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Northumbria University News Autumn Edition

The Autumn 2022 edition of Northumbria University's newspaper is now available and packed full of the latest news, developments, achievements, and research stories. This issue celebrates Northumbria being shortlisted for University of the Year in the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards 2022, with the cover story explaining how Northumbria's nomination reflects its transformation to become the UK's first research-intensive modern university.

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FOCUS ON ALUMNI



Theatre founder and graduate named among most influential in industry

Northumbria University graduate, and founder of Newcastle's Alphabetti Theatre, has been voted as one of the 100 most influential people within the UK theatre and performing arts industry over the last year. After graduating from Northumbria's BA (Hons) Drama & Scriptwriting programme in 2012, Ali Pritchard went on to establish the fringe theatre company Alphabetti, of which he is Artistic & Executive Director. He has now been named in a list of 100 rising stars of 2023 by The Stage newspaper and website.

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Rosie Bath (BA (Hons) Fashion Design & Marketing, 2018): Cera Cotton

After graduating from the BA (Hons) Fashion Design & Marketing course in 2018, Rosie took her design and sewing skills to the film industry where she worked as a Costume Maker for four years. Whilst working on films such as 'No Time to Die' and 'The Little Mermaid', she had the idea for using wax cotton as a water-resistant fabric alternative to plastic homewares. Through her passion for sustainability, design and innovation **Cera Cotton** was born. Rosie is offering fellow graduates a 20% discount on Cera Cotton products until 31 March 2023.

[Get the discount](#)



Celebrating diversity at Northumbria University

Since committing to the principles of the Race Equality Charter in 2020, the University has been undertaking a process of self-assessment against the Charter framework. Throughout November 2022 the University ran a Race Equality Survey for all colleagues and students. To celebrate Disability History Month 2022 the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team worked with a number of individuals, faculties, services and external knowledge holders to spotlight research, alumni work, events, personal stories and signposting to support for our disabled community.

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FOCUS ON SCHOLARSHIPS



Providing a sporting chance for all

Fresh from being named the country's best higher education institution, Northumbria University is launching a new sport scholarship to help the next generation shine. Part of its wider Higher Education Without Barriers campaign, which aims to help students from all backgrounds succeed, the scholarship's first year will support budding female coaches and officials. At Northumbria, we encourage students to pursue their academic and personal passions and have launched a new scholarship in sport.

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Funding offers opportunities to talented students from under-represented backgrounds

Northumbria University law student Ami Leake has been awarded a bursary worth up to £7,500 over three years to help with accommodation and living costs during her studies. The John Bloom Law Bursary, managed by the Tees Valley Community Foundation, offers financial support to students from Teesside who wish to study law. Ami has been selected as part of the University's Higher Education Without Barriers campaign, which was launched in January to enable talented students from all backgrounds to access higher education.

[Find out more](#)

Northumbria working in partnership with the Aziz Foundation

We are committed to widening participation and fair access, which is an integral part of its approach to student recruitment, and instrumental in its aim to attract motivated students regardless of background. The University is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Aziz Foundation to provide Masters scholarships to students who are actively engaged in British Muslim communities. The Aziz Foundation is a family charity inspired by the values and teaching of Islam to support the most disadvantaged communities in Britain.

[Find out more](#)

AZIZFOUNDATION



Global leaders building diversity in the built environment

Two leaders in the sector have pledged scholarships for Built Environment students from under-represented backgrounds. As part of Northumbria University's Higher Education Without Barriers initiative, UK and Ireland-based GIA Surveyors has committed to funding scholarships for students of the built environment at Northumbria University. The organisation has created three new scholarships to support students from minority ethnic backgrounds interested in studying Architecture or Real Estate Surveying.

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Accommodation scholarships offer a home at University

Northumbria has partnered with The Unite Foundation to offer life-enhancing accommodation scholarships to students from less-represented backgrounds. The Unite Foundation's new 'Home at University: Widening Access & Participation Pilot' offers accommodation scholarship for students who are care leavers or estranged from their families. It is a match-funded scheme between Northumbria University, the Unite Foundation, Astra Foundation, and the Dulverton Trust. Northumbria is one of four universities to be selected for the pilot scheme.

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Gain support for your business through the 'Know More. Grow More. How to Hire.' programme

Early stage SMEs/micro SMEs looking to take their first steps in hiring a graduate can receive fully funded and specialist advice via the 'Know More. Grow More. How to Hire.' programme, designed to equip businesses with the expert advice and guidance to help shape recruitment and HR practices. The programme, part of the **Northumbria Enterprise & Business Support (NEBS)** scheme, aims to support the growth and development of trading SMEs within Tyne & Wear and Northumberland and is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

[Find out more](#)



Sport, Exercise & Rehabilitation Programmes Reunion - Thursday 16 February 2023

Northumbria University is hosting an on-campus reunion event to bring together graduates from our Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy programmes on Thursday 16 February 2023, 6pm - 7:30pm. The reunion will provide an opportunity to share successes and plans, reconnect with staff and fellow alumni and discover ways to engage as well as including a visit to our new Northumbria University Physiotherapy Suite. The reunion will take place at Cafe Central on our Newcastle City Campus.

[Register now](#)

MASTERS FACULTY EVENTS

Thinking of gaining new qualifications to enhance your career prospects?

Starting from 1st February, our Faculty Events are a great way to find out more about the courses you're interested in, discuss your options and explore the facilities.

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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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