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See where our alumni are now...



Name: Idelia Ferdinand
Course: PhD Disaster Management & Sustainable Development
Graduation Year: 2013
Title/Company: Senior Education Officer, Ministry of Education (St. Vincent & the Grenadines)

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Name: Kerry Rulton
Course: BSc (Hons) Psychology & MRes Psychology
Graduation Year: 2013 & 2014
Title/Company: Demonstrator, Northumbria University

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Name: Rachael Martin
Course: BA (Hons) Primary Education
Graduation Year: 2014
Title/Company: Teacher, Northburn Primary School



Name: Xin Li
Course: BSc (Hons) Business Information Management
Graduation Year: 2008
Title/Company: Executive Director, Aron Capital Management Company Ltd.

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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.

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STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FURTHER FROM SANTANDER UNIVERSITIES PARTNERSHIP

Santander is to provide nearly £100,000 of funding in 2017 to support Northumbria students, alumni and staff with new learning and employability opportunities.

Funding will be used to support a number of projects including creating internship opportunities for students and alumni; providing international exchange and mobility opportunities for both students and staff; and creating international travel opportunities for disadvantaged students in order to broaden horizons.

The partnership is now in its second year and has already benefited a wide range of students and staff, with Santander recent opening a bank on campus to provide services to students, staff and the wider community.

Northumbria is also to host for the first time the northern final of the Santander Universities Entrepreneurship Awards as one of only three partner universities from across the UK to be chosen.

This is an annual business pitching competition aimed at giving a financial boost to student and graduate business ventures in their early stages and all eligible partner universities can attend with the opportunity to win cash prizes, mentoring and start-up support. To enter or find out more [click here](#).

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FREE OFFICE SPACE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE HATCHERY

The University's [Student and Graduate Enterprise](#) (SGE) service provides free start-up support for Northumbria graduates (up to 5 years) who want to start their own business, be self-employed or grow an existing business of their own*.

SGE can provide free support to graduates at every stage of the business from idea to launch through to scaling up. The unique service is based on bespoke mentoring and free office space on campus.* Specialist industry mentors in areas such as marketing, finance and legal work with you on a one to one basis to ensure advice given is tailored to your business needs. This can include tangible outcomes such as a set of terms and conditions for your website or a contract for your clients, not just advice.

The bespoke mentoring service is complemented with the opportunity to apply for free office space on campus in Newcastle city centre*. The Hatchery houses a number of graduate start-up businesses providing a positive and supportive environment. Start-ups based in The Hatchery can take advantage of free facilities such as ICT, broadband, dedicated telephone and access to meeting rooms. To find out more about how you can get free office space click 'read more' below.

**T&Cs apply and free office space is provided subject to availability.*

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ALUMNUS CREATES EXCITING STUDENT BURSARY OPPORTUNITY

A bursary set up by alumnus Paul Winters, will provide a life enhancing opportunity for an incoming sociology student.

Paul graduated with a BSc (Hons) degree in Sociology in 1974 after studying at Northumbria University's predecessor institution, Newcastle Polytechnic, but has recently reconnected with his university.

Northumbria provides an outstanding student and learning experience, attracting the most talented students irrespective of background so this new bursary supports our ambition, enhances our student offer and enables Paul to give something back to his institution whilst reconnecting with current students.

Paul also recently visited Northumbria to provide a guest lecture to geography students in the area of consumer profiling. If, like Paul, you would like to support students [click here](#) to find out more.

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REMINDER: 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 January 2016 and 31 July 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 January 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 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.

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POSTGRADUATE OPEN DAYS
Wednesday 8th and Saturday 11th March

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WORLD AUTHORITIES ON ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES

Leading figures who have made an impact in the world of business and engineering were recognised at Northumbria University during the Winter Congregation Ceremonies.

Professor Dame Ann Dowling, the first female President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, and Dr W.A. Wijewardena, the former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, will both receive honorary doctorates during Northumbria's December graduation ceremonies.

The recipients of honorary degrees are nominated by the University's staff for their achievements, their links to the University - and for their sheer inspirational qualities.

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NORTHUMBRIA INVITES EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN LEVERHULME EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS

Northumbria University will support a number of applications to the Leverhulme Trust's Early Career Fellowships (ECF) scheme in the 2017 competition.

The scheme offers funding for outstanding early-career researchers who have not held a full-time permanent post in a UK university. Fellowships are funded for three years and offer research expenses of up to £6,000 per year.

We are inviting expressions of interest from early-career researchers interested in collaborating with us on our Multidisciplinary Research Themes. Northumbria University offers a stimulating research environment and was ranked highly in [REF 2014](#).

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NORTHUMBRIA SHOWCASE SPORTING LEGACY

Northumbria University made giant strides in strengthening the 'alumni family' - hosting the first ever Northumbria Sport Legacy Cup.

On Saturday 14 January Northumbria students, past and present, gathered at Coach Lane to compete in a no-holds barred cup competition. An array of Team Northumbria clubs got involved, as well as a considerable number of former Northumbria students who'd travelled from all over the globe to relive their university experience.

Much of the credit must go to student Sport President Emily Watkinson, who was the driving force behind setting up the event. Speaking of this she commented:

"It was one of my ideas at the start of the year, I wanted to accomplish setting up the Legacy Cup because we've always wanted to do it. It's not just about the sport, we've linked up with the Alumni Association and really tried to make it a university event that's as much about the competitors as the spectators, who all made amazing efforts to come."

To receive all the latest sporting news and events information or to get involved in future events why not join our [Black and Reds Supporters Club](#).

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NORTHUMBRIA GRADUATE OPTIMISES SME SUCCESS

Northumbria University recently welcomed back Ethical Hacking graduate and Founder of Karma Computing, Chris Simpson, to the University to deliver a workshop on 'Growing Your Business with Digital Marketing' to SMEs.

Chris was supported by the University's free start-up support service, the [Student and Graduate Enterprise](#), to start his own business and was able to take advantage of the free office space and bespoke mentoring services. Chris' business is going from strength to strength and has recently been accepted on to the world's largest free business accelerator for early stage and growing ventures.

Speaking of the service Chris commented, "Thanks to Student and Graduate Enterprise's support, Karma Computing has been able to flourish. Start-ups need a lot of bespoke advice on tackling business challenges which is why mentoring is so valuable. Where Northumbria is taking the lead is in its mentoring services which directly impact real businesses."

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NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY TO EXPAND DEGREE APRENTICESHIP PROVISION

Northumbria University has announced a major £240,000 investment to expand its degree apprenticeships into the architecture, surveying and construction, digital and leadership and management sectors.

The University has successfully secured £140,000 from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) to expand its existing work-based learning provision.

Northumbria was one of the first universities in the UK to offer government-supported degree apprenticeships. These specialist courses are co-designed with employers to ensure they are providing the skills that industry is looking for.

Students enrolled on degree apprenticeships are employed and divide their time between the workplace and flexible university study. To find out more about how your business could benefit click 'read more' below.

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THE FUTURE OF ARCHITECTURE IS IN SAFE HANDS AT NORTHUMBRIA

A Northumbria University student has won first prize at a national award ceremony for his inclusive and mature architectural design.

Masters of Architecture student Simon Ward was presented with the £2,000 National Student Designer Award at the Association for Project Safety (APS) National Awards in London in recognition of his work. The awards are intended to encourage continuous improvement in design and recognise excellence in Design and Construction Risk Management with Design professions.

The brief asked students to outline how their design project contributed to reducing and managing risks in the preservation and eventual deconstruction of the building. Students were also challenged to consider pioneering ways in which the risks could be reduced or managed if they could not be eradicated.

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LIGHTING THE FUSE FOR CREATIVE TALENT IN THE NORTH EAST

A £4m project which will unlock the potential of the North East's creative, digital and IT (CDIT) sector was officially launched on Thursday 1 December 2016.

Creative Fuse North East is a unique partnership between the region's five universities - Northumbria, Newcastle, Durham, Sunderland and Teesside. Specialist academics and staff will work with industry, cultural organisations, charities and the public sector to explore how CDIT firms complement and add value to each other, sharing best practice and encouraging the adoption of new innovative working practices. This will ensure the sector becomes more resilient and grows faster - creating more and better jobs for the region.

The project, which is led by Newcastle University, was launched by former Minister of State for Culture and the Digital Economy, the Right Hon Ed Vaizey MP, who has been appointed Chairman of the Creative Fuse North East Advisory Board.

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN AS A NURSE THE NORTHUMBRIA WAY

People with a healthcare background seeking a new challenge in 2017 are being given the chance to train to be nurses in the North East on a unique programme.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Northumbria University, Newcastle have

PARTNERSHIP BRINGS EUROPE'S TOP BASKETBALL PLAYERS TO NORTHUMBRIA

Up to 80 professional basketball players from all corners of Europe will be coming to Northumbria University, Newcastle, next summer to help build a career beyond their playing days.

On the 8 July, both male and female players representing every European country will spend an intensive week of learning at Northumbria's Newcastle Business School, which will culminate in a Leadership and Management degree from the University.

Time-Out is the first project of its kind that is designed exclusively for basketball players and has secured considerable funding from the European Union Erasmus+ Programme. Northumbria was chosen by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Europe because of its international reputation for pioneering learning and academic excellence and in 2015 it was named UK Business School of the Year in The Times Higher Education Awards.

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EUROPEAN STUDENTS EXPAND THEIR HORIZONS AT NORTHUMBRIA

Students from Italy, The Netherlands, Romania and Spain joined Gateshead College students for a series of interactive talks hosted by Department of Geography at Northumbria University.

On 1 December 2016, the diverse international group was welcomed by lecturers and

teamed up to give those with substantial healthcare experience and academic study in the nursing and healthcare sector the opportunity to become nurses in 18 months.

Starting in March 2017 the full-time work-based course will lead to a BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies/ Registered Nurse (Adult) degree which is recognised by professional regulatory body the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Applications are now being taken, [click here](#) for more information.

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TWINS ON A MISSION TO RAISE STAGGERING £100,000 FOR THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

Northumbria University alumnus Jonathan Stretton-Downes and his twin brother David are aiming to raise £100,000 with the 'Six Times Open' campaign, inspired by Jonathan's sixth heart surgery in Newcastle's Freeman Hospital in early 2017. The main aim of the 12-month campaign is to raise awareness and funds for the British Heart Foundation's research of cardiovascular disease.

The 'Six Times Open' campaign launched on Friday 18 November at the National Gallery in London, numerous events and activities are planned to take place throughout the calendar year, both around the UK and internationally with support from many partners such as the NHS, British Airways and Ross Edgley.

Brothers, Jonathan and David are passionate about encouraging people to be as positive as they can be about living with heart disease, stating that "events such as this don't have to define who you are or dictate your life".

researchers from Northumbria, who shared their knowledge and expertise in a series of workshops on managing the urban environment with a particular focus on developing students' employment skills.

Academics covered topics ranging from Environmental Impact Assessment to Electric Energy and Transport, allowing students to produce a creative development plan, implementing posters/ film production, for their chosen city.

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NORTHUMBRIA TO DEVISE NEW GLOBAL ECO-INNOVATION SYSTEM FOR NORTH EAST

Northumbria University, Newcastle, is collaborating with one of the world's top universities to devise a new global eco-innovation system for the North East.

The partnership with Tsinghua University, based in Beijing, and start-up funding provider Cocoon Networks, was initiated by Professor Yu Xiong of Northumbria' Newcastle Business School.

It was announced as part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing agreement between Tsinghua University Science Park Group (TusPark Group) and Newcastle City Council to help forge closer ties between the North East and China.

Founded in 1911, Tsinghua University consistently tops a range of international higher education rankings, the latest US News world rank put it as No. 1 globally for engineering.

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Events

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Public Lecture Series: Professor Glyn Howatson - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

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TARGETpostgrad Study & Funding Fair - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

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Public Lecture Series: MDRT Lecture Professor Alister Scott - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

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Faster, Higher, Stronger: Celebration of Sporting Excellence - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

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Public Lecture Series: Professor Michael Jopling - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

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Public Lecture Series: Professor Becky Strachan - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

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