

# INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY TEAM



## Alejandra Vicencio - Head of International Mobility

Alejandra manages all aspects of the international mobility programmes for students, along with funding and international partner relationships. After moving from Chile and working in international education for over 20 years, Alejandra is extremely passionate about internationalising higher education.



## Andy Garton - Employability Coordinator

Andy is the coordinator for the outbound semester & full-year Study Abroad programmes. He has worked at Northumbria University for 25 years, 18 of those years in International Mobility. He studied German, French & Dutch at university, and spent a year of his degree in Germany & France.



## Lucy Armstrong - Employability Coordinator

Lucy supports International Short Programmes for students, promoting programmes that take place over the summer. She also manages the Turing funding and supports the application. Lucy has worked at Northumbria for 10 years, primarily in International roles, using her wealth of experience to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds.



## Laurie Brewster - Employability Administrator

Laurie joined the team in 2023 and works with Lucy to promote and facilitate International Short programmes for students. Laurie is a Northumbria Graduate, using his first class degree in Marketing Management to manage the International Mobility Team's marketing strategy. During his studies he took part in a year exchange to ESIC Business and Marketing School in Madrid.

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Northumbria is a research-intensive, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic excellence. It is based in the heart of Newcastle upon Tyne, which is regularly voted the best place in the UK for students. The University has its origins in the Rutherford College, founded in 1880. Today, by putting students at the heart of an outstanding experience, and with world leading research and award-winning partnerships, Northumbria is a new kind of excellent university.

# NORTHUMBRIA SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## **Professor Andy Long - Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive**

Professor Andy Long completed a PhD in Mechanical Engineering at Nottingham University and has been Northumbria University Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive since September 2022. Andy has a learned understanding of the benefits of international mobility, as his daughter studied abroad in 2022, making him a big advocate for global opportunities.



## **Naomi Gray - Wellbeing Manager, Northumbria Students Union**

Naomi is the Wellbeing Manager for Northumbria Students Union, working to reduce risk areas and support students. She has nine years of experience working with adults and teens in both group and one to one settings, as well as running a relationships and sex education programme in schools. Naomi's passion is to embed wellbeing across all areas of life, tackle unacceptable behaviour and champion individuals in their passions.



## **Vicky Blacklock - Wellbeing Coordinator**

Vicky is an experienced Higher Education professional, having worked in the sector for over a decade. Her area of focus is working with current students to understand how their experience at Northumbria can be more inclusive now and in the future. A key part of her role is to elevate, listen and respond to the student voice of those from underrepresented groups. She facilitates partnerships between staff and students to address key themes within access, success and progression with a focus on closing the feedback loop.



## **John Booth-Carey - Student Inclusion Consultant**

John is a second year Law student at Northumbria and has worked as an SIC for one year after finding it difficult to access support for exams in his first year of studies. As an SIC, John helps to improve the University experience for all students, as well as gaining valuable skills and knowledge for his future career.



## **Jenna Tudor - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Manager**

Jenna leads on Northumbria's work towards an Advance HE Race Equality Charter (REC) submission, working with colleagues across the University to undertake our race equality self-assessment and drive change. As Secretary for our Race Equality Steering Group, Jenna works collaboratively with our Race Equality Consultative Group and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Network. Jenna works hard to ensure that race equality is considered in colleague's interactions and their work at Northumbria.

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# EXTERNAL SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## **Marijke van Oppen - Cross Cultural Trainer in Higher Education**

Marijke has over 25 years experience as Policymaker and Senior Educational Consultant in the field of: Quality of Education, Internationalisation and Teacher development. Marijke has ran her own company since 1986 supporting universities in the Netherlands and beyond with internationalisation, diversity and inclusion.



## **Tom Whitehead - Director, Think Pacific**

Tom is Passionate about students gaining International experience, cultural understanding and expanding their skills through global mobility programmes, whilst positively contributing to sustainable development in Asia & The Pacific. We work with over 100+ universities globally and have supported over 8000+ student mobilities.

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