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Northumbria's Summer 2021 Newspaper is available online now!

Packed full of 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. In the Summer 2021 issue, you can read about the University's biggest research stories, including; The 'tipping points' of Antarctic glaciers, predicting space weather, and our contribution to the global fight against Covid-19 by mapping the spread of the virus. The latest edition also features a combined 'I am Northumbria' and 'Thinking Postgraduate' supplement.

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North East universities make an impact on the region's economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic

Student and graduate entrepreneurs from Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria and Sunderland universities are having a significant impact on the region's social, cultural and economic recovery from the covid-19 pandemic through the success of their business start-ups, SMEs and social enterprises. The four universities have produced over 450 active start-ups, including close to 100 new businesses across 2019 and 2020, generating £188.7 million in turnover.

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Vote for the Business Clinic in the National Enterprise Educator Awards

The National Enterprise Educator Awards, organised by Enterprise Educators UK, recognise excellence within enterprise and entrepreneurship education in UK higher and further education. This year, Northumbria's Business Clinic has been nominated for the 'People's Choice 2021' award and we ask our graduates to check out our video entry and vote before the deadline of 9am on Thursday 9 September. The winning entry will receive a cash prize of £500.

[Vote for the Business Clinic now](#)

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Northumbria graduate entrepreneur speaks the language of success

Ahmed Elnazir, who graduated in 2020 after studying International Business Management, launched his own award-winning translation agency, Global Translations UK during his final year at Northumbria, having secured £500 in funding. After spending three semesters travelling, he put his skills and experiences to good use and created a successful business upon his return to the UK.

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Northumbria's sporting stars claim seven medals at Tokyo Games

Students - past and present - from Northumbria University have Taken on Tokyo in inimitable style, bringing home seven medals for their respective countries at this year's Paralympic Games. The biggest medal haul came courtesy of Taka Suzuki, who will study for his PhD at Northumbria after completing a bachelor's degree and Masters in Sport Management at the University. The Japanese swimmer won an astonishing five medals on home soil, including a world-record breaking gold, at this year's Paralympics.

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Share your experiences of studying with us!

'Memorable, challenging and fun' - the thoughts of one of our graduates when asked to sum their time studying at Northumbria in three words. Now, we want to hear your story and share your memories! Writing an alumni profile takes just 10 minutes and can really help to inspire future students, current students and new graduates in their own journey. It's easy to give back to your alumni community, simply complete our online profile form and share your story. For every profile we receive we will send out an Alumni Association branded travel cup.

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The British Council Study UK Alumni Awards 2022 are now open!

You can raise your international profile, build your professional networks and business connections and win a trip to the UK by nominating yourself for the prestigious British Council's Study UK Alumni Awards. The awards are open to alumni living outside of the UK who have studied at Northumbria in the last 15 years and cover four award categories; 'Science and Sustainability', 'Culture and Creativity', 'Social Action' and 'Business and Innovation'. Find out more by joining the **'how to apply'** webinar.

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Young entrepreneurs in the spotlight at awards

Students and graduates from Northumbria University were among more than 40 new business founders to have their talents showcased during a prestigious online awards event. The Startup Awards North East provided an opportunity for new business owners to pitch for support and build their professional networks. Those involved spoke passionately about their entrepreneurial ambitions to audiences made up of more than 300 members of the North East business community and bid for their chance to win both Social Impact and High Growth awards.

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Could you provide a final year project for a Northumbria student?



Northumbria Graduate Futures and the Department of Computing & Information Sciences are working to connect Northumbria students with industry professionals. Final Year students undertake a live project as part of the Team Project and Professionalism module. Groups of five students complete 100 hours each. Hours are completed during January - April 2022. Students have the flexibility to work on several functions within the group and with a commitment of 500 hours per project, this is a fantastic opportunity to boost the performance of your organisation.

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SMEs experience growth with Northumbria University internship funding

Graduates of Northumbria can still benefit from European Regional Development funding delivered by Northumbria Graduate Futures. The **Northumbria Enterprise and Business Support 2 (NEBS2)** scheme includes a financial contribution to help small businesses in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland employ graduates typically on 6-month internships programmes. Interns will be paid by the SME for up to 6 months in a graduate position with the project providing a maximum financial contribution towards a salary of £4,050 for a 6-month internship.

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Northumbria support for graduate entrepreneurs

Northumbria's Student and Graduate Enterprise service and Innovation Northumbria: Incubator have been instrumental in helping Siddesh Iyer, an MSc International Sport Management graduate, who set up his business, SportFin, in February of this year. Iyer's business helps community sport organisations quantify and track the positive social impact they generate. This helps them leverage this impact to raise funds from funding bodies, social investors and crowd funders. He feels the service and incubator has been crucial to the development of his company.

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Graduate Spotlight on...

Graduate Laura James studied Fashion and is currently a Talent Acquisition Marketing Specialist for Enterprise. After spending her youth dreaming of working in the fashion industry, Laura secured a placement at a textile design house. Whilst there she realised that it wasn't actually a great fit for her. In her final year of study, she was involved in a car accident and the replacement car was provided by Enterprise. The person serving her had just joined Enterprise's Graduate Management Training Programme and shared that the graduate scheme offered hands-on experience, encouraging her to pursue this career path.

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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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