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Northumbria welcomes Shadow Secretary of State for Education

The Shadow Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, visited Northumbria University to hear about world leading research that is having an impact regionally, nationally and globally and the way in which it is breaking down barriers to create more opportunities for people in the North East. Northumbria is committed to working in partnership with students and graduates to provide greater equity of access and success in Higher Education.

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Northumbria University spin-out raises £1.4m for lung test to aid early diagnosis of asthma

PulmoBioMed, a Northumbria University spin-out which has developed a new lung test that could lead to earlier diagnosis of asthma and other conditions, has raised £1.4m to commercialise its technology. The investment round, led by the North East Venture Fund, supported by the European Regional Development Fund and managed by Mercia Ventures, included Northumbria University, SFC Capital and private investors in the USA, EU and the UK. The company has also secured a £700,000 grant from Innovate UK to help demonstrate the benefits of its technology.

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GIVING BACK TO NORTHUMBRIA



National Lottery Community Fund grant supports Northumbria's Converge programme

Northumbria University's School of Design has been awarded £388,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund to support the mental health of adults from across the North East. Converge was established in 2016, with the aim of connecting local people with the University and community partners to improve mental wellbeing through art and creative education. The programme has been so successful that funding has been secured to continue it for a further three years.

[Find out more](#)



Graduate and CEO of the Institute for Leadership meets with Vice-Chancellor

Graduate, CEO of the Institute for Leadership (IoL) and corporate donor, John Mark Williams CBE, recently visited and met with Vice-Chancellor Professor Andy Long to discuss the University's partnership agreement with the IoL and future opportunities to work with Northumbria. The three-year partnership provides financial support, match-funded by the University, to help students from traditionally under-represented backgrounds study for a Masters degree in a range of business leadership and management courses.

[Find out more about the partnership](#)



Two new businesses announce their support to create eleven scholarships

Northumbria students are set to receive a boost from corporate supporters Robson Laidler Accountants and Rider Levett Bucknall (RLB). These market leaders in their sectors have national and international profiles with a reputation for delivering excellence. The new scholarships will enable undergraduate and postgraduate students from backgrounds traditionally under-represented in higher education to study and succeed at Northumbria University.

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New midwifery scholarship in memory of Jack Wilkin

The Jack Wilkin Scholarship will award one undergraduate student studying on the BSc (Hons) Midwifery Studies degree with £4,000 to enhance the recipient's overall university learning experience. University Governor Ian Wilkin and his wife Sarah set up the scholarship in memory of their son Jack, to make a difference to a future midwife by supporting their study, enabling them to achieve their potential and go on to make a difference to families and society.

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Graduate and Founder of NEOM Organics visits campus

Earlier this month, BA (Hons) History of Modern Art, Design & Film graduate and founder of NEOM Organics, Nicola Elliott, visited campus for the first time since graduating in 1999. As part of her visit, she undertook a tour of campus, met with graduate entrepreneurs at the University's Incubator Hub and led a session with BA (Hons) Business & Entrepreneurship degree course students. If you are interested in coming back to campus or giving back your time and expertise to benefit our students get in touch.

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Gardiner Richardson donates free strategic work to support University start-ups

Gardiner Richardson will provide a day's pro bono brand strategy support as part of the Higher Education Without Barriers Fund. The strategic brand communications agency, co-founded by Northumbria University graduate, Darren Richardson, will work with Cricketqube and Mila Clothing, selected by a judging panel headed up by Darren and Jen Hallam and including Northumbria University's James Wilkinson and Graham Baty, and North East Times' John Duns.

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Sport Dinner auction prize winners witness live recording of Steven Bartlett's podcast

At the University's Sport Dinner in October 2023, alumnus and Chief Financial Officer at Flight Story, Andy Leck, donated an exclusive invitation for two guests to join Steven Bartlett at a live recording of Europe's #1 business podcast, The Diary of A CEO. Following a successful winning bid of £1,000, in support of the Higher Education Without Barriers Fund, Michael Henning and Helen Craddock recently claimed their prize, witnessing the podcast filming as well as meeting the Dragon's Den entrepreneur.

[Find out more about the Fund](#)

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Access free CPD & support future generations of Northumbria University students!

The Santander Open Academy is a digital learning platform open to all University graduates. It includes a repository of thousands of on-demand, online courses and learning materials on different topics, including technology, languages, studies, research, soft skills, professional practices and leadership. For every registration on the platform before 30 April 2024, Santander will donate £1.20 to the University's HEWB Fund. Sign up now!

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Take part in the UK International Graduate Outcomes Survey

Calling all our international alumni who have graduated within the last six years - your voice matters and we want to hear from you! Share your experiences and help shape the future of international education in the UK by participating in the UK International Graduate Outcomes Survey. Plus, by taking part you could win one of five virtual credit cards worth up to US \$500! Your responses will help us understand more about the experiences and attitudes of international students coming to study in the UK.

[Take part in the survey today](#)



Calling all female founders!

The Northumbria University Female Accelerator Programme is open for applications. This transformative programme has been designed to support female business founders, helping them to develop their business and scale new heights. Join a vibrant group of like-minded business founders in a supportive environment, immerse yourself in the programme and amplify your entrepreneurial skills. At the end of the programme, you will be able to pitch for a share of funding from the Susan Dobson Memorial Trust.

[Find out more](#)



Looking for careers support after university?

Designed to help upcoming and recent graduates kick-start their careers, Graduate Futures is holding a series of sessions in March 2024. Whether you are feeling overwhelmed by the future or simply looking for practical career tips and advice, the Graduate Futures team can help with sessions including 'Creating your CV', 'Career Wellbeing', 'Assessment Centre Support', 'Interview Skills', 'Finding Vacancies', 'Choosing a Career' and 'LinkedIn Masterclass'.

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Join our UKRI AI Centre for Doctoral Training

Applications are now open to join our UKRI AI Centre for Doctoral Training in Citizen-Centred Artificial Intelligence, for our first cohort of fully funded four-year PhD studentships enrolling in September 2024. Are you passionate about empowering citizens to play a key role in the UK's AI-enabled future? We want to recruit PhD researchers from diverse backgrounds and skill sets beyond computer science. Our training programme will equip you with all relevant interdisciplinary skills for designing and evaluating citizen-centred approaches to AI.

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EVENTS



Professor Richard Terry Memorial lecture

Dr Helen Williams Associate Professor of English Literature, Acting Deputy Director of Cultural Partnerships and Northumbria University graduate will deliver the Richard Terry Memorial Lecture on Thursday, 7 March 2024. The lecture entitled *The 'Petit Libertain': Editing John Cleland's Correspondence* recognises Professor Richard Terry, Professor of Eighteenth-Century Literature and celebrates the launch of the **Professor Richard Terry Memorial Scholarship** which offers academically talented students the opportunity to study at Northumbria.

[Find out more](#)



Lady Edwina Grosvenor lecture

Criminologist, Prison Philanthropist and Northumbria University graduate Lady Edwina Grosvenor will deliver a lecture entitled Redesigning Justice on Wednesday, 20 March 2024. Edwina is committed to influencing prison reform through systemic change in the Justice System. She has travelled around the globe to study the best and worst prison practices, from children residing in Nepalese prisons to death row residents in high security institutions. She has been a proactive catalyst for change in the prison system.

[Find out more](#)



Adventure awaits with Global Careers Week 2024

The Graduate Futures team is excited to announce Global Careers Week between 11 and 15 March 2024, offering a wide variety of events that have been designed to broaden your horizons and help you achieve your career aspirations. Whether you're dreaming of teaching English overseas, working, studying, or volunteering abroad, or want to discover job and visa options as an international graduate, this week of events could be the ticket to boosting your future career prospects!

[Find out more](#)



Autism in the Workplace Conference

Open to autistic students and recent graduates, including anyone who thinks they might be autistic, the Autism and the Workplace Conference on Monday 18 March 2024, 10am - 2:45pm will celebrate the skills autistic people bring to the workplace. Get insights from employers on disclosure and adjustments in the workplace; receive advice on understanding your skills and how they match job advertisements; and hear from a panel of autistic speakers who work in a variety of jobs and industries.

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GET INVOLVED

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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