top of the Fees & Funding page.

[Find out more](#)



Applications are now open for the British Council's Study UK Alumni Awards 2026

If you are an international graduate who studied at one of our UK campuses and have great achievements to share, you can apply for the Study UK Alumni Awards 2026. The Awards aren't just about recognition, they're about inspiration. Your story has the power to inspire the next generation of UK alumni around the world.

Apply for one of four categories – Business and Innovation, Culture, Creativity and Sport, Science and Sustainability or Social Action - and help us showcase our international graduates.

[Find out more](#)



Graduate Outcomes Survey - Make your graduate voice count!

Graduate voices and insights are important and fifteen months after completing your degree you may be contacted to complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey. Your voice will have a meaningful impact on future students' career decision-making, whether you have secured a graduate job, are still studying, or pursuing other pathways. Visit Graduate Outcomes Survey for more information. If you have graduated in the last five years, you can also access careers support from Graduate Futures by visiting Careers Information for Graduates.

[Find out more](#)



Break down career barriers with the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Hub

Graduate Futures is committed to breaking down barriers and creating equal opportunities for all Northumbria students and graduates to achieve their career aspirations. The [Equality, Diversity & Inclusion \(EDI\) Careers Hub](#) within Careers Online - is a dedicated online space developed in collaboration with Northumbria students to help you navigate the professional world with confidence.

[Ready to explore?](#)



Graduate Jobs and Placements Fair 2025

Join us on Tuesday, 21 October 2025, 11am - 3pm in Sport Central, Newcastle City Campus for our Jobs and Placement Fair sponsored by Accenture, Azets, Sage and Ward Hadaway. This is a great opportunity to meet over 100 employers with graduate opportunities and connect with recruiters from a wide range of sectors. To improve accessibility for those with sensory differences, there will be a quiet period for half an hour before the start of the Fair, between 10:30am - 11am.

[Find out more](#)

An advertisement for a sports range collaboration between Northumbria University and New Balance. The background is black. On the left, the Northumbria University Newcastle crest and name are shown in white. To the right is the large white New Balance 'NB' logo. Below the logos, two pieces of clothing are displayed: a dark grey t-shirt and a dark grey zip-up jacket, both featuring the New Balance logo and the Northumbria University crest. Text on the left reads: 'Remember your time at Northumbria University with a special treat from our **brand new** range at 'Shop at Northumbria'.' Below that, it says 'The Northumbria x New Balance sports range.' At the bottom, a white banner contains the text '10% off online using code **NUALUMNI**' and the website 'www.shopatnorthumbria.co.uk'.

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.



Packed with the latest news, features and interviews, the Northumbria University News newspaper is the perfect way to keep up to date with the exciting developments taking place across the University.



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