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# NEWS BULLETIN

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

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### Northumbria University News Spring edition

The first issue of 2023 shares plans for Northumbria's Centre for Health and Social Equity (CHASE) - a new, state-of-the-art hub featuring world-class clinical skills facilities, labs, and teaching at our City Campus in Newcastle. This edition also features the latest research news, including a solar scientist using artificial intelligence to predict space storms, a sustainable plastic alternative developed by Northumbria engineers and work to eradicate the use of torture during police interviews around the world.

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## FOCUS ON SPORT

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### Join us at our Northumbria University Sport Dinner

Join us for Northumbria University's Sport Dinner on Friday, 20 October 2023 at St James' Park, Newcastle to raise money for the Higher Education Without Barriers Fund. Launched in January 2022, the Fund has already raised £2.3m and over 2,000 students have benefitted from outreach activities, scholarships, hardship bursaries, mental health and wellbeing initiatives and student enterprise activities. If you are unable to come to the dinner, you can still support our students by [making a donation](#) to the Fund.

[Book now](#)



### **Northumbria University Cycle Challenge 2023**

As part of our Sport Dinner fundraising, a team of alumni, students, staff will cycle from Northumbria University's London Campus to the City Campus in Newcastle. Alongside this challenge, there will be opportunities for cyclists of all abilities to take part in an international virtual bike ride in the lead up to the dinner. Look out for more information on this in the coming weeks on our Alumni Association social media channels.

**[Watch this space](#)**



### **Support Northumbria's hockey pitch fundraiser**

Sport is an enabler of social mobility and is at the heart of the University's strategy to widen participation. We are working hard to help more students to pursue active lifestyles and develop their leadership skills. We have just launched a fundraiser for a new hockey pitch as the current pitch at Coach Lane is over 20 years old and no longer playable. The new sand-dressed pitch will ensure that students in the University's hockey club have access to the best possible facilities. Make a donation to help us raise vital funds to build this new pitch.

**[Donate now](#)**



### **Apply for our new Sport Scholarship**

To help students from all backgrounds succeed, we have launched a new sport scholarship to enable the next generation of coaches and officials to prosper. Our new sport scholarship will enable students to achieve their ambitions as sport leaders and it will support female coaches and officials in the first year of study. Women make up only 18% of qualified coaches and, despite recent developments, including women refereeing at the 2022 men's football World Cup, they remain under-represented in sport.

**Apply now for [Undergraduate](#) or [Postgraduate](#)**



### **Sport Coaching PhD studentship applications now open!**

As part of the Higher Education Without Barriers Campaign, funding has been secured for a PhD Studentship in the Department of Sport, Exercise & Rehabilitation. The PhD project: *'Competing with the boys: The technical, tactical, and physical demands of same - and mixed-gender competition in elite youth girl's football'* is currently open to applications. The outcomes of this work will help optimise the developmental journey of aspiring young female footballers around the globe.

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



### Northumbria's Rugby League win BUCS National Championship

The Rugby League Men's 1's Team were victorious at the Big BUCS Wednesday Tournament, winning the National Championship title. Northumbria were crowned champions against Leeds Beckett with a full-time score of 14-10. This is not the first time the team has achieved the championship; they have been successful in five consecutive competitions, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022, with no tournaments taking place in 2020 and 2021 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

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## YOUR ALUMNI BENEFITS

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### Graduate sets up Bedtime Bookshop

After graduating with an MSc Computer Science course in 2021, Daniel started his first Web Developer role in the retail industry. During this time, he co-founded Bedtime Bookshop, a company specialising in creating personalised children's books. Their software allows the book to feature a child's name and likeness throughout the story. The company also donates a portion of each sale to help buy books for children in disadvantaged areas around the UK. Daniel is offering fellow graduates a 20% discount on the book Nursery Rhyme Lane, until 29 August 2023 using the code **ALUMNI20**.

[Get your discount](#)

### Enhance your leadership skills

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### **Graduate Futures offers 36 new career resources!**

Graduate Futures are excited to announce the launch of 36 new e-learning support videos and articles on our Careers Online e-learning hub! In today's fast-paced and ever-changing job market, it is more important than ever to continue to manage your career in a proactive way. We know that this can make a real impact on future success and our exclusive career resources exist to develop your skills and knowledge to help you take control of and enhance your career.

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



### **Santander Negotiation Skills programme now open for applications!**

Santander Negotiation Skills offers 125 scholarships which provide free access to an intensive online programme designed to help people develop their negotiation skills and become more influential, persuasive, and impactful in their role. Participants will access the training, tools and skills needed to be an effective negotiator. The programme has Six weekly modules which can be completed in participants' own time and at their own pace.

**[Apply now](#)**

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

THINKING ABOUT DELVING DEEPER INTO YOUR SUBJECT?

At Northumbria, we are currently offering a wide range of scholarships, including the 2023 Enterprise-Rent-a-Car Sport Scholarship\*. Open to highly talented sports students of which five will be awarded £2,000 cash during their one-year Masters degree. Successful students will be eligible for an Alumni Discount\* too! \*T&C's apply.

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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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