

Alumni  
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## NEWS BULLETIN

### UNIVERSITY NEWS

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#### **Northumbria welcomes Secretary of State for Education**

The Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Gillian Keegan, visited Northumbria University to discuss unlocking opportunities for young people in the region and the ground-breaking research taking place in areas of global significance. During her visit she heard about the strength of Northumbria's degree apprenticeships and how they support workforce skills growth as well as helping thousands of students develop their careers and professional expertise.

[Read now](#)

### HIGHER EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS

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#### **Higher Education Without Barriers**

Over £2.6m has been raised for Higher Education Without Barriers, providing opportunities for motivated students to study and succeed at Northumbria regardless of their background. The fund supports scholarships, hardship bursaries, mental health & wellbeing projects, and experiential learning opportunities. During October, we brought our alumni community together through NU-Cycle 2023 and the Sport Dinner to share our successes and raise funds for the Sport pillar of the campaign.

[Find out more](#)



### **Cycling for students with NU-Cycle 2023**

During October, we invited alumni, staff, and business partners to sign up to cycle between 30 and 300 miles, either individually or as part of a group, to raise money for our students. As part of this, a team of 13 Northumbria alumni and staff cycled over 300 miles from our London to Newcastle Campus, raising a total of £13,625. Thank you to all who took part in this month-long fundraising effort by either cycling or donating to the fund in support of our students.

[View event photos](#)



### **Higher Education Without Barriers Sport Dinner**

On 20 October the Vice-Chancellor hosted a sport fundraising dinner at St James' Park in support of our Higher Education Without Barriers Fund. The dinner was attended by over 300 guests, with 80 businesses represented. Over the course of the evening guests heard about the difference donors can make, either by donating financially or giving time. The event also provided an opportunity to hear from students and alumni who had received support about the difference it had made in their studies and their future.

[View event photos](#)



### **Northumbria's Sport Placement Programme continues to grow**

Northumbria Graduate Futures has announced changes to the sport placement pathways. Students on the Sport and Exercise Science, Sport, Exercise and Nutrition, Sport Coaching and Sport Management programmes now have the option to complete a year-long 'sandwich' placement opportunity. If you are a graduate working in the sport sector, and you would be interested in supporting a current Northumbria student with an experiential learning activity we want to hear from you.

[Get in touch](#)



### **Northumbria Sport forms first ever women's Rugby League team**

This year's Northumbria Sport programme sees the introduction of a brand new women's rugby league team who will play in the Women's University Winter League. Following on from the successes of the men's team, who have been national champions for five consecutive years, Jason Payne, Head of Rugby League, hopes to replicate this success with the women's side when BUCS introduce a league for Women's National Rugby in the 2024/25 season. We are looking forward to seeing what the team achieves.

[Find out more](#)

# ALUMNI NEWS & BENEFITS

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## **NU Amplify - we want to thank you!**

We are inviting our donors and supporters to join us at NU Amplify on Tuesday, 28 November to celebrate the positive impact of philanthropy on our students. The Vice-Chancellor will host the thank you event at City Campus in Newcastle and will be joined by students who will share their stories about how they have benefitted from the generosity of donors and the positive impact that this has made to their life. Invited guests are reminded they should confirm their place by registering using the link provided in their invitation.

**[View our Impact Report](#)**



## **Graduate Futures career events**

Are you ready to conquer the challenges of the graduate job market and launch your career with confidence? We are here to support you every step of the way. We understand that embarking on your professional journey can be a daunting task which is why the Graduate Futures team is excited to invite you to their upcoming careers events. The events are specifically tailored to assist you in navigating the competitive job landscape by providing you with insights, tips, and strategies that will enhance your employability.

**[Find out more](#)**



## **Race ahead with our Enterprise Weekend**

The Student and Graduate Enterprise team is delighted to announce the next Enterprise Weekend between Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November. This popular event will immerse you into the world of enterprise and skill development. Whether you're looking to develop enterprise skills, research a business idea or are in the early stage of your business start-up or freelancing career, this interactive two-day event will be invaluable to so don't delay in signing up for your place.

**[Find out more](#)**

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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](mailto:alumni@northumbria.ac.uk).



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