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NEWS BULLETIN

In this edition, we're celebrating the achievements of Northumbria graduates making a difference in their professions, communities and beyond, while sharing the **latest University news and developments**. You'll also discover opportunities to reconnect, support the next generation of Northumbria students, and stay involved with the Northumbria community.

Every Northumbria journey is different. Some of you are just beginning new adventures, while others are building on years of experience, leading change or exploring new opportunities. What connects us is the knowledge, experiences and **lifelong connections we share through Northumbria**.

We hope the stories in these pages celebrate the breadth of our alumni community, inspire you wherever you are in life, and remind you that **Northumbria will always be part of your story and you'll always be part of ours**.

[Share your memories of Northumbria](#) and let us know how your experience here shaped what you did next.

AROUND NORTHUMBRIA



North East stars among leaders honoured at Northumbria's Summer congregations

Northumbria University awarded honorary degrees to 14 distinguished individuals at its summer graduation ceremonies, in recognition of their outstanding achievements across the worlds of screen and stage, sport, science, business, law and the creative arts. Those to cross the stage included award-winning actress Jilly Halfpenny, cricketer Mark Wood, and Academy Award-winning screenwriter Peter Straughan.

[Read the full story](#)

THE
NORTHEdit
OUTNOW



Northumbria launches first edition of The North Edit magazine

Designed to highlight the genuine life-changing impact Northumbria is having on individuals, on the North East, and beyond, each edition of [The North Edit](#) will feature stories on some of the most pressing challenges of our time, from climate change to artificial intelligence, alongside stories that celebrate student and graduate successes.

The North Edit marks a deliberate evolution from Northumbria University News, the newspaper which has been produced to share stories from the University for more than a decade.

[Read the first edition of The North Edit](#)



Opening the doors for adult learners at Northumbria University

Northumbria has partnered with Cambridge Education Group to launch The Bridge - a flexible, employment-focused pathway to a university degree, designed for adults without traditional entry qualifications. Whether you went straight into work after school, completed an apprenticeship, or have caring responsibilities that make a traditional study route difficult to manage, The Bridge is designed to be built around learners' lives, not the other way around.

[Read the full story](#)



Improving diabetes care for young adults

Researchers at Northumbria University will lead a major study aimed at helping GP practices across England provide better care for young adults living with type 2 diabetes. Around 65,000 young adults aged 18-39 across England currently have blood sugar levels above safe targets, putting them at increased risk of serious health problems including heart disease, difficulties with conception and premature death. The £1.3 million project, funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), will tackle a significant and growing health challenge.

[Read the full story](#)

GRADUATE IMPACT



Top 10 for graduate enterprise

Graduate businesses founded by Northumbria University students and alumni are generating an estimated £166.7 million in annual turnover and supporting 1,645 jobs across the UK, as the University marks its 17th consecutive year in the UK top 10 for graduate enterprise. The University ranks 8th in the UK and 1st in the North East for the number of jobs those active firms support, and 6th in the UK and 2nd in the North East for their estimated turnover. It is also placed 16th in the UK – and 1st in the North East - for external investment raised by graduate businesses.

[Read the full story](#)



Success for businesses on the Female Founders programme

Ten entrepreneurs from Northumbria's Incubator Hub recently took part in the Susan Dobson Memorial Trust's Female Founders programme and received monetary support for their businesses. Projects like this are being funded with money raised by the University's fundraising campaign, Higher Education Without Barriers.

[Find out how you can get involved](#)



Creative talent shines at Graduate Fashion Week

Final-year Fashion students from Northumbria University have once again been recognised at Graduate Fashion Week in London after an impressive 31 students were shortlisted for accolades. During a packed week of masterclasses, workshops, exhibitions and catwalk shows, Northumbria students picked up a series of awards and commendations across categories spanning illustration, textiles, business, marketing, sustainability, childrenswear and catwalk shows.

[Read the full story](#)

STAY CONNECTED



Join us at our next social event in Mauritius

Northumbria's Alumni Association is hosting a networking evening at the Voilà Hotel Bagatelle in Mauritius on Saturday 10 October from 5pm to 6:30pm local time. Reconnect with the Northumbria community and expand your professional network while enjoying drinks and a buffet in a relaxed setting. We look forward to meeting you.

[Register your attendance](#)



More students than ever get active at Northumbria

Northumbria Sport has enjoyed a phenomenal year, with a record 2,780 student members across 37 sports clubs. Our Rugby League (Men's and Women's) and Boxing (Men's) teams are ranked number one nationally in their respective BUCS Leagues, helping Northumbria achieve 21st place overall. Feeling inspired? As a graduate, you get discounted membership for our state-of-the-art Sport Central facilities.

[Sign up as an Associate Member](#)



Graduate Jobs and Placements Fair 2026

Register your interest in a stand at the Graduate Jobs and Placements Fair 2026 hosted by Graduate Futures on Tuesday 20 October 2026 from 10.30am to 3pm in Sport Central at Northumbria University's city campus. 2025 was the biggest fair to date with more than 2,100 students in attendance. The fair is an ideal opportunity to build brand visibility and meet potential future hires face-to-face - it remains a campus highlight for employers.

[Register now](#)



Northumbria's Christmas social calendar

You and your family are invited to Northumbria University's Carol Service on Tuesday, 15 December 2026. The service will take place at 6.30pm in Newcastle Cathedral, St Nicholas Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1PF, and will be followed by light festive refreshments.

On Tuesday 17th November, we are collaborating with Northumbria Students' Union for a Festive Market and Christmas Lights Switch On at Newcastle City Campus. There will be market stalls as well as festive food and drink. The official light switch-on will be around 16:15pm to ring in the festive season. We hope to see you there.

[Find out more about the Carol Service](#)

[Find out more about the Christmas Lights Switch On](#)



Interested in becoming an Alumni Volunteer?

Our alumni have a wealth of first-hand experience and advice to offer students and fellow graduates for the opportunities ahead. You have the chance to give back to the Northumbria community through delivering lectures, leading a network, mentoring, providing a placement and more! Become an Alumni Ambassador and help shape the next generation.

[Find out more](#)

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING



Chloe & Liam Leaders Big Give Campaign 2026

Northumbria University are working with the Chloe and Liam Together Forever Trust to take part in the Big Give Christmas 2026 challenge, raising money for the Chloe & Liam Leaders programme - a new sport and performing arts programme that will equip local young people facing hardship with qualifications, leadership skills, and the confidence to deliver activities in their own communities. As part of our application, we are asking supporters of Northumbria to make pledges that will be used as match funds to double online donations made by the public during the campaign.

[Find out more and pledge](#)



Support Northumbria graduate's charity run through Scotland

Michael Long of Expedia Group is running from Perth, Scotland to Glasgow, raising money for Little Bags. Over three days, Michael will travel around 65 miles and is calling for donations to support the cause. Little Bags provides bags of essential items and small comforts to people facing crisis, hardship, illness, homelessness, or unexpected challenges.

[Find out more and donate](#)



London to Paris. 250 miles. One great cause

Colleagues from our partner Hachette UK are cycling 250 miles from London to Paris over four days in September. They're raising funds for the National Literacy Trust, supporting Hachette's Raising Readers mission to get more children reading for pleasure and help parents build a simple 10-minute-a-day reading habit at home. If you'd like to support them on their travels, you can donate and be part of the ride.

[Find out more and donate](#)

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY WITH US.

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GRADUATION



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.



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!



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 a graduate or former member of staff for inclusion, please email alumni@northumbria.ac.uk.



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