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## Alumni Association

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### Alumni Profiles



**Name:** Ekpemi Anni  
**Course:** MA/MSc Multidisciplinary Innovation  
**Graduation Year:** 2010  
**Title/Company:** User Experience Consultant, Freelance

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**Name:** Jamie Stone  
**Course:** BA (Hons) Design for Industry  
**Graduation Year:** 2001  
**Title/Company:** Global Head of Design - Category Nutrition, GSK

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**Name:** Phil Scanlon  
**Course:** BSc (Hons) Computing for Business  
**Graduation Year:** 1997



**Name:** Joanna Lacey  
**Course:** BSc (Hons) Food Science & Nutrition  
**Graduation Year:** 2009

**Title/Company:** Director - Client Solutions Asia, TIBCO Software

**Title/Company:** Co-ordinator, North East Food Discovery Project at East End

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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 like you to share your memories of Northumbria and explain how this has helped you in your career today. By featuring alumni on our website and in our communications we hope to inspire the next generation of Northumbria students.

We'd therefore be very grateful if you could 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.

## Benefits & Services



### SANTANDER PARTNERSHIP OPENS DOORS FOR STUDENTS

Northumbria University has signed an agreement with Santander Universities to provide students with scholarships worth up to £5,000.

The three year agreement, which amounts to £40,000 annually, with additional support for internships in the first year, will focus on international exchange, entrepreneurial activities and international travel grants for Northumbria students and researchers to go to universities in any of the 20 countries where Santander has higher education partners.

The partnership will also enable Northumbria to further develop and strengthen collaborative links internationally as well as create new opportunities for staff and students. The support will also offer five internships to students or recent graduates of the University to work in a small or medium-sized business.



### ALUMNI DONATIONS PROVIDE LIFE-CHANGING SCHOLARSHIPS

Recent donations have allowed Northumbria to provide tuition fee scholarships to seven students from the Excelsior Academy in the West End of Newcastle.

Two of the former Excelsior pupils that alumni donations have supported this year are Malak and Adele. We want to be able to support Malak and Adele, as well as continue with this work in future years. We cannot do this without the continued support of the Northumbria alumni and friends community.

In order to show our gratitude for this life-changing support, in August, the Development and Alumni Relations Office (DARO) launched an online [donor roll](#) honouring recent supporters of Northumbria.

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## News



### CATHEDRAL WELCOME FOR NORTHUMBRIA'S NEW CHANCELLOR

Britain's greatest Paralympic athlete, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE, was inaugurated on 1 October 2015 as the new Chancellor of Northumbria University, Newcastle.

The 11-times Gold Medal winner also received an Honorary Doctorate in Civil Law during the colourful ceremony at Newcastle Cathedral. She becomes Northumbria's fourth Chancellor after replacing former Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington, who served the University with distinction for the past 10 years.

Tanni Grey-Thompson, who was born with spina bifida, has competed in five Paralympic Games and is acknowledged as one of the most gifted and courageous sportswomen of her generation. In 2010 she was elevated to the House of Lords as a crossbench peer.



### NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY NEWS AUTUMN EDITION IS AVAILABLE NOW!

The Autumn issue of Northumbria University News is available now - packed full of news, features and interviews!

#### Making the headlines in this edition:

- Northumbria University climbs to 28th in the UK for teaching quality;
- Exclusive interview with the University's new Chancellor, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE;
- National praise for Northumbria's outstanding student services.

All this and more, with stories covering everything from research projects and business partnerships to student and staff awards. For the latest University news updates directly to your inbox register for our news desk alerts [here](#).



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### **DESTINATION OF LEAVERS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (DLHE) SURVEY**

The Careers and Employment Service will be getting in touch with you if you graduated between 1 January 2015 and 31 July 2015. 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 we will be looking to find out what you will be doing on the 12 January 2016. 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.

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### **UNIVERSITY GALLERY REOPENS WITH LAUNCH OF THREE NEW EXHIBITIONS**

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### **RUGBY WORLD CUP FEVER HITS NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY**

Northumbria University is proud to be part of the Rugby World Cup 2015 as an official Team Base. As part of this the Tongan Team took advantage of the University's outdoor grass pitches at Bullocksteads, whilst enjoying a game against Northumbria students, and made use of the indoor training hall, fitness facilities and swimming pool at Sport Central.

Northumbria has a rich history of involvement in the sport from alumni Martin Corry, Scott Hastings and many more going on to play at a professional level to, more recently, student Roy Webber being selected to represent England at this year's Rugby World Cup.

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### **NORTHUMBRIA & NEWCASTLE BUSINESS SCHOOL SHORTLISTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS**

A triple-header of stunning new exhibitions by emerging artists has opened at Northumbria University. The launch coincided with the official reopening of the University Gallery at City Campus with exhibitions also taking place in Gallery North and the project space.

Hope Stebbing and Oliver Perry's exhibition 'Your World Tomorrow' launched at the University Gallery, while current Warwick Stafford Fellow Laurence Kavanagh opened his show, 'October', at Gallery North. Meanwhile, Ross Hamilton Frew revealed exhibition, 'A Certain Distance', in the project space at Gallery North.

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### **GREAT NORTH ARTWORK BY NORTHUMBRIA ALUMNI AT WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS HALF MARATHON**

Graduate artists Hope Stebbing and Oliver Perry saw their bold and inspiring work shown in three specific locations around the route of the famous Great North Run, borne out of a brand new partnership between the University and the Great North Run organisation.

The project, 'Onward Together as One', which had large sculpted letters spelling 'onward', 'together' and 'as one' was shown in three specific locations around the route of the run. Appearing on the morning of Sunday 13 September and disappearing with the 57,000 runners after the race, the artists' have taken the idea of over fifty thousand individuals moving through the course as though they were one, all connected and communicating, ebbing and flowing, moving forward together.

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Northumbria University, Newcastle has been shortlisted in two categories of this year's prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Awards.

With one of the higher education sector's best records for nurturing and encouraging business enterprise and student start-up ventures, Northumbria has been shortlisted for Entrepreneurial University of the Year. At the same time, Newcastle Business School at Northumbria is in the running for Best Business School. The recognition reflects both the outstanding learning experience at Northumbria, and the positive contribution the University makes to the regional economy.

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### **CHILDREN'S CHAMPION DR TSHERING LAMA BACK IN NEWCASTLE TO PROMOTE AWARD-WINNING MOVIE**

A Northumbria University graduate returned to Newcastle to promote an internationally acclaimed film, SOLD, which tells the story of a teenage girl who is trafficked from her home in rural Nepal to a brothel in India.

Dr Tshering Lama came to Northumbria in 2002 to take a degree course in Health Development Studies. He was the first student from the Hyolmo ethnic group in Nepal to go to a British university. He stayed on to take a MA in Public Health and then a PhD in Tele-medicine to improve healthcare in remote parts of his home country by linking people to medical experts for advice. He is now the Director of the independent child rights organisation Childreach Nepal.

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### **NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY'S BEST NEW NURSES COMMENDED WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

Five Northumbria University students have been presented with a prestigious award for their efforts while training to become nurses and midwives in local hospitals. The Heath Award is presented annually to graduating nursing and midwifery students from Northumbria University who have excelled in both practice and theory.

This year's recipients are Learning Disability Nurse, Adrian Anim, from Newcastle; Children's Nurse, Katy Forster, from Northumberland; Adult Nurses, Maya Gorton and Karl Lowther, from Newcastle and North Tyneside respectively; and Mental Health Nurse, Elizabeth Nicholson, from County Durham.

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### **Events**



**Warwick Stafford Fellow Exhibition: Laurence Kavanagh** - For more details [click here](#).



**Disruptive Innovation Festival** - For more details and to book your place, [click here](#).



### **VOLCANOS HAVE INFLUENCE ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACCORDING TO NORTHUMBRIA EXPERT**

Despite being one of the hottest things on the surface of the planet, volcanic eruptions actually helped to keep the oceans cool for 1,800 years before temperatures began to increase due to man-made global warming.

Dr Vasile Ersek, from Northumbria University's Department of Geography, was part of a 75-strong international team of researchers who found that volcanic eruptions were more than likely responsible for cooling the surface layer of the Earth's oceans.

The report, which is published in the leading research journal Nature Geoscience, reveals how mechanisms that have forced sea temperatures to change in the past and could also open a window into future reasons for climate change.

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