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# NEWS BULLETIN

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

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### **Northumbria announces Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Annual Report 2022/2023**

The Northumbria University Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Annual Report 2022/2023 has now been published. The report demonstrates the progress we have made and identifies future actions to advance our EDI agenda further. In his foreword, Professor Andy Long describes how we have 'seen a step change on our journey in that we are moving to become a University which is recognised for our achievements in EDI.'

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### **International recognition for responsible management education and sustainability**

Northumbria University's Newcastle Business School has been named among a select group of international education providers as a Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) Champion for 2024 - 2025. An initiative of the United Nations Global Compact, the 47 PRME Champions represent a group of dedicated business and management schools that are committed to working collaboratively to develop and promote activities that address shared barriers for the PRME community, and which deliver value for business and society at large.

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# ALUMNI NEWS & BENEFITS

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## Higher Education Without Barriers - success of our last appeal

Our Many Hands Make Light Work appeal recently came to an end, and we've been heartened by the support of 464 alumni donors who helped us raise £38,337. With this support we will be able to provide more hardship bursaries for Northumbria students and help them to: pay for accommodation, food, utility, and childcare costs; buy learning resources, kit and equipment; take part in field trips and transformational placement opportunities; and attend job interviews to support their development beyond Northumbria.

[Find out more about our campaign](#)



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

The Santander Open Academy is a digital learning platform open to all University graduates offering free access to long term learning. 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, Santander will donate £1.20 to the University's HEWB Fund.

[Find out more](#)



## Fighting food poverty with Bankuet

Three-time GRAMMY Award-nominated and BRIT Award-winning multi-platinum singer, songwriter, and guitarist James Bay joined forces with graduate founded, food bank donation platform, Bankuet, to raise vital funds to feed the increasing number of people turning to food banks this winter. This special show on 7 November 2023 at London's Lafayette in Kings Cross, saw all profits going directly to UK food banks via the Bankuet platform. The evening was made possible by the generosity of Amazon Music.

[Read more](#)



### **Graduate expands business to demonstrate AI's capabilities in the medical field**

Biomedical Sciences graduate, Jack Parker, founded AIATELLA in 2022 which is based between Newcastle and Helsinki in Finland. The medical software company has developed a novel AI framework which identifies, but more importantly quantifies, cardiovascular disease from medical imaging. This differentiation means clinicians can be provided with all the measurements and data required for them to make a rapid and accurate diagnostic/treatment decision.

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### **BSc (Hons) Nursing graduate hosts local art exhibition**

Congratulations to BSc (Hons) Nursing Science graduate, Morris Manson, who has returned to his original love of art, and is hosting his second one-man exhibition at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea's Maritime & Arts Centre. Morris has exhibited across the Scottish Borders in recent years, and his art focuses on abstract and geometric work. This exhibition will run until the end of February 2024.

[Find out more](#)



### **HarperCollins Children's Books buys graduate author's debut novel, The Goldens**

HarperCollins Children's Books has bought the debut novel, *The Goldens* by graduate, Lauren Wilson, as part of a six-figure pre-empt. *The Goldens* will be published in paperback in May 2025, with a second thriller planned in 2026. Described as a 'gripping, intoxicating and un-put-downable YA crossover thriller, *The Goldens* follows ordinary girl Chloe who is swept into the glamorous world of rich, famous, and beautiful party girl, Clara - only for the party to spiral into a murderous cult'.

[Find out more](#)



### **Join us at the Professor Richard Terry Memorial Lecture**

The lecture entitled *The 'Petit Libertin': Editing John Cleland's Correspondence* and will be given by Dr Helen Williams, alumna, Associate Professor of English Literature and Acting Deputy Director of Cultural Partnerships at Northumbria University. The lecture is in recognition of Professor Richard Terry, Professor of 18th century Literature and celebrates the launch of the [Professor Richard Terry Memorial Scholarship](#), which offers academically talented students the opportunity to study at Northumbria.

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### **Access our sport facilities today!**

Are you a Northumbria graduate and want to continue using Sport Central's gym? You can purchase an Associate Direct Debit for just £28 per month. Associate memberships are available to Northumbria graduates, retired colleagues, students of other institutions, under 18s, over 60's, family members of staff and select corporate partners. Membership gives you access to our state-of-the-art gym, group exercise classes, 25m swimming pool, sauna and steam room, health assessments, guidance from our Personal Trainers and discounted sports massages.

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## **GRADUATE FUTURES**

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### **Request for speakers at Graduate Futures' Autism & The Workplace event**

Graduate Futures is looking for autistic graduates or graduates who work for employers who celebrate the skills autistic people bring to the workplace to speak at their annual careers conference, open to autistic students and recent graduates. If you are interested in supporting this event contact Kathryn Saunders, Graduate Futures Careers Adviser.

**[Register interest](#)**



### **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](#)**



### **Don't leave your success to chance - join a mock assessment centre**

Prepare, practice, and prosper in the Graduate Futures upcoming assessment centres to build confidence in your abilities so that you are ready to seize every opportunity! An Assessment Centre (or assessment day) allows employers to meet candidates and assess a range of skills, whilst providing those attending with the opportunity to demonstrate their strengths better than they could in just a traditional face-to-face interview. Take advantage of this today and sign up for your place.

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



### **Industry insights from Graduate Futures**

Professional, graduate-focused career support is often needed after graduation and Graduate Futures can offer web information with specific content for your chosen sector or industry. You can find useful resources that can help you explore, build and achieve your ambitions. Whether you have already found the role that will kick-start your career, or you are still looking, these pages will help you with your decision-making, planning and competing in the job market.

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



### **International opportunities for recent graduates**

Have you graduated within the last 12 months? If the answer is yes, you can access some excellent international volunteering and internship opportunities which are partially funded by the Turing Scheme. The applications deadline is Thursday, 15 February 2024 at 12pm and if you would like to talk to some of the international partners involved in the scheme, you can find out more at the Graduate Futures Fair on Thursday, 8 February 2024, 10am - 12:30pm or 2pm - 4:30pm in Student Skills Centre 1.

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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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