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Alumni Telethon Spring 2022: Northumbria calling...

Northumbria University's Spring Alumni Telethon will continue throughout May. Over the course of the campaign, our dedicated team of student callers will connect with alumni from across the world to find out more about their experiences at Northumbria and hear where life has taken them since graduating. In addition to this, our student callers will also be providing important updates from campus and our Higher Education Without Barriers Campaign.

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The Spring 2022 edition of Northumbria University News is out now!

In the latest edition, learn about Project Civil War Bluejackets - a study led by Northumbria University exploring the lives and experiences of immigrant and African American sailors during the American Civil War. Find out about our graduate successes, including a start-up business co-founded by one of our Law alumna which secured financial backing after appearing on Dragons' Den. Packed with the latest news, features and interviews, you can keep up to date with the exciting developments taking place across the University.

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Northumbria University pledges to secure successful student futures

At a House of Commons reception to formally launch the final report of the UPP Foundation's Student Futures Commission, 20 leading universities, including Northumbria University have pledged to develop a Student Futures Manifesto – joint action between a university and its students to tackle the problems caused by the pandemic. Developing a Student Futures Manifesto is the key recommendation from the Commission. The Manifestos will be a blueprint for how universities and students work together to improve the student experience.

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Students to benefit from new partnership

Students from under-represented backgrounds at Northumbria University are being offered funding support for postgraduate study following an enhanced partnership agreement with the Agile Business Consortium. A leading not-for-profit professional body that helps businesses worldwide adapt rapidly to changing environments and market conditions, the Agile Business Consortium established a partnership with Northumbria in 2019. The collaboration has facilitated guest lectures, scholarship funding, academic prizes, grants for graduate business start-ups.

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Ethical business partnership extended

Northumbria University has extended a partnership agreement with the North East Initiative on Business Ethics (NIBE). The move follows a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two organisations in 2018, formalising their collaboration on initiatives to promote the moral and commercial benefits of ethical and responsible business practice. Extending the partnership reinforces Northumbria's position as a leading centre for research and teaching in responsible business, and NIBE as a leading voice in this field.

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University partnership providing scholarships for North East carers

The North East has a higher number of care leavers than the UK average, but a progression rate into higher education that is lower than the national average. Northumbria University has been awarded a grant from the Welland Trust to raise the aspirations of care experienced students studying within the region's Further Education colleges. Delivered in collaboration with the North East Raising Aspiration Partnership (NERAP), the funding will enable 30 students to access events to increase their awareness of university life.

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EVENTS OF THE NORTH

Events of the North supported by Northumbria partnership

Northumbria has established a partnership with Events of the North, which is managed by alumnus Steve Cram and former athlete, Allison Curbishley, to support student engagement opportunities. Steve and Allison are long-standing supporters of the Sport Management programme, and as part of the partnership, the University will be supporting the Newcastle and Gateshead Try on the Tyne Event on 13 August 2022, a family event involving a 5k run and sprint duathlon along the Newcastle-Gateshead quayside.

[Find out more](#)



Lee Widdows welcomed on campus to celebrate the Vaughan Oliver Graphic Design Scholarships

In February, Northumbria welcomed Lee Widdows, wife of alumnus Vaughan Oliver, to meet the first student cohort and proud recipients of the Vaughan Oliver Graphic Design Scholarships - in association with 4AD. Lee, hosted by Senior Lecturer Andy Friith from Arts, Design and Social Sciences, conducted a tour of the University Graphic Design workshops, where Vaughan had studied. In attendance were the first year Graphic Design undergraduates and scholarship recipients Mya, Ruby and Katie.

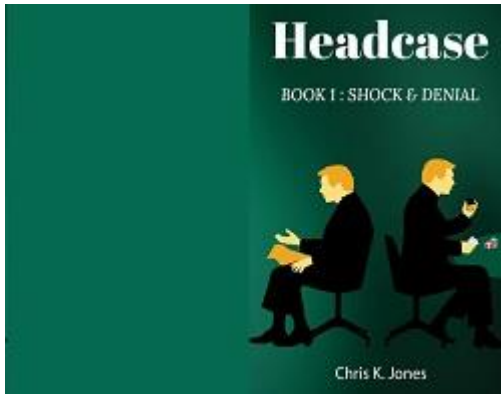
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St. George's University & Northumbria University celebrate 15th anniversary of partnership

Northumbria University and St. George's University celebrated 15 years of unique partnership on their Doctor of Medicine (MD) course on Sunday 10 April 2022 with a joint virtual reunion event. The event was attended by over 70 alumni of the course worldwide and featured alumni keynote speakers Dr Imran Ali and Dr Alex Drossos as well as addresses from colleagues of both Northumbria and St. George's Universities. Graduates were also able to network and catch up with each other as part of the event. Find out more about how you can reconnect with your former classmates at the link below.

[Find out more](#)



Win a copy of graduate Chris K. Jones' new novel, Headcase!

American Exchange Programme alumnus and donor, Chris K. Jones, has recently published his novel. Headcase tells the story of Dr Andrew Beck who has a gambling addiction and a dark secret and is the go-to sports psychologist for troubled pro-athletes. Chris is a fiction writer and entrepreneur based in New York State who has a passion for creative writing and established the **Think Strong Creative Writing Scholarship** at the University to inspire others to follow their dreams. We are giving away a free copy of the book to two lucky alumni. To enter send your name and course of study to [**alumni@northumbria.ac.uk**](mailto:alumni@northumbria.ac.uk).

[Find out more](#)



Did you lead or join a student society during your time at Northumbria?

Creating or becoming a member of an Alumni Chapter or network is a way of maintaining or reuniting your society connections with the support of the Alumni Association. An Alumni Chapter is a group of Northumbria alumni who meet regularly, either in person or online to learn, support, debate, and enhance their knowledge on a shared interest. These groups are likely to be created from student societies or shared student interest groups. The Alumni Association helps support all Alumni Chapter groups and we're looking for proactive leaders ready to take on their own Alumni Chapter.

[Find out more](#)



Fired up for success after Dragons' Den appearance

Start-up business, Pretty Mama, co-founded by a Northumbria University graduate has triumphed on the hit BBC One show Dragons' Den after securing financial backing worth £30,000. Pretty Mama was formed in 2018 by Jenny McFadden and her sister Alex. The sisters wanted to design and produce a collection of maternity clothes, especially for breastfeeding mothers, after Alex had struggled to find feminine and comfortable clothing when she was pregnant with her daughter.

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GRADUATE FUTURES



Careers Fest 22

Careers Fest 22 is an exciting day of interactive sessions, fun activities, and networking opportunities taking place in Newcastle this summer. If you've recently graduated and are struggling with confidence in your career direction and making your first move into the graduate job market, register now. The day will give you the chance to share your graduate concerns, find your career fit, get CV/LinkedIn advice, learn how to impress employers in one minute and hear from recent alumni about their experiences of moving into graduate employment.

[Find out more](#)



Northumbria Graduate Futures prepares for Summer Internship launch

Northumbria Graduate Futures ramps up activity to promote its exciting new Summer Internship funding following an initial announcement in March. This new funding activity is provided by the existing Northumbria Enterprise Business Support scheme (NEBS2) and is aimed at trading SMEs in Tyne and Wear and Northumberland. The NEBS scheme continues to support the growth of small to medium sized businesses by providing a grant to recruit an undergraduate Northumbria student for a Summer Internship of between 8-13 weeks between June - September 2022.

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POSTGRAD STUDY NETWORKING LOUNGE

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9 June 5:30pm - 8pm

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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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