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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS BULLETIN



## Welcome...

...to our new look Alumni Association News Bulletin, here to keep you up to date with what's going on at Northumbria University and in our alumni community.

In January, Chris Skidmore MP, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation visited Northumbria. This was an opportunity to showcase our significant research projects around energy, climate, smart materials and bioengineering and discuss the role of universities in regional economic growth and the productivity challenge.

He also visited some of our world-class facilities for research, learning and teaching, including the £6 million new architecture studios and award-winning £7 million Computer and Information Sciences building, both of which were opened last year.

**Paul Polman KBE**, also visited the campus. Paul is the former Chief Executive of global consumer goods company Unilever. He gave a public lecture challenging corporate heads to step-up and take an ethical lead, he also gave Masterclass to a group of our MBA students.

If you would like to find out more about other events taking place on campus check out the University events calendar [here](#). And don't forget to update your **contact details and mailing preferences** so that we can continue to keep you up-to-date with our latest news.

## Coronavirus Update

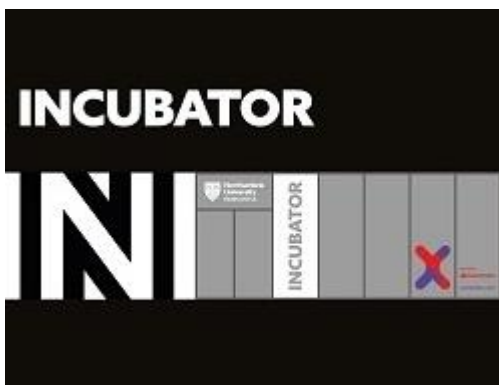


### **Northumbria University advice and guidance following the global coronavirus outbreak**

The health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our number one priority. The University remains open, including our halls of residence, libraries and student services and our aim is to sustain the operations of the University in the period ahead as circumstances allow, utilising technology across the University to enable continued teaching and the carrying out of our day to day business. You can keep up to date about developments by clicking 'read more'.

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## University News



### **Northumbria champions entrepreneurship with a new Incubator**

Northumbria offers a learning experience that encourages enterprise and innovation, and has students with the focus, talent and calibre to turn this into commercial success. So much so that Northumbria consistently tops the league tables for graduate start-ups. The newly built Incubator is a purpose-built facility and provides high-quality office space with state-of-the-art technology and connectivity for student and graduate entrepreneurs.

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### **Santander Universities UK graduate internships now available**

Northumbria Santander Universities Internships are not just for students. Northumbria Careers and Employment Service is working in partnership with Santander Universities to deliver an internship scheme bringing together talented graduates with innovative and growing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). There are a variety of scheme durations available and these are open to graduates from all disciplines.

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### **Check out the latest edition of Northumbria University News**

Northumbria University News is packed full of news and features covering everything from research projects and business partnerships to student and staff awards. The newspaper also includes interviews, listings, previews, health and lifestyle features and much more. Headline features in this edition include 'Predictions to protect the planet', 'Tackling tomorrow's challenges' and 'Spotlight on forensics'.

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## **Alumni News**



### **Sporting alumni reunite for Futsal Home Nations tournament**

A Northumbria University Futsal reunion took place at the home of English Football, St George's Park, for the Futsal Home Nations tournament in December 2019. Spearheaded by Head Coach Michael Gunn, the futsal programme at Northumbria has an exceptional reputation and former graduates have progressed into senior international teams and have represented their countries in UEFA qualifying competitions.

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### **Alumnus, Chad Male, leads the way for Ouseburn being declared as 'Newcastle's First Plastic Free Community'**

The award, from marine conservation charity Surfers Against Sewage (SAS), recognises residents' efforts to start reducing the impact of unnecessary single-use plastics on their local environment. Award-winning musician and alumnus, Chad Male, started the Plastic Free Ouseburn campaign in 2018 following concerns about litter in the river.

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## Events & Reunions



### Reunion of first ever BA (Hons) Geography graduates from the class of 1980!

A reunion of the first ever cohort of BA (Hons) Geography graduates took place over the weekend of the 7th - 9th February 2020. Over a dozen graduates from forty years ago met to socialise, reminisce and re-visit their old University haunts. The Geography degree was first launched in September 1977 with an intake of just under thirty students. The Geography degree was first launched in September 1977.

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## In Profile



### Where are they now? Hear from Sue McCauley who went from graduate to Cyber Security Consultant

In this edition we hear from Sue McCauley who studied a part-time MSc in Cyber Security and graduated in 2018. She tells us how she went from graduate to working in Saudia Arabia as a Cyber Security Consultant for NEOM, one of a number of mega-projects being developed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In this role she has spoken at Cyber Security conferences both in the UK and overseas.

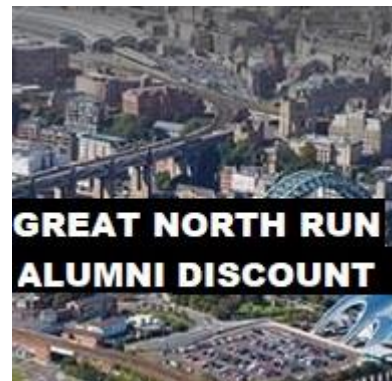
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