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# Dear Alumni and Friends



Anne Tate, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

**Welcome to issue 3 of In Touch, which is evolving as we renew contact with graduates we haven't heard from for a while.**

It's exciting for us in the office to hear about your progress in life, and at work, since you left Northumbria. We'd love you to send us some photographs and news of what you are doing now, so we can share this with your year group and friends.

One of our aims is to build a global family of alumni who connect and interact, to share views and experience, help each other with job opportunities and to support those students following in your footsteps.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of our institution receiving its University charter and there are a range of

celebration events planned throughout the year, culminating in an alumni reunion weekend in June 2013 for graduates of the University, Newcastle Polytechnic and its predecessor institutions.

We hope many of you can join us. Full details of the weekend will be posted on our webpages, so do keep checking for updates. So, whenever you studied here, why not make 2013 the year for a reunion?

We can help organise individual class reunions for you and your friends back on campus. If you can't make it back to Newcastle but like the idea of a mini celebration in your area, do talk to us. We'd love to have 20 reunions in at least 20 different cities in the coming year.

This is your alumni association and your magazine, so do please let us know what you'd like to see included in future editions.

**With very best wishes from your Development and Alumni Relations team**



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# Vision 2025

Northumbria University is setting out a radical Vision of its future, which sees the University significantly reposition itself to compete within the upper quartile of the UK higher education sector.

Professor Andrew Wathey, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, explains more about these ambitious plans.

Vision 2025 sees Northumbria University becoming known as a research-rich, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic quality.

"By 2025 Northumbria will be recognised internationally for the quality of its research, for its postgraduate education and graduates, and as providers of an outstanding student experience. The combination of academic excellence and our commercial awareness and demand-focussed, outward-facing character will create a distinctive appeal," said Professor Wathey.

"For students it will mean being well-placed for a graduate job. For employers it will mean access to excellent graduates. For our research and enterprise customers it will mean ready access to new knowledge, and for our staff it will mean academic excellence with a purpose.

"We will be a new type of excellent university – an inspiration to the North East. We will have strong national and international presence, while continuing to play a leading role in the region, contributing to its business and economy and its culture and success as a civil society."

The University is now investing to strengthen its academic base, to bring it up to the level of competitors higher in the league tables, and will seize the potential of technology to create a distinctive appeal based on academic excellence and a professional, business and real-world focus.

"Vision 2025 brings change, which is an opportunity, but it is also a necessity," said Professor Wathey. "We are entering a vastly challenging environment with greater competitive and regulatory pressures, sector diversification, more rapid change and an uncertain economic outlook.

"If we want to shape our own future over the next decade and beyond, attracting the best staff and the best students, then we must take this opportunity."



Professor Andrew Wathey

Although well known for delivering an outstanding student experience, Northumbria will continue to invest to maintain its position and be more responsive to the needs of students.

The University educates the highest number of graduates of any North East university and has the highest rate of graduates moving directly into employment. It now aims to educate more students at Masters and PhD level to become the leading postgraduate taught university in the professional subjects it offers.

"This Vision is challenging, but it is achievable," said Professor Wathey. "It is through the outstanding skills, experience, talents and energy of our staff and students that we will achieve this Vision. They will secure the step-changes in academic quality, technology and international reach that will build a new position and identity, and realise the enormous potential of this great University."

**Professor Andrew Wathey**  
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Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive





## Richard drinks to success

Northumbria graduate, Richard Baister, is a celebrated entrepreneur in the drinks market. Having developed and sold one successful drinks brand he has now secured international distribution agreements for his latest drink, SUMO – the world’s first negative calorie soft drink. However, his career is very different to how he had originally planned it.

Richard enrolled on a law degree at Northumbria, but whilst still at university, he began to shift his focus from law to building a career in business, initially importing lines of denim wear from Pakistan for sale by professional football clubs in the UK, before expanding to supply major high street brands.

“Like many entrepreneurs, I have tended to gravitate towards markets which interest me. I wear jeans all the time and there seemed to be an opportunity at the lower end of the denim market. That led me towards working with my suppliers to target the big blue chip accounts,” Richard explained.

On the back of his success importing denim, he was approached by overseas suppliers to import soft drinks into the UK. As his knowledge and experience of that sector grew he was able to identify a gap in the market, and with the help of an unsecured bank overdraft he developed

and brought to market the world’s first flavoured energy drink, Velocity.

In 2008, four years after graduating, Richard sold the Velocity brand and began to develop some new ideas to tap into rising consumer demand for ‘diet’ and ‘light’ soft drinks. Three years later, after considerable investment and product development, SUMO – the world’s first negative calorie drink was launched.

Packed full of natural ingredients it works by speeding up the body’s metabolism to burn more calories. And, with Richard at the helm, SUMO drinks is fast becoming a worldwide success. He explains: “We first landed a distribution deal in Ireland in August 2011, followed by distribution deals in Australia, North Africa and the Middle East”.

Now aged 31, Richard’s success is already being recognised. This is confirmed by the inclusion of SUMO in the ‘StartUps 100 2012’ list of the top hundred new businesses across the UK.

Further praise comes from one industry website, which writes: “The company is now set to rocket from turnover of £180,000 to £1.4m for the current financial year. With Baister’s track record behind the brand, this is one start-up we expect to hear about with increasing frequency”.

### Richard’s advice for budding entrepreneurs:

“Do your homework, never give up and stretch the boundaries”.



# Jules is brewing a strong business

Jules Quinn got her business idea whilst working on her student placement in industry. Now, a year after graduating from Northumbria's Fashion Marketing degree, she has an award winning business, The \*TeaShed, which trades across the world.

The \*TeaShed is a design-led tea, teaware and homeware company which sources whole leaf tea in silky pyramid teabags from Sri Lanka. They then pack 20 teabags into a paper cup, so rather than a box, which you would just throw away, you have a cup to use and then recycle.

During her work placement at a business in London, Jules was regularly asked to make the teas and coffees for the office. Sent out frequently to buy supplies from supermarkets, she noticed that the range of coffees far outnumbered those for tea. In a nation of tea drinkers she thought that was odd. Thinking that she may have discovered a gap in the market she began to do some research.

Back at University, when presented with a task to develop a virtual business plan Jules knew exactly what her business

would be and The \*TeaShed was born. She continued to build on her ideas with the help of Northumbria's Graduate Enterprise Scheme and submitted the plan to a number of business competitions, winning £7,500 to develop the business further.

Two months before her graduation in 2011, Jules launched The \*TeaShed and the business is already enjoying considerable success. Her range of tea products and accessories are stocked across the UK in John Lewis stores, Top Shop in London and Fenwick in Newcastle as well as in 120 other retailers nationwide. Her lines are also available in stores across the Middle East, Germany, Switzerland and Ireland.

It's been a meteoric rise for 24 year old Jules and her business achievements have already been recognised at a national level:

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she has recently been shortlisted for the UK Shell LiveWire Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The \*TeaShed has also been featured in the media, including on the BBC Breakfast News television programme, in newspapers like *The Times* and *The Telegraph* as well as in *Company* magazine.

"Since graduating, The \*TeaShed has taken off amazingly and I couldn't be happier with its progress. A lot of the success it's had is down to Northumbria University," Jules commented.

"Fashion Marketing was an excellent degree course, which really set me up for going into business. The support I got from the Graduate Enterprise Scheme was absolutely fantastic too. I wouldn't be where I am today without them."



Jules Quinn with one of her teas



# Cultivating a cure for concrete cancer

'Self-healing' concrete is being developed by researchers at Northumbria University which could see cracks in concrete buildings become a thing of the past.

Dr Alan Richardson, a senior lecturer in Construction, is using a ground-borne bacteria – bacilli megaterium – to create calcite, a crystalline form of natural calcium carbonate. This can then be used to block the concrete's pores, keeping out water and other damaging substances to prolong the life on the concrete.

The bacteria is grown on a nutrient broth of yeast, minerals and urea and is then added to the concrete. With its food source in the concrete, the bacteria breeds and spreads, acting as a filler to seal the cracks, keeping out water and other damaging substances to prevent further deterioration and prolong its life.

Concrete is one of the most common building materials in use today, but one of the biggest problems with its use is that if it is penetrated by moisture the steel inside the material can rust and swell.

This so called 'concrete cancer' can lead to breaks and cracks in the material – causing billions of pounds worth of damage to buildings around the world.

This research could save businesses thousands of pounds a year in repair bills and completely alter the construction industry. The hope is that it could provide a cost-effective cure with potentially enormous commercial value.

While further research is needed, Dr Richardson is hopeful that the repair mortar will also be effective on existing structures.

Dr Richardson explained: "It sounds like a strange concept, but it makes sense. If we can prevent the water from getting into the concrete then it can last much longer. This project is hugely exciting. The potential is there to have a building that can look after itself."

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# Honorary Degrees

Leading lights from the world of health, education, welfare and the arts have recently received Honorary Degrees from Northumbria University.



**Professor Sir Michael Marmot** is a world-renowned expert on tackling health inequalities. He has spent the last 30 years leading a research group on health inequalities focussing on the relationship between society and health. In 2005 he was asked by the World Health Organisation to chair an independent review to find the most effective ways of reducing health inequalities globally. This led to the British government commissioning him to chair a review on reducing health inequalities in England. The final report – The Marmot Review: Fair Society Healthy Lives – was published in 2010 and most of the report's recommendations have since been taken up.



Internationally-renowned graphic artist and writer **Bryan Talbot** received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters. Bryan is credited with being the writer of Britain's first graphic novel – 'The Adventures of Luther Arkwright' – serialised from 1978. Published in nine countries it has a strong cult following which has recently been made into a three-hour audio drama featuring David Tennant as Arkwright. One of his most famous works, the graphic novel 'Alice in Sunderland' explores the links between Lewis Carroll and Sunderland. It was nominated for a host of awards and is in its fourth printing in the UK.



**Catherine Hatch** received an Honorary Doctorate of Science for her life-long work promoting the wellbeing, education and safeguarding of children. In 2005 Catherine became the first ever Executive Director of Children's Services for Newcastle City Council. During this period, a £180m Building Schools for the Future programme transformed 18 schools in the city, and under her leadership a Children's Safeguarding Standards Unit was set up to offer guidance and quality assurance for those working with children and their families. The City Council also achieved Beacon Council status for tackling child poverty.



**Gary FitzGerald**, Chief Executive of Action on Elder Abuse (AEA) - a specialist charity which lobbies government and works to prevent the abuse of older people at home, in sheltered accommodation, care homes and hospitals – received an Honorary Doctorate of Science. Gary joined AEA after a 20-year career in local government social care managing domiciliary care services, meals on wheels, day centres, residential homes and occupational therapy services. His role at AEA enabled him to lobby government and keep the issue of elder abuse in the media spotlight, and the charity's work has prompted the Government to look at bringing in new legislation to protect older vulnerable people.



The Director of BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead, **Godfrey Worsdale** has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law for his work in the field of contemporary art. Today, thanks to his vision to make contemporary art both challenging and accessible to the widest possible audience, BALTIC now attracts over half a million visitors each year and its hosting of the Turner Prize recently attracted 150,000 visitors. In addition to his professional role, he is patron of the homeless charity Crisis Commission and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

“Northumbria University confers Honorary Degrees on those individuals of conspicuous achievement. It is with great pride that we celebrate the achievements of this year's recipients.” *Professor Andrew Wathey  
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive*

## Royal seal of approval

Northumbria University's most illustrious graduate, Jonathan Ive, has added a knighthood to his list of achievements.



Sir Jonathan, head of design at Apple, has been made a Knight Commander of the British Empire (KBE) in recognition of services to design and enterprise.

After graduating from the Design for Industry course at Northumbria's predecessor Newcastle Polytechnic, Jonathan co-founded his own design studio – Tangerine – in London. It is here he commercialised his design skills, creating products ranging from hair combs and power tools to televisions and ceramics and it was through Tangerine that he first started working with Apple.

He moved to California in 1992 to work with Apple full-time and since then has largely been credited with the design of Apple's iMac, iPod, iPad and iPhone.

In 2003, he was named Designer of the Year by the Design Museum London and awarded the title of Royal Designer for Industry by The Royal Society of Arts.

Commenting on his knighthood, he said: “I am keenly aware that I benefit from a wonderful tradition in the UK of designing and making. To be recognised with this honour is absolutely thrilling and I am both humbled and sincerely grateful.

“I discovered at an early age that all I've ever wanted to do is design. I feel enormously fortunate that I continue to be able to design and make products with a truly remarkable group of people here at Apple.”

The knighthood isn't the first time Jonathan has been recognised by the crown; he was made a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 2005.

## CBE honour for Kath

**Northumbria's Executive Dean of Health and Life Sciences, Professor Kath McCourt, has been awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to nursing.**

Reacting to the news, Professor McCourt said: “I'm absolutely thrilled and delighted. I regard this as a huge honour, not just for myself, but for the nursing profession as a whole.

“It also highlights the wonderful opportunities available to people who choose to follow a career in nursing.”

Prof McCourt began her career as a registered nurse and midwife and has worked in cardiothoracic, adult and paediatric intensive care units before moving into higher education.

She has worked across the globe on nursing development programmes, in places as diverse as Egypt and South Africa.

In addition to her role overseeing the education and welfare of thousands of Health and Life Sciences students she is also Chair of the Royal College of Nursing's ruling Council.





# A lifelong pride in Northumbria

More than twenty years after graduating from the BSc (Hons) Estate Management degree, Peter Yapp still has very strong links with the University.

The successful businessman, who is Managing Director of Malaysian property surveying company JS Valuers Property Consultants Group, regards the education he received at Northumbria so highly that he now employs several Northumbria graduates within his company.

Since graduating, he has also become something of an unofficial local ambassador for the University, acting as a point of reference for many prospective students in the Sabah region of Malaysia who ask his advice about studying overseas. My answer he says is always “to choose Northumbria.”

Peter has encouraged his son, Jonathan, to study here too, so when it came time for him to come to the UK to enrol this academic year, Peter decided to accompany him for a nostalgia trip.

Jonathan plans to complete the same degree as his father, and after University, hopes to follow in his father's footsteps within the surveying company.

But the Northumbria connection doesn't end there. Peter is still in touch with many of his former classmates and tutors, and one of his business partners in Malaysia is also a Northumbria graduate.

On the strength of Peter's recommendations about Northumbria, yet another of his business partners has encouraged his own son to come here. So now, Jimmy Lau, who is also embarking on the Estate Management course, will be having the same lectures as Jonathan.

When asked what made his time here so special and why he continues to hold Northumbria in such high regard, Peter said, “I enjoyed my time in Newcastle very

much. I really enjoyed living near a campus that was itself close to the city centre. I made some lifelong friends.”

He summed it up by saying, “I value the opportunities that I've been given as a result of my excellent education here.”

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On his recent visit back to Newcastle, Peter met up with some of his course colleagues from the Estate Management degree class of 1989

*Pictured left to right: Matti Kupasamy – Proprietor of Gosforth Traders, Paul Greenhalgh – Reader, Northumbria University, Martyn Collins – Partner at Gavin Black and Partners, Newcastle, Helen Millar, Peter Blackett – Director, Davison Blackett, Northumberland, Peter Yapp – Managing Director, JS Valuers Property Consultants Group, Simon Elliot – Associate Director, Sanderson Weatherall, Newcastle, Andy Tucker – Partner, Jonhson Tucker Llp, Newcastle*

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# Business leader inspires students

A Northumbria alumnus who has spent his career creating and revitalising world-famous brands returned to campus to offer advice to students from Newcastle Business School who will soon be embarking on their own careers.

Peter Phillipson, Chairman of ghd Group Holdings – whose products include one of the best known brands of hair straighteners - has enjoyed a rewarding career since graduating from Northumbria's predecessor, Newcastle Polytechnic.

As Chairman of Merlin Entertainments (the second largest operator of amusement parks and attractions, behind Walt Disney Parks and Resorts) he gave everyone with a stake in the organisation a common language and goals to work to, which enabled everyone to pull in the same direction – a move which resulted in profits rising twofold in just a few years.

During his time there, he re-branded various tourist attractions including Madame Tussauds, Alton Towers and Warwick Castle.

His career has also seen him work at Guinness, First Choice Holidays and Gillette, among others.

His advice to students on the Corporate Management and Direct and Online Marketing programmes, was to optimise their time at University.

He said: “Whilst you're at University, give it absolutely your best. Do your utmost to get the best results you can and fulfil your

potential. Support your academic work by getting experience which supports your strengths and sets you apart from other graduates. Lead a group, volunteer your time, anything which demonstrates you're willing to go the extra mile and prove to employers you are worth taking notice of.”

He also urged students to do as much as possible to make them stand out when applying for jobs.

“With so many graduates applying for the same jobs, you don't know out of all the letters you might write which one will 'drop', so each has to stand alone and get your foot through that door,” he said.

When asked about the secret of success, he said: “In all the jobs I did, I was terrified of being found out: that I was the wrong person in the wrong job. Fear of failure, really. I always tried to be the very best I could, even as a paper-boy delivering papers. I had to be the fastest, the best. As a new graduate I couldn't wait to get out there into the world of commerce. I know that you, too, will go on to succeed.”



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# A summer of sport

This year, sport has taken centre stage and we are celebrating with the Northumbria students and graduates who have been at the heart of the action.

## Victoria cycles her way to two Olympic medals at London 2012

Northumbria University graduate Victoria Pendleton has won gold and silver in the velodrome at the London 2012 Olympics, making her one of the country's most successful female Olympians.

Victoria, who graduated from Northumbria in 2002 with a BSc Hons in Sports and Exercise Science, will now retire from cycling after winning gold in the keirin and silver in the individual sprint, adding to her gold medal for the individual sprint from the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

A glittering career has seen Pendleton win nine world titles – including a record-equalling six in the individual sprint – which makes her Britain's most successful woman track cyclist. With two Olympic gold

medals, she becomes one of the country's most successful female Olympians alongside runner Dame Kelly Holmes and swimmer Rebecca Adlington.

Whilst at University, Victoria received an athletic scholarship from Northumbria, helping her to pursue her goal of international success.

She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law by the University in 2008 in recognition of her contribution to sport and was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2009 New Year Honours.

With two Olympic gold medals, Victoria is one of the country's most successful female Olympians.

Victoria Pendleton, MBE



## Darren supports Olympic Marathon swimmers

Former international swimmer and Northumbria Physiotherapy graduate, Darren Wigg, was appointed as physio to the British open water marathon swimmers for London 2012.

Darren, who is from the North East, has been part of the GB swimming medical team since 2008. And as part of the marathon support team for London 2012, he had a key role in preparing the swimmers physically for the competition both in and out of the water.

He said, "I'm very proud to have represented Team GB in London. It's a huge honour and responsibility to work at the very highest level. It's the absolute pinnacle for a sports physio."



## Team GB captaincy for Stephen

Triple Paralympic champion and Northumbria University graduate Stephen Miller was given the honour of leading the Team GB athletics squad at the Paralympic Games in London.

Stephen, who has cerebral palsy, is one of Britain's most successful athletes, competing in the fields of Paralympic club and discus throwing, and has now competed in five Paralympic Games.

The 32-year-old, who graduated from Northumbria in 2002 from the BSc Hons Business Information Systems programme, has won five medals, including three golds in the Club throw at consecutive Paralympic Games: Atlanta in 1996, Sydney in 2000, and Athens in 2004 – where he set a world record of 33.53 metres.

Stephen, who received an Honorary Degree from Northumbria in 2008, also won a bronze in the discus throw at Sydney and a silver medal in Beijing with a personal best club throw of 34.37 metres.

Sadly, Stephen wasn't able to add to his medal tally at the London 2012 Paralympics but it has been wonderful to see him take part.



## Torchbearing honour

Northumbria students Charlotte Proud and Kat Langton had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to carry the Olympic torch as part of its 8,000 mile journey across the UK before the Games.

Kat (far right), who was born with cerebral palsy, is in her third year of a Journalism degree, while Charlotte (pictured right), who has brittle bone disease, is a final year Sports Development and Coaching student.

Former president of Northumbria Students' Union, Spike Reid, also carried the torch through his home town of Plymouth on the opening day of the relay.







Mr Woon with Lucy Winskell,  
Northumbria University  
Pro Vice-Chancellor for Region,  
Engagement and Partnerships

## Graduate funds UK's biggest arts prize

A major new national fine arts prize – the Woon Foundation Painting and Sculpture Art Prize – is being launched at Northumbria University this year.

Mr Wee Teng Woon, a keen art collector and graduate of Northumbria University's predecessor Newcastle Polytechnic, has initiated the funding of three major prizes and two consolation prizes each year, valued at £40,000, through his family's Foundation.

The first – the Woon Tai Jee Memorial Prize – is an annual prize of a £20,000 bursary which will be used to fund the cost of a Fellowship at Northumbria University. The prize is open to final year students of fine art from across all universities in the UK.

The successful artist will also have access to dedicated studio space and exhibition space to showcase their work as well as mentoring from one of the judging panel – which will include BALTIC Professor and Turner Prize-nominated artist Christine Borland.

There will also be two other major annual awards of £9,000 and £6,000, with two additional consolation prizes of £3,000 and £2,000, which can be awarded at the discretion of the judging panel.

The awards for painting and sculpture are offered in memory and celebration of Mr Woon's father Tai Jee, and mothers Lim Ai Fang and Cheong Kam Hee, and will be awarded for the duration of his lifetime.

Mr Woon, 54, is a graduate of Northumbria's School of Law and also provides prizes for law students. He lives

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in Singapore but has maintained strong links with the North East, maintaining a home in Durham, and contact with many of his course colleagues since his student days.

Anne Tate, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, said “This generous offer to an emerging talent is a tremendous boost to both the region's and the national arts scene. The winner will have an unrivalled opportunity to work in a community of artists and academics.

We are very grateful to Mr Woon and his family for their continued loyalty to the University, Newcastle and the region. Mr Woon is a wonderful example of a philanthropist who not only wants to transform the lives of talented students for years to come, but also to see the North East lead the way.

As far as we are aware, there are no other prizes of this size and gravitas available to final year art students, and the Development and Alumni Relations Office team have been delighted to be able to facilitate this process.”

## Gift to launch student award

Northumbria graduate Karl Little has made a gift to the University to recognise the academic achievements of a talented Quantity Surveying student.

Karl, 39, a Senior Contracts Manager with Qatari based MACE Construction – the company behind The Shard building in London – set up the prize earlier this year to reward the most promising final year BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying student on the Development Economics module.

During his own final year on the same course in 2002, Karl was himself the recipient of an academic award for best overall score in a similar module, and it is this in part which prompted his decision to give something back to Northumbria.

He said: “I was delighted to be able to support my University because I appreciate how much my Northumbria education has transformed my life and my opportunities. To give something back has given me real personal satisfaction in knowing that I can have real impact on the life of another. I would encourage all alumni to do the same if they are in a position to do so.”

The first award of the prize was made in May 2012 to Fayaaz Patel, who graduated

in July and has recently begun work as graduate cost consultant with EC Harris.

Commenting on his award, Fayaaz said: “It is always nice when hard work is recognised and rewarded in such a way. The prize is a great addition to my academic achievements and will serve me well at the start of my career.

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Fayaaz Patel being presented with the 2012  
Karl Little prize by Karl's wife Angela.



# The Alumni Fund

Giving to the Alumni Fund is the easiest way for graduates, staff and other friends of Northumbria to make an immediate contribution to the University.

Increasing numbers of alumni are choosing to support Northumbria in this way, and since 2006, more than £120,000 has been raised.

This generosity enables the University to support a range of amazing student-centred projects right across campus (scholarships, bursaries, library, sports and various other areas) – projects that would not otherwise be possible. Every penny raised goes towards supporting students in some way.

Donations to the Alumni Fund are helping to ensure that Northumbria can continue to give its students the best possible education, support and university experience as possible.

In 2012-13 our priorities are:

- **Scholarships and bursaries** to help those who need it most, such as those from low income families or mature students with families. We want to attract and retain the best students and believe no one with potential should have to leave their course because they can no longer afford to study.

- **Library and learning** the Library is at the heart of every student's time at Northumbria. Maintaining the very best Library and learning facilities for today's students means we need to constantly develop the services, materials and resources we provide.



Your gift will have immediate impact, change lives and make a real difference to today's students

**If you consider that your time at Northumbria was special and provided the foundation for your subsequent life and career, please support the Alumni Fund today**  
Donate online at [www.northumbria.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/alumni)

Every donation, no matter the size, truly does make a difference to the lives of our students.  
Visit our webpages to learn more about how the Alumni Fund is making an immediate impact and changing lives.

## Reunion Weekend 2013

Join us in June 2013 for the first alumni reunion weekend, when we'll be welcoming graduates from across the decades back to campus.

The weekend is open to all former students of Northumbria University, Newcastle Polytechnic and its predecessor colleges with a special emphasis on those celebrating graduation or enrolment anniversaries.

So, if 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, or 2003 are important years in your education here we want to hear from you, particularly if you are part of a class reunion or are interested in receiving our help to organise one. If you were here during other years, our alumni reunion weekend in June 2013 is the perfect time for your get-together too.

We're here to help make the weekend truly memorable for you, your classmates and friends. Most activities will be free, so you can join us for all, or part, of the whole weekend – it's up to you.



Come and wander round the Students' Union, enjoy the great facilities at Sport Central, see your old student haunts and celebrate with us at a special dinner on the Saturday evening. Plus, if there is anything or anyone you'd particularly like to see again, we'll do our best to arrange it for you.

**To register your interest or ask for our help planning your event, simply email or telephone the Alumni team.**



## Reunions

**Nearly fifty graduates descended on Newcastle this summer over one weekend for class reunions and to celebrate some special anniversaries.**

"We had a ten year class reunion in 2002 and really wanted to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our graduation too. It provided a real incentive for us to organise something in 2012 and it was great to catch up with old friends we've not seen for a while."

*Iain Miller,  
BA (Hons) Sport Studies, 1992*

"A few of us wanted to have a course celebration back in Newcastle to mark our 15th anniversary of graduation. The Alumni team were really helpful and the reunion was a great success. It was fantastic to see everyone again – it seemed like just yesterday that we were all in University together."

*Stuart Monro,  
BA (Hons) Business Studies, 1997*



# Reunited

Reunions and alumni events are a great way to reconnect with friends and make new social and business contacts.

You've told us you would like us to provide you with more networking opportunities, so we're doing just that by organising and facilitating reunions and events in the UK, Europe and beyond. Here's a round-up of some recent events.



## Trip down memory lane for graphic designers

A group of graphic design students who were among the first to study in Squires building in the early 1970s have returned to Newcastle some forty years later to revisit campus and reminisce about their student days.

Seven of the original thirteen who enrolled on the degree course were reunited for the weekend, thanks to the organisation of Joan Nicklin (nee Robertson) - and for some it was the first time they'd met since graduation in 1974.

Joan, who runs her own graphic design business in the North East, summed it up when she said, "It was great to see our old classrooms and to catch up with each other again. We all have such fond memories of our lecturers and our time as students. It really doesn't seem like 38 years since we were all students!"

After having a tour of the building where today's design students are taught, one of the group commented: "The equipment we had access to in the 1970s was cutting-edge technology at the time, but we are talking about an era long before computers. It's much different now: the students have access to such fantastic facilities."

The reunion was such a success that Joan and her friends now plan to meet up again in 2013 and hope that more of their colleagues can join them.

### In the 1970s:

Back Row (left to right): Simon O'Neill, Leo Wyatt, (Lecturer), Roy Morgan (Lecturer), Pete Russ, Chris Hartley, Fraser Black

Front Row: (left to right): Joan Nicklin (nee Robertson), Linda Caddy (nee Curl), Susan Dale (nee McDonald), Vicki Dawson (nee Taylor), and Denise Birkett (nee Hughes), Helen Cammack, Ian Elliott, Elaine Wilkinson and Evelyn Steptoe.

### Now:

Back Row (left to right): Simon, Chris, Fraser

Front Row (left to right): Joan, Linda, Susan, Vicki



## London Alumni Group

The development of the first Northumbria Alumni group in London goes from strength to strength.

In the past few months, three separate alumni networking events have been held in the capital, including one at the magnificent Grade I listed Institute of Directors building in Pall Mall, in the heart of the West End.

Our thanks go to graduates John Williams and Ulrike Baumgart for facilitating these meetings. There has been a great deal of interest in the group and some excellent feedback. Watch our website for details of upcoming events.



## Celebrating 20 years of Law Exempting

More than 80 graduates, students, former staff and current staff were reunited on campus this year to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Law Exempting degree at Northumbria.

The evening of nostalgia was held in the Great Hall, Sutherland building. Adding an element of history was the triumphant return to Sutherland, a fitting tribute given that the Law School was located there until its move to the City Campus East in 2007.

All 20 intakes of the programmes were represented including three graduates from the very first intake of the Exempting Law degree in 1992, Peter Killen, Marie-Louise King and Louise Skellen, who travelled from Liverpool and London to take part in the reunion.

Guests were treated to a night of food, fun, embarrassing photos, a 'pub quiz' and a film specifically produced for screening that night to highlight some of the more memorable moments, great characters and important milestones from the previous two decades.

# Reunited in America

## Manhattan meeting for New York alumni

An inaugural gathering for US alumni took place recently in New York, in one of Manhattan's landmark Art Deco skyscrapers, to mark the first in a year-long series of '20 reunions in 20 countries' to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of being awarded University status.

The meeting was facilitated by Northumbria graduates Christopher Jones, Chief Financial Officer with Durante Rentals and Alan Lyons, whose firm, Herrick Feinstein LLP, have offices within the impressive 29-storey building at 2 Park Avenue.

Along with Alan and Christopher, Rob Carthy from Northumbria's International Office was on hand to welcome everyone. The evening was a great success with Alan commenting, "It was encouraging to see so many people willing to help the University and I think this will be an invaluable networking opportunity for us.



Christopher and I hope we can keep in touch, spread the word, and get more people to the next event." There was plenty of good feedback

from other alumni too, including graphic design graduate Victoria Maddocks who said, "It was a really great event. I look forward to supporting more!"



# Reunited... 45 years on

Forty five years after starting their teacher training course at Northern Counties College (one of Northumbria's predecessor institutions) seventeen of the group met up recently in Stratford-upon-Avon to mark this special anniversary.

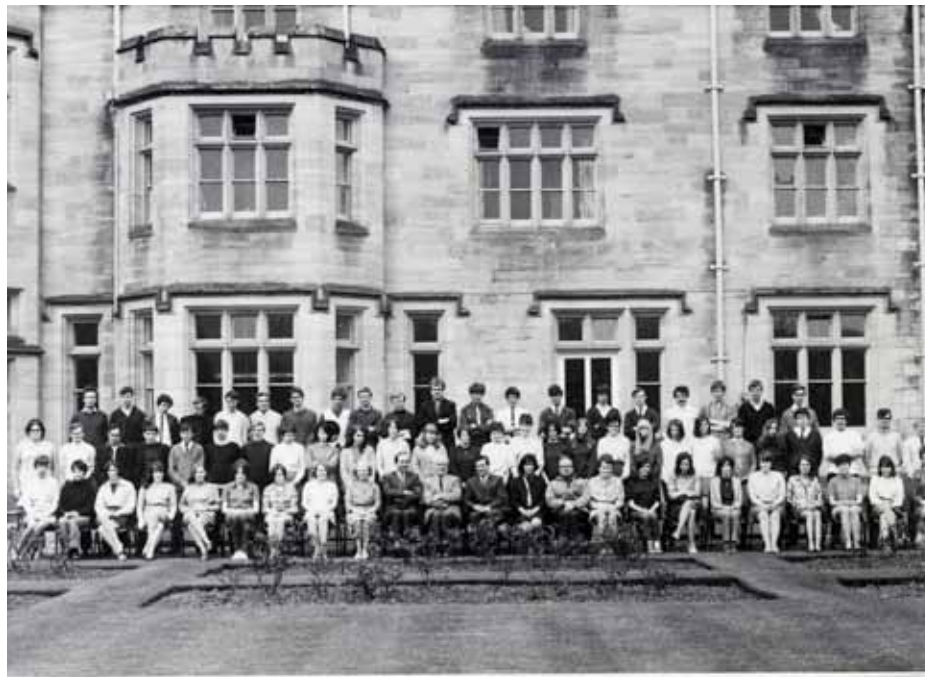
Taking advantage of the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) season in the city, the teachers took in a showing of 'Twelfth Night' and a backstage tour, before heading to the theatre restaurant for dinner.

Group organiser Jonathan Stocker told us: "It was a brilliant way to celebrate our original meeting together in September 1967 – forty five years ago, to the month!"

The teachers, who spent the first year of their studies at Ridley Hall, near Hexham, before transferring to Coach Lane for the remainder of the course, have already met up several times since graduation.

"Back in 1993 we held a reunion at Ridley Hall to mark our 25th anniversary and there have been five more major reunions and several smaller gatherings, including one in Paris. We're already looking forward to the next milestone in 2017," explains Jonathan.

The Ridley Hall 1967 students have their own website for year group members at [www.ridleyhall.net](http://www.ridleyhall.net)



Back (left to right): Dave Jones, Eric Tyler, Jan Shawe, Barry Houghton, Brian Damley, Rob Cooper-Maggs.

Front (left to right): Les Guy, Carolyn Jones, Eileen Houghton, Jonathan Stocker, Judy Stewart & George Sinton.

## Future events

In the coming months there will be alumni reunions and events across the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Hong Kong, as well as in Europe and the UK.

To find out your nearest alumni event, or to register your interest visit our website at [www.northumbria.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/alumni) or email [alumni@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@northumbria.ac.uk)

If you would like to assist with an alumni event, can offer a venue for a gathering or would like to get involved in starting an alumni group in your area, we'd really like to hear from you.

# Who's Where

*In Touch* catches up with some of our graduates to find out what they've been up to since graduating.

## 2000s

### Jodie Balmer

*BSc Hons Communication and Public Relations 2012*

I went travelling to Peru and Bolivia (a treat for graduating!) and am working as a PR Consultant for Ramarketing. The company owner and my mentor, **Raman Sehgal**, is also a Northumbria graduate (BA Hons Business and Marketing 2003). The opportunities I have been given within this company are amazing and I'm so pleased I decided to work for a smaller company rather than take a role in a huge organisation. I am excited about my career - Ramarketing is definitely going places and I fully intend to help it flourish.



### Sarah Bedford

*BA Hons English Studies 2001*

I'm currently on a two year cycling trip in North, Central and South America - not exactly a career step after graduating but broadening my mind in other ways. We're keeping a blog of our travels too - [www.big-sur.co.uk](http://www.big-sur.co.uk). Thanks and a fond hello to all at Northumbria.



### Paul Berry

*BA Hons English Literature and History 2007*

In 2011, I published my first novel; a crime thriller called 'Poisoned Arrows' which is available to buy on [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk) for Kindle or in paperback. The novel is the first part of a trilogy of crime stories entitled 'The Golden Aces Trilogy', with the second instalment, 'Shattered Empire', set to be published this autumn.



### Mumba Chakulya

*LLB Hons 2011*

During my time at Northumbria, I was one of 7 young people in the UK chosen to represent World Vision UK by creating awareness over issues such as poverty, HIV/AIDS, child soldiers and international aid. This venture was heavily supported by the Northumbria Students' Union and the office for Labour MP for Newcastle Chi Onwurah and saw me meet and work with the UK's strongest poverty advocates. I became founder of the World Vision Society.

I am in current talks to launch a radio show which will also be filmed. I also work full time for Tesco Underwriting in Newcastle as a personal injury negotiator where my legal training is put to work.



### Captain Joshua Clacy

*BSc Hons Sports Management 2007*

I played a lot of rugby at Northumbria and was in the 1st and 2nd XV. After graduating, I played rugby for India (my mother was born there), winning two games against Guam and the Philippines. This was with former Northumbria student **Nasser Hussain** (MSc Sport Management 2006) who captains the side.

I attended The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and commissioned as an officer in December 2009. I am currently a Captain in The Light Dragoons serving as a troop leader in Afghanistan, as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group.

During the past 3 years I have conducted military and adventurous training throughout the UK, Holland, Germany, France and Canada. My career may not be directly related to my degree, but I undoubtedly gained valuable experience throughout my time at Northumbria that has been beneficial throughout all walks of life, and my time there will always be remembered fondly.





## 2000s

### Ilke Dagli

*BA Hons European and International Politics 2005*



I completed an MSc in Security and Development at University of Bristol in 2006 then moved back home to Cyprus to do an internship with the prime ministry's EU Coordination Centre. I then got a job as a Project Coordinator at Cyprus EU Association for a UNDP funded project called Civil Society Dialogue Project. I continue to write, manage and supervise projects with the Association and was elected as the Vice President last December. I started working as a Project Developer, Consultant and Facilitator for EU and UNDP projects, private companies and NGOs.

Currently, I am working as a freelance consultant and facilitator for the ENGAGE 'do your part for peace' project, I am the Vice President and General Secretary of Cyprus Community Media, founding member of The Centre for Migration, Identity and Rights Studies and preparing for my PhD on securitisation of migration which I'm just starting back in the UK.

### Geoff Desreumaux

*BA Hons Business Administration 2011*

Originally from France, I now live in Athens since December 2007 where I work as General Manager for a local Social Media Marketing Agency.

A year, ago I founded 'We are Social Media' which is now the largest Facebook page dedicated to social media in Greece. Our goal is to rebrand social media in Greece as a new communication platform for people, businesses and organisations. We are passionate about what we do and we are working hard to make social media even more exciting.



### Corey Diethorn

*MSc Global Logistics & Supply Chain Management 2009*

Since graduating, I continued the successes that I developed on the court (2009 EBL2 Champions) to my professional basketball career in Spain and Germany. Now retired from professional basketball, I am applying the lessons that I learned in the classrooms of Northumbria to my growing real estate investment company. My company - Key Point Real Estate - focuses on residential redevelopment, buying distressed properties and breathing new life into them through a form of property rehabilitation, termed "greenhabbing." We then offer these properties to either retail buyers or other investors as profitable, turn-key rental units. Northumbria was the launching point for my professional career, and I am proud to call myself a Northumbria alumnus.



### Miguel Ferrer

*MA Human Resources Management 2009*

I am now living in London and working as UK HR Manager for Lavazza Coffee UK Ltd.

### Francesca Greaves

*BSc Hons Criminology and Sociology 2011*

Since graduation, I've done a year's internship with an annual fund consultancy, Rux Burton Associates, in Oxfordshire as a campaign supervisor. I've managed Annual Fund campaigns at Schools and Universities including one in Australia! I really enjoyed it so am now looking for a permanent job in alumni relations.



### Jackie Headon

*BSc Hons Human Organisations 2000, MSc Gender & Development PhD*

Throughout my degree I concentrated on gender related issues and went on to complete a Masters in Gender and Development and then PhD level research while teaching at Northumbria part-time. I am now retired and working on a collection of poems.

### Omer Iqbal

*BSc Hons Computing for Business 2003*

I moved to New York right after graduation and have been here ever since. I am currently working for L'Oreal as Manager - Technology in the Digital IT group. It is an exciting role where I work on the e-commerce strategies across 29 brands that L'Oreal owns. I am married and have a 2 year old daughter who keeps me very busy.

## 2000s

### Mandy Linsley

*BA Hons Leadership & Management 2011; PG Cert Research Methods 2012*

Being a business girl at heart it wasn't until after graduating and gaining the PG Certificate that I knew I wanted to work for myself. My fantastic supervisor Nicola Patterson put me in touch with Graham Baty, a business advisor within the University. This autumn, I train to become a mobile beauty therapist.

### Amy Mallorie-Little

*BA Hons International & European Business Studies 2002*

I am an accountant and have worked for Cadbury Schweppes and the Department of Health. Andrew and I got married last year at Ripon Cathedral.



### Samarth Mehta

*MBA 2007*

It gives me immense pleasure to remember those golden days of 2006-2007 at the University. I was the School Rep of the Business School and also the MBA Course Rep. I can't forget the lectures of Dr. Tony Purdie, Dr. Gillian Forster and Dr. Ron Beadle. I still miss those sessions.



Left to right:  
Durga Prasad Som, MSc Computer Networks 2007, Samarth Mehta and Kunal R Shetty,  
MSc Project Management 2007 at a reunion organised in Phuket, Thailand.

### Matthew O'Connor

*BA Hons Politics and Sociology 2005*

After graduation I travelled to New Zealand and Australia for a year before returning to Newcastle to work as a Digital Sales and Account Manager for Amazing Group on Grey Street. I've been at Komodo Digital for 5 years now and have worked my way up to Head of New Business. The best part of my job is that I get to be a creative thinker every day, use aspects of my degree and get the chance to work with some great brands like ITV and Go North East.

### Popoola Okesanva

*MSc Real Estate Management 2011*

I came back to Nigeria in January 2012 and am now employed by the Lagos State New Towns Development Authority as the Head of the Real Estate Unit. This is a new unit within the agency and my role is to form the unit, nurture it and make it successful.

### Marcus Pullen

*BA Hons Politics & Media Studies 2000*

After a year working on a graduate scheme as a product specialist (medical sales), I decided to retrain as a lawyer. I completed the GDL and LPC then started a training contract with Lee & Priestley LLP in Leeds where I qualified into the Commercial Litigation team. I have since qualified as a Solicitor - Advocate.

### Ruth Rosie (nee McFadzean)

*BSc Hons Criminology 2007*

I'm living in Adelaide, Australia, and working as a Development & Alumni Officer at the University of Adelaide. While my degree is not directly related to my current profession, the skills I developed have definitely helped me on my career path. I would encourage undergraduates to choose a degree they are passionate about rather than the future career it may lead to.



### Robert Stewart

*BA Hons Financial Services, 2004*

After graduating I joined the Royal Mail Finance Graduate scheme (London) working there for 5 years and becoming CIMA qualified in 2009. I now work as a Projects Financial Manager at Barclays after a brief spell with AstraZeneca.



### Ha Nguyen Thai

*MA Global Financial Management, 2004*

I left Newcastle and the UK right after graduation and moved back home to Vietnam, I have been living in Ha Noi since then and started to work in Finance. Now, I am working as an Investment Director in Saigon dealing with trading on the Vietnamese Stock Market.

My wife **Linh Nguyen Thuy** (MA International Business Administration 2004) also studied at Northumbria University and that is the reason why we got to know each other. In our daily conversation, studying in Northumbria, living in Newcastle and the UK are always important parts. We often talk about visiting Newcastle.

### Ken Ward

*BSc Hons Social Work Studies 2009*

I have so many fond memories of University and how positive it has been for my development and career. I am now a Team Manager and oversee 30 staff so hopefully students can see that real progression is achievable in a short time with hard work.

### Emma West

*BA Hons Fine Art 2002*

After many years of teaching I revisited my art work in 2008 by studying for an MFA at Bath Spa University. I am now working in the Art World and have been selected to be part of the Lumen Prize International exhibition.

### Hyder Yahya

*MBA 2008*

After graduation I returned to Pakistan and have worked with the government, UN and the World Bank. Presently, I am working as governance specialist in the implementation support unit of Post Crisis Need Assessment with the World Bank.



## 1990s

### Phil Butler

LLB Hons Law 1997

I studied law part-time whilst I was a police officer. I've now retired from Northumbria Police after 30 years service, and am standing in the election in November 2012 as the Conservative Candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner.  
www.philbutler2000.blogspot.co.uk;  
www.philbutler.org.uk

### Daniel Crowley

BA Economics 1994

Since graduating I have worked in the financial services and recruitment sectors. I recently set up my own company, Bright Horizons Recruitment Ltd, and specialise in actuarial, finance and accountancy markets in the UK and overseas.

### Jo Dexter

BA Hons Travel & Tourism 1999

I've been working as administrator for a registered charity for 9 years. We counsel people who have drug, alcohol and gambling issues to help them move forward into employment and education. I am also a Unison Learning Rep and Volunteer Education Advisor.

### Colin Harrop

HND Building Studies 1997

After graduating I did a part-time degree in Building Surveying whilst working. I was elected Chairman of the RICS Yorkshire and Humber board in 2008. I am now a Director of Jones Lang LaSalle, a fellow of RICS, and was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Leeds Metropolitan University for services to surveying this year. I still use the basic skill set I learned at Northumbria and look back at my time there fondly.

### Ivan Hollingsworth

BSc Hons Sport and Exercise Science 1996

I have gone on to enjoy a successful career in pharmaceutical sales. I still live in the North East in Whitley Bay and ever since my son Sebastian was born in 2009 my life has changed forever. Seb was born with a congenital heart defect and the Freeman Hospital saved his life when he was 16 weeks old when he underwent emergency open heart surgery.

Since then, my wife and I raise as much awareness and money as we can for CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund at the Freeman Hospital). To date, we have raised over £200,000 for the charity and we've been recognised for our efforts at a national level. www.Seb4CHUF.org.uk.

### Patrick 'Marty' McWilliams & Gillian Martin

BA Hons 3D Design 1998;  
BA Hons 3D Design 2000

We met in New York in 1999 during Gill's second year field trip (I was designer in residence at the time). Since graduation, I've worked at Michael King's jewellery workshop in Cumbria, and then worked for BISCA, an architectural



blacksmithing company, before moving back to Newcastle in 2000. I've been with Williamson Brown jewellers in Jesmond ever since, designing and making high end jewellery. I've won a few awards for my work, most notably the Kayman bi-annual platinum award.

Gill went straight to a well known Newcastle based interior designer as a PA - then left to pursue a career opportunity at Tallantyre Interiors in Morpeth. She is design director. Her impressive client base is ever expanding and her passion for interiors is infectious. We moved to the coast in 2001 and spent a lot of time (and money) restoring our 1930s house back to its original art deco style. We got married in Ireland in 2011.

### Lionel Poitevin

BSc Hons Applied Chemistry 1995

After graduation I went back to France to do my military obligation, then spent about four years working in the semiconductors industry in France. Since 2000 I've lived and worked in the Netherlands in the same industry but working for a different company (NXP).



Newcastle was a great time and a big step in my life. I met my French wife Delphine Thibault there and we both moved to the Netherlands a few years later. We have two boys we may call children of Northumbria! That's where it all started. I also used to play in the basketball team at Northumbria University.

### Paul Rostron

BSc Hons Applied Chemistry 1990;  
PhD Chemistry 1996

In 1999, I went to set up Hail University Chemistry Department in Saudi Arabia. I stayed there 5 years before joining the Petroleum Institute, Abu Dhabi, where I've worked ever since. I am Assistant Professor of Chemistry, HSE Manager for the Arts and Sciences Program and conduct research into corrosion and its control. I've become something of an expert in the field and speak at many corrosion conferences around the world. I also teach short courses in the subject in Africa, India and Asia.

## 1980s

### Jon Stoddart, OBE

BA Hons Geography 1980

Just before his recent retirement as Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary, Jon visited campus for the first time since graduation to meet former lecturer, Mike Barke, who still works in the Geography department. Jon also met with academics to talk about ethical hacking and computer forensics and to share his experiences of heading an independent police review of phone-hacking for Scotland Yard.



## 1970s

### Jan Pallas (nee Oxland)

Cert Education 1978; Diploma in Human Resource Management 1990

I had my own consultancy for 15 years and now have a company in Newcastle delivering Leadership & Management, Coaching & Mentoring, Assessor/IQA, H&S, Supply Chain Management – we offer qualifications and workshops for all plus HR support for SME's.

# Alumni Services

As a graduate, here are just some of the special services and benefits available to you.

### Save on Sport Centre membership

All Northumbria graduates are entitled to discounted membership at our flagship Sport Central on City campus and Coach Lane sport centre. With some of the best sport and fitness facilities in the region, there are various 'Associate' membership options for you to choose from, meaning you pay for the facilities you use. Full details at [www.nusportcentral.co.uk](http://www.nusportcentral.co.uk)



### Alumni use of University Library

Save money when you borrow books from the Northumbria University Library.

The book-borrowing facility costs just £50 per year (usual price is £70) or £17 for a four month subscription, allowing you to borrow up to 4 books at a time from the main library at City or Coach Lane campus. You'll also be able to access reference materials including periodicals and journals, however you won't be entitled to access any of the University's electronic resources.

An Annual Visitor Pass is also available, which entitles you to browse all printed reference material as often as you like during a year long period, but does not enable you to remove books from the Library.

Further details and application forms are available from the Welcome Desk, City Campus Library on 0191 227 3205.



### University Gifts & Souvenirs

Check out the full range of clothing, crystal, graduation gifts and University branded goods which are now available through the online shop. Items can be posted to you anywhere in the world.  
[www.northumbria.ac.uk/shop](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/shop)



### Halls of Residence accommodation

Coming back to Newcastle for a business trip or leisure? Then why not stay in one of our halls of residence? Available from mid-July to mid-September, we have over 400 study bedrooms including standard singles, en suite large singles and premier double bed studios available, 250 of which are three star rated by the English Tourism Council. B&B optional. Our overnight accommodation offers a great value-for-money option for weekend breaks, right in the heart of the city centre.

### Career development

From September 2012, if you are a Northumbria graduate and want to undertake further study with us in Newcastle or via distance-learning, we will reward your loyalty.

You'll get **10% alumni discount** on the tuition fee of most Postgraduate programmes. Check [www.northumbria.ac.uk/pg](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/pg) for details. Terms and conditions do apply.

### Lost touch with student friends?

If you want to reconnect with some of your classmates or student friends and have been unable to locate them on your own, our free Trace-a-friend service may be of interest to you. We have over 100,000 alumni addresses on our system, so if you can't track down your old student buddies we may be able to help.

Just send us their name(s) and course and year of graduation (or as many details as you can remember) and we'll do our best to put you in touch. Contact us on 0191 227 4839 or email [alumni@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@northumbria.ac.uk)

For other benefits and services see our Alumni webpages at [www.northumbria.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/alumni)

### Taster sessions

Considering returning to study for a postgraduate course or something new? The University's Return to Learning Taster Programme may be able to help you with your decision making process.

If you want advice about your options, an appointment with an expert advisor or to see what's on offer in the Autumn/Winter Programme, check out our website at [www.northumbria.ac.uk/rtl](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/rtl) or telephone 0191 227 4323.

### Postgraduate Study and Research Event

Interested in a postgraduate qualification? Come and find out about the range of postgraduate taught course and research opportunities.

Book the date: **Wednesday 21 November 2012**, from 12 noon – 4 pm in the Student's Union on Northumbria's city campus.

There will be presentations, and academic staff and current postgraduate students to will be on hand to answer your questions.

For full details and to register for the event, go to [www.northumbria.ac.uk/pg](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/pg) and click on the event link