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PARALYMPIC CHAMPION, BARONESS TANNI GREY-THOMPSON, NAMED AS CHANCELLOR & YOU ARE INVITED TO HER INAUGURATION

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson as Northumbria's new Chancellor. Baroness Grey-Thompson takes up her duties on 27 July 2015 and succeeds Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington, former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, who has served the University with distinction in this role over two five-year terms.

We would like to invite you to attend the Chancellor's inauguration, which is taking place on Thursday 1 October 2015. For further details and to register your interest please email the [Alumni Relations Team](#).

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NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY HONOURS INSPIRATIONAL FIGURES AND STUDENTS ALIKE AT SUMMER CONGREGATION CEREMONIES

Over the past week more than 6,000 students have joined our global family of alumni, celebrating the successful completion of their respective programmes at Northumbria University's Congregation Ceremonies. Watch our new film [here](#) which celebrates some of the ways our alumni stay in touch with the University and highlights our Alumni Association benefits.

As part of this summer's Congregation celebrations, Lord Charles Falconer and Baroness Susan Greenfield have received honorary degrees.

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ALUMNUS JOHNNY MCKINSTRY GOES AFTER HIS GOALS

Johnny McKinstry never imagined that studying a BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science with Coaching degree at Northumbria University would lead to a dream job working as the National Coach for Rwanda's international football team at just 29 years old. After realising he didn't have what it would take to have a career as a professional footballer, he decided to look for other opportunities to work in the game which led to him studying at Northumbria.

Taking advantage of the opportunities available to expand his coaching experience outside of his studies he has worked with a variety of youth teams and professional teams including the New York Red Bulls. Johnny is currently completing his Pro-Licence at level 5 which will enable him to coach at top European league levels.

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CREATE, INNOVATE, COLLABORATE - APPLY TODAY

Design-led innovation has the potential to redefine the way we live, the way we do business and the way we create our future. At Northumbria, we believe that the realisation of ideas as truly transformative isn't a solo act. It's collaborative and multidisciplinary. It relies on individual growth and a willingness to work with others to venture into the unknown.

Northumbria University is currently considering applications to the MA/MSc Multidisciplinary Innovation course, and welcome those from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds to apply. Successful applicants will be part of a fast-paced, dynamic and creative environment working on a range of commercial and social innovation projects with external organisations.

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BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday 27 May 2015 Northumbria Alumni Association hosted an exclusive Golden Jubilee alumni reception and public lecture to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Building Services Engineering education.

The anniversary event featured a public lecture by eminent alumnus Gavin Thompson entitled 'Drawing Relative Humidity - the craft of the Building Services Engineer and its future influence on our society' which centred around Gavin's extensive experiences in the field and the engaging story of his rise within the industry.

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TRANSFERRING SKILLS FROM MASTERS TO PHD

Postgraduate study opens up a wide range of career paths for students. For those with a keen interest in academic research, and the impact it can have on the world around us, a PhD is an obvious choice. Kara Danks, a current Northumbria University Criminology PhD student, developed a range of skills during her postgraduate course and working career that



73% OF INSOMNIACS CURED AFTER 1-HOUR THERAPY SESSION

A simple one-hour therapy session has helped to cure 73% of people suffering from acute insomnia, according to a new study from Northumbria University.

The first-of-its-kind study was led by Jason Ellis, a Professor of Sleep Science in Northumbria University's Department of Psychology, and attempts to treat insomnia in the acute phase before it becomes chronic. Researchers found that almost three-quarters of participants saw improvements in the quality of their sleep within three months following a 60-minute cognitive behavioural therapy session.

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GHANA TV SHOW WINNER REFLECTS ON INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE AT NORTHUMBRIA

A reality TV contestant who won a place at Northumbria is celebrating a successful year of study and an unforgettable time in Newcastle. Anthony Kofi-Annan triumphed in 2014's 'The Challenge', a Ghanaian show similar to The BBC's Apprentice show with the prize being a scholarship to Northumbria.

prepared her for PhD level study.

Kara's PhD is collaboratively funded by Northumbria University and NHS England (Health & Justice NE) and focuses on prisoner health. As part of her work, Kara is currently looking at an existing health care initiative in the community and considering how it can be developed for use within the prison environment to create a positive impact on health.

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Anthony, who is currently studying for a degree in MSc Business with Financial Management at Northumbria's Newcastle Business School, applied to be on the sixth series of 'The Challenge'. The extremely popular show is run in partnership with the British Council and offers fully sponsored postgraduate scholarships as prizes.

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Benefits & Services



BUSINESS START-UP SUCCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE

Sadhu Kanakarajan, who graduated from Northumbria in 2013 with a degree in MSc Business Information Systems Management, is the first ever graduate to be sponsored by the University via UKBA's Tier 1 Entrepreneur Visa scheme. He has hailed the University as providing 'the best support I could ever have wished for'.

Sadhu, who is originally from India, took this opportunity to start his SEO and digital marketing agency, Sadsisya Ltd., with the support and guidance of the University's Student and Graduate Enterprise Team, funded by the European Regional Development Fund. A year on Sadsisya Ltd. is now starting to have some real success with a number of new clients and business opportunities. To find out how to take advantage of our Graduate Enterprise Support Service [click here](#).

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GRADUATES WANTED FOR UNIQUE CINEMA RESIDENCY - APPLY HERE

Artists can now apply for the next Northumbria University and Tyneside Cinema graduate residency following the success of the programme's first year. The call for applications was launched at the University's Media Gala at Tyneside Cinema in June where films from Northumbria's final year Media Production students premiered.

The scheme is designed to provide emerging artists with space, technical support and curatorial critique in the professional working environment of the Tyneside Cinema. To be eligible, applicants must have achieved a BA, MA or PhD qualification within the last 24 months; to find out more view the Careers and Employment Service's JobsOnline portal which hosts this, and a wide range of other job opportunities, across a range of disciplines [click here](#).

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Alumni Profiles



Name: Alain Nkusi
Course: MA/MSc Multidisciplinary Innovation
Graduation Year: 2014
Title/Company: Multimedia Designer, Onyx Health

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Name: Eleanor Hasler
Course: MA Conservation of Fine Art
Graduation Year: 2007
Title/Company: Paper Conservator, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

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Name: Cally Taylor
Course: BSc (Hons) Psychology
Graduation Year: 1995
Title/Company: Psychological Thriller Author

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Name: Larry Monster
Course: BA (Hons) Design for Industry
Graduation Year: 2015
Title/Company: Founder, Monster Inc.

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Events



WOON Foundation Painting and Sculpture



Mauritius Alumni Reunion (Wednesday 22nd)

Prize - For more details [click here](#).

July 18:00 - 20:00) - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).



Rugby World Cup 2015: Webb Ellis Trophy Tour - For more information and to book your place, [click here](#).



The International Sports Science & Sports Medicine Conference 2015 - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).



Dealing with Disasters Conference - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).



The Age of Criminal Responsibility Conference - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).

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