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Students benefit from Alumni visits

We have recently welcomed some of our alumni back to campus so they can see what has changed since they graduated. Our alumni give back their time to share their experiences and help our students think about their future career journey.

This year, students have heard from Nicola Elliott, Founder of NEOM Organics London, and Darren Davidson, Vice President at Siemens Energy UK&I and Siemens Gamesa UK.

[Find out more about recent alumni visits](#)



Thanking alumni on Volunteer Recognition Day

The Alumni Mentoring Programme offers 1-1 guidance for students and benefits alumni mentors by giving them coaching skills and insights from emerging talent. Mentor Claire Murray, an international artist, and MA Fine Art graduate comments "It was a really enjoyable experience to meet a young creative student at the beginning of her journey through life as an artist. It was a pleasure to hear her plans and ideas and help guide her on future decisions".

Thank you to all our mentors over the last year.

[Learn more about Alumni Mentoring](#)



Northumbria University funding supports student trips to visit their mentors in London

Higher Education Without Barriers has enabled student mentees to visit London to connect with their mentors. Paul Jobes, an MLaw student, visited Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and said "I was very grateful to be given this opportunity to meet my mentor in-person for the first time. I received a real legal assignment to work alongside solicitors on a pro-bono case for the firm and shadowed my mentor which has helped me build my skills further".

[Read about Higher Education Without Barriers](#)



Graduate Outcomes Survey - Make your graduate voice count!

Graduate voices and insights are important and fifteen months after completing your degree you may be contacted to complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey. Your voice will have a meaningful impact on future students' career decision-making, whether you have secured a graduate job, are still studying, or pursuing other pathways. Visit [Graduate Outcomes Survey](#) for more information. If you have graduated in the last five years, you can also access careers support from Graduate Futures by visiting [Careers Information for Graduates](#).

[Find out more](#)

NEWS



“Going to university has transformed my life” – Professor Andy Long featured as part of #100Faces campaign

Professor Andy Long, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive at Northumbria University has been featured in the ‘100 Faces - First in my Family’ Campaign organised by Universities UK. The Campaign highlights the positive impact of a university place for first-generation students and graduates, demonstrating how it can change lives and benefit society. Contributors include Nobel prize winners, politicians, social advocates, and sporting stars.

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Submit your nominations for our next Chancellor

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson's term as Northumbria University's Chancellor will end next July and the process to find her successor has begun. Northumbria's staff, students, governors, and alumni can submit nominations for our new Chancellor who has an important ceremonial and ambassadorial role, representing the University and conferring degrees. Nominations close on Friday, 21 June 2024. Nominations are confidential.

[Submit your nomination here](#)



Northumbria ranks top 35 in UK and among the best 100 in the world

Northumbria University has achieved major success in two recent high profile performance league tables and is now ranked within the top 35 in the UK, and the top 100 in the world. The University climbed two places in the [Complete University Guide 2025](#) to 34th and is now ranked joint 96th in [Times Higher Education's Young University Rankings 2024](#), which lists the world's best universities under 50 years old.

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Pioneering businesswoman honoured by Northumbria

Roisin Currie, Chief Executive Officer of Greggs PLC, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Civil Law at our London Campus in recognition of her outstanding contribution to business, her commitment to diversity in the workplace and her support in creating positive futures for people leaving prison. Since her appointment to lead Greggs in May 2022, Roisin has been recognised as a key driver in the company's rapid growth as it continues with its ambition to have over 3,000 shops across the UK.

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A pathway to university for all

A learning centre designed to help young people from under-represented backgrounds in Newcastle progress into higher education has supported over 1,200 students over the last year. The IntoUniversity Newcastle East Centre is a partnership between Northumbria and Newcastle Universities and IntoUniversity – the UK's largest university access charity. Based at the Monkchester Community Centre it provides young people aged between 7-18 with academic support, soft-skill development, and experience of the world of work to inspire them and help them achieve their potential.

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Lottery funding announced to support mental health through creative education

An innovative mental health scheme at Northumbria University has been awarded £388,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund to support the mental health of adults from across the North East. Converge Northumbria offers members of the local community in Newcastle upon Tyne, who have or are experiencing challenges associated with mental health, opportunities to learn on the University's Newcastle City Campus through art and creative education.

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Northumbria Jitsu celebrates 20 years

This April marked the 20th anniversary of the Jitsu Sport Club at Northumbria University and members past and present came together to reflect on successes and discuss future opportunities. It was also an occasion to formally recognise the commitment and achievements of Dave and Ruth Charlton who have coached the club over the last two decades.

Interested in joining the Jitsu Club which accepts students and alumni? Get in touch!

[Find out more](#)

BENEFITS



Santander Open Academy supports Higher Education Without Barriers

Northumbria University alumni have helped to raise funds to support the University's Higher Education Without Barriers Fund by signing up for the Santander Open Academy with Santander donating £1.20 to support the University's Higher Education Without Barriers Fund for every sign-up to the platform.

You can sign up to the platform and benefit from free training and development opportunities [here](#).

[Find out more and sign up](#)



Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships are an alternative route to attaining a full degree qualification, offering flexibility to combine university study with workplace learning through flexible, blended training programmes that meet business needs. We offer support for apprentices and employers, from workplace coaches to specialised resources and facilities, providing a nurturing environment for effective learning. Our [portfolio](#) provides the opportunity for employers to develop and retain their workforce whilst employees gain a full degree, or degree-level, qualification.

[Find out more here](#)



Recruit our graduates

Northumbria University places more graduates into highly skilled jobs in the North East than any other university, helping to power the regional economy.

Can your organisation offer an employment opportunity for one of our Class of 2024 graduates? Our graduates offer a blend of academic excellence and practical skills, making them valuable assets to any organisation. Smart Carbon are one of many organisations who have benefitted from this experience, you can [read more here](#).

[Contact us for more information](#)

EVENTS



REVEAL Degree Shows 2024

Northumbria University Degree Shows are a major highlight in the North East's cultural calendar. Reveal 2024 will showcase final year graduate work from across the University from artists, writers, filmmakers, creative professionals, ground-breaking designers, and architects.

Join us at our Newcastle Campus and external venues to see the broad range of upcoming talent and the leading names of tomorrow.

[Find out more and book your place at a show](#)



Postgraduate Lounge, 4 June 2024

Students and graduates interested in a postgraduate degree are invited to meet current postgraduate students to hear about their experiences, learn about career opportunities, funding, and research opportunities. The event on 4 June, 5.15pm - 8.00pm in the Business & Law Building at Newcastle City Campus East will include Law and Business graduate Wendy Amexo who studied Law, followed by Business & Management, who will share her own career journey and role as Data & Analytics Manager at Procter & Gamble.

[Book your place](#)



Babel Lecture 2024: 'Original Pronunciation - The sound of Shakespeare', 13 June 2024

What did Shakespeare's accent - and that of his actors and audience - sound like? What can we learn from hearing and speaking his works in that accent? And with no recordings or transcriptions available to us, how do we know? Actor and author Ben Crystal (Shakespeare's Words, Shakespeare on Toast) explores the fascinating 400-year-old sound of Shakespeare's plays and sonnets - Original Pronunciation - showing a world hidden beneath our modern accent readings full of rhyme, rhythm, and a very subtle humour.

[Book your place](#)



Rock Your Future - Careers Fest 24, 19 June 2024. Bookings now open!

Calling all recent graduates! Join the Graduate Futures Team at Careers Fest 24, the annual careers festival for final year students and graduates, on Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at Newcastle City Campus. Experience a day packed with career sessions, alumni insights, employer connections and networking opportunities. Book your place now and visit the [Careers Fest 24 webpage](#) for full details!

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GRADUATION

POSTGRADUATE OPEN DAY

Saturday 29th June, 10am - 3pm

Whether you are looking to change direction or deepen your knowledge to enhance your career, we have a Masters for you.

Discover your potential and take your career to the next level at Northumbria. Join us on-campus next month to explore the possibilities and speak with our professional support staff and academics who are here to guide and support you every step of the way.

REGISTER TODAY

 **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.



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