



Highlights in this edition include...

- [Northumbria Tops Entrepreneurial Success League](#)
- [Paralympic Medal-Winning Heroes Celebrated at Northumbria](#)
- [Northumbria Showcases World-Class Medical Expertise](#)



SHAPE YOUR FUTURE WITH OUR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Are you keen to innovate and grow your business, develop your people or enhance your own knowledge?

We have a range of short courses and CPD opportunities that can give you the tools you need to make it happen. Our portfolio includes a variety of formats to suit you from single modules, block learning, blended learning to single day events. Or, if you're looking for a more tailored approach, we can also develop bespoke courses for your organisation.



CLASS OF 2016: CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT WILL BE CONTACTING YOU SOON

The Careers and Employment Service will be getting in touch with you if you graduated between 1 August 2016 and 31 December 2016. The University has to complete the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey and we can't do this without your help.

As a census the Careers Team will be looking to find out what you will be doing on **12 April 2017**. All graduates at every UK institution, whether in the UK or travelled overseas, are contacted and asked the same questions. Each institution is also asked to achieve very high response rates. This enables the government, employers and future

Investing in CPD will enable you to keep pace with the latest knowledge and developments, helping you stay ahead of the competition.

With over £52 million further investment to create outstanding new facilities and being the number one university in the North East for good industry connections, Northumbria University is perfectly placed to help you shape your future. For more information and a full list of CPD courses click 'Read more' or email the [CPD team](#).

students to get a really accurate picture of the graduate labour market.

Whether you're in employment, further study or taking time out to travel or doing something else we would really appreciate your help. It's really easy to do and only takes a couple of minutes.

[Read more](#)

[Read more](#)

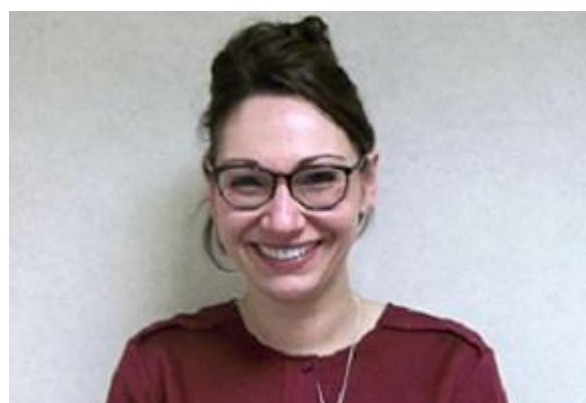


See where our alumni are now...



Name: Devanraj Letchumanan
Course: MSc Microelectronics & Communication
Graduation Year: 2010
Title/Company: Senior Failure Analysis R&D Engineer, Intel Corporation

[Read more](#)



Name: Amy Foweather
Course: LLB (Hons) Legal Practice Course
Graduation Year: 2008
Title/Company: Solicitor, Stowe Family Law LLP

[Read more](#)



Name: Lyn Bryan
Course: BA Multimedia Design
Graduation Year: 2004
Title/Company: Managing Director, 6S

[Read more](#)



Name: Mohamed Fahd Samath
Course: MSc Project Management
Graduation Year: 2012
Title/Company: Contracts Manager, Dorsch Qatar

[Read more](#)

Want to inspire the next generation of Northumbria students?

To help future students make the right choice and apply to Northumbria University, we're asking alumni to share memories of their time at University and explain how being at Northumbria gave their career the edge. By featuring alumni on our website and in our communications we hope to inspire the next generation of Northumbria students.

Please complete this [form](#), and upload a portrait head and shoulders profile image of yourself as a jpeg. It should only take you ten minutes to complete but could make a real difference to someone's future.

Recommend a friend or family member and get paid!

[Discover more](#)

northumbria UNIVERSITY NEWCASTLE

2017/18 Academic Year

Spotlight on...



NORTHUMBRIA GRADUATE WINS INTERNSHIP IN PARLIAMENT

A History graduate is using his internship in the House of Commons to help raise awareness of Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis.

Euan Macfarlane, who graduated last year with an MA in History from Northumbria, has suffered from Inflammatory Bowel Disease since he was a teenager. After graduating, Euan won a prestigious internship at Westminster as part of a five-month programme. He will be working at the House of Commons five days a week in the office of Melanie Onn, MP for Great Grimsby.

The internship programme is designed to immerse interns in the Parliamentary process and provides invaluable experience for their future careers. Euan's role involves a work programme for an All Party Parliamentary Group on IBD.

[Read more](#)



NORTHUMBRIA TOPS ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS LEAGUE



GRADUATE COMPLETES 1,800-MILE GANGES PADDLE BOARD EXPEDITION

A Northumbria graduate has become one of the first people to paddle board the entire length of the River Ganges as part of an expedition designed to raise awareness of pollution.

Spike Reid, a Design for Industry graduate and former president of Northumbria Students' Union, spent 98 days travelling more than 1,800 miles along the Ganges - the most polluted big river in the world.

As well as raising money for WaterAid India, Spike hopes the challenge will encourage people to think about pollution in their own local rivers, including the River Tyne in the North East, where he lived for five years.

[Read more](#)



GRADUATES & SMALLER, LOCAL BUSINESSES BENEFIT FROM NEBS FUNDING

Northumbria University, Newcastle, is the UK's top ranked university for start-ups based on turnover from graduate businesses.

According to the latest report by the Higher Education Business and Community Interaction Survey (HEBCIS), turnover from Northumbria graduate businesses for 2015/16 reached £69.2 million - almost £25 million more than the second placed institution. Rising to the top from third place in 2014/15 reflects the entrepreneurial flair of Northumbria students and graduates, and the strength of the University's support for enterprise.

With HEBCIS also reporting a modest fall in the number graduate start-ups last year, 3,890 against 4,000 the previous year, Northumbria's success shows the sustainability of its graduate businesses and the quality of University support. Services such as [Student and Graduate Enterprise](#), which provides enterprise skills training and free start-up support, are helping Northumbria graduates out-perform the sector.

When considering careers options after graduating thoughts often go towards Graduate Programmes operated by large, often multinational employers.

For Tom Leslie, a 2016 Design for Industry graduate, he was seeking to start to build his career and has found that opportunity with James Design. James Design is a small business based in Newcastle that designs and makes a wide variety of high quality, made-to-order furniture for business and domestic customers. Before appointing Tom, James Design employed only two staff one of which was owner Nick James.

To enable James Design to employ Tom the business secured a six month graduate internship grant, part of the Northumbria Enterprise & Business Support project (NEBS) funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Owner Nick James said: "The NEBS project from Northumbria is extremely useful, both for me as a small business able to take on talented staff like Tom, and for the graduates themselves looking for the right opportunity and experience.

[Read more](#)

[Read more](#)



OPEN DAYS
Fri 30 June & Sat 1 July
REGISTER NOW



[In brief...](#)



PARALYMPIC MEDAL-WINNING HEROES CELEBRATED AT NORTHUMBRIA

Northumbria University has raised tens of thousands of pounds to support continued excellence in disability sport after four of its students brought home six medals from the Paralympic Games in Rio.

An impressive £92,000 was raised at a special black tie event to formally celebrate the success of the University's Paralympian students and alumnus Stephen Miller MBE at the 2016 Games.

The student athletes were guests of honour at Northumbria's fundraising dinner and auction 'Faster, Higher, Stronger: A Celebration of Sporting Excellence' which was held at the University's City Campus, in Newcastle.

The money raised will go towards the University's 'Faster, Higher, Stronger' fund, providing Disability Sport Scholarships for elite athletes studying and training at Northumbria; research opportunities to create and apply knowledge about sport performance, health and wellbeing; and specialist equipment and technology to enable more students to participate in sport at Northumbria.

[Read more](#)



DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP ADVICE ON OFFER AT NORTHUMBRIA

Businesses across the North East are being invited to find out more about degree apprenticeships during a series of events taking place at Northumbria University, Newcastle.

Government-backed degree apprenticeship qualifications allow students to gain a degree while working at the same time, with business of all sizes across a wide variety of sectors able to benefit from employing a degree apprentice.

Northumbria was one of the first UK universities to offer degree apprenticeships and is now running a number of advice and drop-in sessions explaining more about the qualifications and how they can add value to employers.

The events will also give businesses the chance to find out more about the Apprenticeship Levy, which came into force on 1 April 2017.

The first event took place on 29 March 2017 and was aimed at local SMEs, giving them an opportunity to find out more about new and existing degree apprenticeship opportunities offered by Northumbria.

[Read more](#)



NORTHUMBRIA GRADUATES' STAR PERFORMANCE LEADS TO VENUS SUCCESS

A documentary by Northumbria University students, which examines the issues of disability and female empowerment through the story of a female drag queen, has won a prestigious industry award.

Venus, by Faye Carr-Wilson and Magenta Sharp, was named winner of the Hiive Future Film Award at this year's British Film Institute (BFI) Future Film Festival.

It tells the story of female drag performer Venus Dimilo and her experience as a woman in a male dominated culture and a disabled woman in society, through the art and community of drag performance.

Out of almost 200 submissions, Venus was one of just five shortlisted for the award, which aims to recognise the next generation of short filmmakers.

[Read more](#)



NATIONAL TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR NORTHUMBRIA'S STUDENT LAW OFFICE

Northumbria University's Student Law Office has won a national award in recognition of its work providing students with an excellent professional education through a project which offers free legal services to the public.

Every year more than 200 students and around 25 staff provide thousands of hours of pro bono legal advice to businesses, community groups and individuals, delivering a much-needed service, raising awareness of access to justice and giving students valuable real-life work experience.

Now this work has been recognised by the Higher Education Academy, with the Student Law Office winning a Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE) - a new award which celebrates collaborative work in teaching and learning and highlights innovative practice which supports student learning.

[Read more](#)



FIRST STUDENTS IN THE UK DUE TO GRADUATE FROM A NEW PRE-NURSING COURSE

Eleven nursing students from the North East are to become some of the first students in the UK to graduate after completing a new pre-nurse training programme delivered by Northumbria University, Newcastle and the NHS.

The new programme was introduced in 2013 as part of a national pilot scheme by the NHS education and training arm, Health Education England. The programme was set up following a report into care failings at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust. The aim is to provide aspiring nurse students with experience in caring by working as a paid healthcare assistant for up to a year before starting a degree to see if nursing is the right career choice for them.

Northumbria University is one of only six universities nationally and the only one in the North East to successfully deliver the pre-nursing programme, which was introduced as a pilot by Health Education England.

[Read more](#)



NORTHUMBRIA LEADING €4M RESEARCH TO ENGINEER A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Researchers from Northumbria University are heading up a €4M (£3.3M) project to develop a revolutionary new heating and power system using solar energy.

Innova MicroSolar is a four-year Horizon 2020-funded collaborative research project coordinated by Northumbria, which aims to develop a high

NORTHUMBRIA STUDENTS RETURN FROM UK DISASTER RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Students from Northumbria's Disaster and Development society recently attended the first UK Alliance for Disaster Research (UKADR) conference at Kings College, London.

The conference saw researchers and funders join government and policy makers from the across UK and overseas to discuss how they can influence thinking on UK policy and research funding.

The overarching theme of the event was 'What are the areas of data, knowledge and capacity that research funders should prioritise to maintain UK's international science leadership and responsibility under the Sendai Framework?'

Northumbria's Disaster Development Society, comprised of students enrolled on the University's MSc Disaster Management and Sustainable Development degree, helped represent the views of young people on Disaster Risk Reduction.

[Read more](#)



NORTHUMBRIA SHOWCASES WORLD-CLASS MEDICAL EXPERTISE

Northumbria University hosted a delegation of leading medical doctors from China as part of a programme to learn more about medical education in the UK.

The delegation from Shandong Province spent seven-days with Northumbria Health and Life Science staff at the University's Coach Lane campus to gain oversight of the profile structure and function of health care services in the UK. The

performance yet cost effective solar heat and power system.

This technology could be used in homes and businesses around the world, lowering costs and protecting the environment through reduced greenhouse gas emissions. The research involves nine academic and industrial consortium members from the UK, Spain, France and Italy with expertise in turbines, mirror solar energy concentrating collectors, advanced heat pipe technology, phase change materials and smart control units for integration of solar thermal and power and boiler heating circuits.

It is being led by Professor Khamid Mahkamov, an expert in Thermo-Mechanical Energy Conversion Systems, who is based in Northumbria's Department of Mechanical and Construction Engineering.

group was made up of 18 senior practitioners from hospitals across Shandong Province, situated in East China.

The seven-day programme was delivered in partnership with Health Education England North East (HEENE) the aim of which was to explore current policy drivers and influences on medical and health education in the UK. It was also to increase their understanding of a range of quality measures and supervision in the NHS training system including the role of the General Medical Council.

Speakers during the week included Professor Namita Kumar, Postgraduate Dean at HEENE and Consultant Rheumatologist in County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

[Read more](#)

[Read more](#)

Events

30 May
-
3 June



Performing Arts Degree Show 2017 - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

June
4-7



Graduate Fashion Week & Catwalk Show - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

June
12-16



Summer Academy in Contemporary Challenges to International Criminal Justice - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

June
12



Media Gala Showcase 2017 - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

15 June
-
1 July



REVEAL 2017 - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

June
17



Pro Vice-Chancellor's Singapore Alumni Networking Reception - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

northumbria.ac.uk/alumni



