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Read the latest issue of Northumbria University News: Summer 2025 edition

Packed with 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 this issue we celebrate Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson's decade as Chancellor of Northumbria University. As Tanni reaches the end of her tenure, we look back on her inspirational journey and unwavering commitment to championing equality, social mobility and education.

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Inspiring individuals awarded Honorary Degrees by Northumbria University

In recognition of their outstanding achievements, Northumbria has awarded honorary degrees to 11 distinguished individuals at its summer graduation ceremonies this July. The ceremonies honoured Lady Edwina Grosvenor, Jason Cook, Dr Beverley Prevatt Goldstein, Mark Henderson, Nicola Elliot, Professor Richard Wilkinson, General Dame Sharon Nesmith DCB ADC Gen, Rob Lemkin, Lucy Winskell OBE, Caroline Paige MBE and Craig Jones MBE.

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OBE for end-of-life care expert

One of the world's most prominent leaders in end-of-life care and experiences has been awarded an OBE in the King's Birthday Honours List. Professor Allan Kellehear has been appointed Officer, Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to palliative care. As Professor of End-of-Life Care in Northumbria University's Department of Social Work, Education and Community Wellbeing, Allan's work focuses on enhancing palliative care practices for the dying, their caregivers and the bereaved through a community approach.

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Northumbria awarded Athena Swan Silver Award by Advance HE

This is a significant milestone, reflecting our commitment to promoting and achieving gender equality and an inclusive culture. Building on our Bronze Award since 2015, the Silver Award recognises our collective progress in areas such as recruitment, promotion, and workplace culture. However, this is not the end of the journey. Our new Athena Swan Action Plan sets out clear targets across flexible working, career development, and closing the gender pay gap.

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Women's Sport & Wellbeing IDRT hosts inaugural Summit

The Women's Sport and Wellbeing Interdisciplinary Research Theme (IDRT) recently held its first-ever summit that focussed on one powerful message: collaboration is not optional, it's essential. Bringing together voices from academia, sport, clinical practice, and advocacy, the summit created a vibrant space for cross-sector dialogue aimed at improving outcomes in women's sport and wellbeing.

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Another year of success at Northumbria Sport

The past academic year has been an exceptional one for Northumbria Sport with extraordinary team and individual achievements, continued commitment to excellence across all areas of sport and more student engagement than ever before. It has culminated in Northumbria Sport being shortlisted for two BUCS awards, the Active Wellbeing Award for 'The Daily Mile' programme and the Club of the Year Award for their Swimming Club.

[Read more about this year's successes](#)

GRADUATE NEWS



Join us for the Northumbria London Network event this October

We're holding the inaugural London Network event on Tuesday 7 October 2025, 6pm - 7:30pm, on the rooftop terrace at our partner, Hachette UK's London office. The event is open to all our alumni, as well as other supporters of Northumbria, and will be hosted by our Vice-Chancellor, Professor Andy Long. It will be an opportunity to learn more about the University's ambitions and how partnerships, such as the one with Hachette UK, are key to our commitment to deliver experiential learning, both to further enhance student outcomes and support social mobility.

[Register to confirm your place](#)



Northumbria University and St George's University host alumni celebration

The first Northumbria University and St George's University Alumni Celebration was held in New York on 6 June 2025. Hosted by Northumbria's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Andy Long, and Dr Robert Grant, Senior Associate Clinical Dean at SGU, the event brought together joint graduates, graduating students and those currently on clinical rotations for a memorable evening. Did you graduate from the SGU degree pathway? Complete our graduate alumni profile form so that we can keep in touch.

[Complete an SGU alumni profile](#)



Northumbria University Alumni Association hosts inaugural US and Canada events

Last month the Alumni Association held two events which brought alumni together to network, share memories and successes, and hear about our future plans in the US and Canada. The first event was held at Peter Dillon's, the home of the Newcastle United Supporters Club in New York, followed by a Toronto event which was co-hosted with graduate and entrepreneur, Raman Sehgal, who shared his journey from Newcastle to Canada. To hear about future alumni social events, check your contact details are up to date via our online form.

[Update your details](#)



Alumni reunion in Singapore

Professor John Woodward, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) at Northumbria University and Alex Chevrolle, Managing Director at Kaplan Higher Education Academy hosted an alumni reunion last month. Graduates were able to network and share their successes and benefit from powerful insights from speakers Lilian Yew, Chief Nurse at Raffles Medical Group, and Northumbria graduate David Yang, Chief Executive Officer of PAUL International (APAC). This was also an invaluable opportunity to celebrate our 15-year partnership with Kaplan Higher Education Academy and the successes of our many joint graduates.

[Find out more about our events](#)



Northumbria welcomes Amanda Staveley to campus

On 23 June 2025, we welcomed Amanda Staveley, Former Director of Newcastle United Football Club, to our Newcastle City Campus. Amanda received an Honorary Degree earlier this year at our London Campus Academic Congregation Ceremonies. As part of her visit, Amanda met with researchers to learn more about the University's world-leading research in women's sport and wellbeing before visiting the IntoUniversity Centre, one of our partnerships with businesses, charitable trusts and foundations that is helping young people to discover their passion for learning.

[Find out more about IntoUniversity](#)



Graduate showcase and sleep workshop form part of Tyne Design Week

Design for Industry graduate, Rob Law MBE, joined sleep scientists and Northumbria for Tyne Design Week - a new celebration of North East creativity and innovation. Best known as the founder of Trunki, the iconic ride-on suitcase for kids, Rob is an award-winning entrepreneur, product pioneer and strategic advisor with a track record of building and scaling purpose-driven consumer brands. He formed a key part of the programme for the first ever Tyne Design Week, which took place in June.

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BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES



Get involved in Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month in October the Northumbria Students' Union is hosting a series of events including 'Black in...', a career series to spotlight inspiring professionals across various sectors such as academia, technology, health, business and law, and the creative industries. We are looking for enthusiastic, graduates working in these sectors to join us as speakers at the 'From Roots to Routes: A Black Career Journey' session at our Newcastle City Campus on Thursday 2 October 2025, 12pm - 3pm. If this is something you would be interested in being a part of, please contact us for more information.

[Find out more](#)



Beyond Northumbria: Graduate support feed

Life After university can feel like a shock to the system. You've gone from lectures, socialising, perhaps working part-time and being in a space and time that made sense to everything changing. The Graduate Futures team have supported thousands of graduates over the years through this transition, whether that is into the workplace, or postgraduate/alternative studies. You can access details about graduate support through a one stop shop social media-like website with short-form video content and interactive posts, giving you quick content access that can support you now and in the future.

[Ready to explore?](#)



Secure your place at the Northumbria Part-Time Jobs Fair

Bookings have now opened for the Northumbria Part-Time Jobs Fair. The event is aimed at employers who are recruiting for part-time staff (including, temporary, flexible, seasonal and vacation staff). Don't miss the opportunity to take part. Free to attend, the fair is open to all sectors and is typically attended by around 1,800 Northumbria students, all keen to secure part time work. The event takes place on Tuesday 30 September 2025, 10:30am - 3pm in Northumbria Students' Union.

[Find out more](#)



Share your story with Graduate Futures

Have you achieved something you're proud of and want to inspire current students and fellow graduates? If Graduate Futures has played a part in your journey, we would love to hear from you. Whether you have overcome challenges, started your own business or have a story about how your university experience shaped your path, get in touch and share your journey.

[Get in touch](#)

The advertisement features the Northumbria University Newcastle logo on the left and the New Balance logo on the right. Below the logos, text promotes a special treat from the 'brand new' range at 'Shop at Northumbria'. It mentions a 10% discount on the Northumbria x New Balance sports range, available online using the code NUALUMNI. The website www.shopatnorthumbria.co.uk is also provided. The background shows two pieces of sports apparel: a dark grey t-shirt and a dark grey zip-up jacket, both featuring the New Balance logo and the Northumbria University crest.

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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.

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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