



**Newcastle
Careers
Team**

Newcastle
City Council 

Newsletter

Supporting Young People into Education and Training

As the new academic year gets underway, we know that some young people are still looking for education or training opportunities. There are places available across the local area, but they're filling up quickly - and many providers stop recruiting once October begins.

If you're working with a young person who is unsure of their next steps or still seeking a place, please refer them to the Newcastle Careers Team. Our advisers are available to offer guidance and support, helping young people explore their options and access opportunities before deadlines pass.

You can find us at Work and Thrive Central, located in Newcastle City Library, as well as in various community venues across the city. Call us on **0191 277 1944** or email us at **careersteam@newcastle.gov.uk**.

Let's work together to ensure every young person gets the support they need to move forward this autumn.



New! Book Careers Appointments Online from 6th October

From Monday 6th October, Newcastle Careers Team is launching a new digital booking system. This means all appointments can now be booked quickly and easily via our website contact page at **www.newcastlecareers.org.uk**.

Please share this with any young people you're supporting. Whether they need careers advice, help finding education or training, or support with next steps, they can now book directly online at a time that suits them.

How to contact Newcastle Careers Team:

Telephone: **0191 277 1944**

Email: **careersteam@newcastle.gov.uk**

Website: **www.newcastlecareers.org.uk**

Facebook: **facebook.com/careersteamncl**



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News and events



CONGRATULATIONS!

Team Spotlight – Congratulations, Lynsey!

We're delighted to share that Lynsey Murton has successfully completed her Level 6 qualification in Careers Advice and Guidance!

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Lynsey's dedication to supporting young people with high-quality, informed careers advice and guidance. Her expertise will be an even greater asset to the team as we continue to help young people across the city navigate their futures.

Well done, Lynsey!

My future: My choice 2026 – Careers Fair

We're excited to confirm that My future: My choice will return to St. James' Park on Thursday 12th February 2026.

Schools have been contacted to book for the daytime session (9.30am–3.30pm). We'll also run an open session (3.30pm–5pm) for college students, parents, unemployed young people, and those from outside the city. Booking details will be shared in the autumn.

The event will again feature a dedicated SEN zone for young people with additional needs. We're currently seeking sponsors - a great opportunity to raise your organisation's profile.

For details, contact Becky Henderson at: **rebecca.henderson@newcastle.gov.uk** and use the subject line: Mf:Mc 2026.

More information will be posted on our website **www.newcastlecareers.org.uk**.



[newcastlecareers.org.uk](http://www.newcastlecareers.org.uk)



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Work & Thrive Newcastle

Employment partnership goes from strength to strength

Our employment partnership is supporting more Newcastle residents than ever with improved access to high quality employment support and good work opportunities.

Funded by the North East Combined Authority, Work & Thrive puts the needs of local people, young people, and employers at the heart of everything it does. Partners include Newcastle City Council (including Newcastle Futures, Newcastle Careers, Newcastle Housing Employability, Connect to Work, and Newcastle City Learning), Department of Work and Pensions, National Careers Service, and other training providers and community organisations, including Newcastle United, King's Trust, and the College.



The partnership's good work includes:

- Newcastle Career's and Future's Teams provide free personalised advice to any young person aged 16-18 (Careers), and up to 25 with an EHCP plan (Futures) who is looking for a place in education, training, an Apprenticeship, or a job with training. This includes help with writing or updating a CV, helping to find vacancies, writing job applications, and preparing for interviews. Both teams offer outreach services at libraries, and children and community hubs.
- In 2024, Work & Thrive supported over 2,000 appointments to residents, and recruitment fairs and employment support events helped over 1,500 Newcastle residents take steps into employment and/or training.
- An ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) service was set up in 2024 to help anyone over 16 improve their English and find a job or training. In the first year of delivery, the ESOL service supported over 1,000 residents, and has helped over 1,500 residents as of the summer 2025.

Work & Thrive Newcastle has a website where you can find out more information or details of support: workandthrivenewcastle.org.uk Or you can contact workandthrive@newcastle.gov.uk, phone **0191 277 4125**, or subscribe to their newsletter at: **Work & Thrive**.



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Regeneration Brainery

Regeneration Brainery is Coming to Newcastle!



**REGENERATION
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Are your students curious about how cities are shaped and the roles behind the places we live, work, and play? Regeneration Brainery gives young people the chance to explore regeneration, property, and the built environment in a hands-on, exciting way. We connect students with industry experts, helping them discover careers, build practical skills, and see how education links to the real world.

From 3rd-7th November, we are running a FREE five-day immersive programme in Newcastle for students aged 14 and above, where they will explore a wide range of industry roles, from project management and surveying to facilities management, interior design, community engagement and tonnes more. All whilst gaining employability skills in teambuilding, networking, giving presentations, creating a banging CV, and bagging that all important job role.

During the week, students will:

- Dive into interactive workshops and real-life projects
- Visit inspiring workspaces and industry sites
- Meet graduates, industry leaders, and global experts to explore career pathways and hear their inspiring stories
- Build essential soft skills through teamwork activities, networking, and CV workshops

There's a role in property for every interest:

- 📖 Love Law? Explore Construction or Property Law
- 🌍 Geography fan? Try Town Planning or Environmental Consultancy
- ÷ Maths whiz? Consider Quantity Surveying or Property Investment Banking
- 🎨 Creative at heart? Architecture or Urban Design could be the dream role

Whatever their strengths or interests, students can find a role in shaping places and spaces, and the Brainery Bootcamp is the perfect place to start exploring.

The Brainery supports Gatsby Benchmarks, giving students the chance to meet employers, gain career guidance, and explore pathways into a growing and exciting industry. Past participants have gone on to secure work experience, internships, apprenticeships, and graduate roles.

Our programmes are completely free, and we take care of all logistics, so there is no extra workload for teachers.



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MCR Pathways



Be the Vital Spark That Changes A Life

Mentor for just one hour a week with MCR Pathways

MCR Pathways is an award-winning, relationship-based mentoring programme, working to level the playing field so all young people can achieve their ambitions.

When you've had the most unfair start in life, it's easy to lose your way for the rest of your life. For too many young people, an unfair start means navigating life's toughest challenges alone. But mentoring builds confidence, instils belief, awakens ambitions, and expands their future horizons.

Mentoring not only improves a young person's educational attainment, career aspirations, and life chances, it's also incredibly rewarding for the mentor. Supporting someone to reach their full potential can increase your own confidence, develop communication skills, and give a deep sense of fulfilment and purpose.

This month, we launched our programme in Jesmond Park Academy, Excelsior Academy and Callerton Academy, and there is an urgent need for mentors. You don't need any specific skills or prior experience to become a mentor; all you need is a willingness to make a positive impact. Mentors dedicate an hour each week listening to and encouraging a young person in their school, empowering them to believe in themselves and their abilities.

Ready to get involved?

Join a virtual information session to learn more about how mentoring is already transforming young people's lives across the country and ask any questions you have.

Register your interest here: mcrpathways.org/about-mcr-pathways/information-sessions-2 or email alesha.aljeffri@mcrpathways.org to find out more.

Or, you can sign up directly on the MCR Pathways website: mcrpathways.org/become-a-mentor



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**Education
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Helping students choose the right route after their GCSEs

Northumberland College is part of the top performing college group in the North East and the top performing land-based college nationally.*

The college is the largest further education provider in Northumberland with campuses located throughout the county, offering a wide range of qualifications from entry level to technical, vocations and apprenticeships, giving pupils the skills and knowledge they need to progress to their chosen career or university.

Our campuses

At our Kirkley Hall and Ashington campuses, we offer a variety of courses, including school leavers (16-19), adults, and courses for those looking to progress into Higher Education.

We host events throughout the academic year to give you a taste of life at Northumberland College.

You can speak to our expert teaching staff, meet fellow students, and explore our amazing facilities.



◀ Scan here for
more information



With the groundwork and foundations now complete, the new Campus will revolutionise the education and skills landscape in the North East and beyond, offering state-of-the-art teaching and learning environments aligned to industry priority areas.

Following the achievements of this year's results day, students received the grades to achieve their future ambitions after collecting their technical results.

Students received their results from our Ashington and Kirkley Hall campuses, with many accepting offers from some of the country's leading universities, progressing to higher education, progressing to higher level apprenticeships, or starting a new career.



Not sure what route is right for your students? Our friendly Information, Careers Advice & Guidance team can help them choose the best course and career options.

Take a look at our new prospectus, which is full of our latest information and course details



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For any queries or more information on how we can best support your students, please get in touch with our recruitment team:
recruitment@educationpartnershipne.ac.uk.

Keep in touch find out all our latest news and keep up to date with the exciting activities happening at Northumberland College by following us on our socials.

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Join us in Exhibition Square to discover vacancies from a variety of different Metrocentre retailers, dining spots and exciting leisure venues.

We may have the perfect vacancy for you here, so come along to find out more!

2, 3 & 24 OCTOBER

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METROCENTRE
4PM – 7PM**

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO FIND OUT MORE**



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get invaluable experience and
a taste of what it is like to work in
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ON THIS COURSE YOU'LL :

- Have a variety of fun daily fitness sessions designed to boost key transferable skills.
- Gain an insight about different careers in Health and Fitness.
- Learn about mindfulness, building resilience, and coping strategies.
- Learn about physical exercises and the importance of a balanced diet.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Taster day: 15 Oct 2025

Course dates: 20 - 24 Oct 2025

Express interest by: 13 Oct 2025

Location: **NUCASTLE**, Diana Street, NE4 6BQ

Eligibility criteria: 16 - 25 year olds not in employment, education or training.

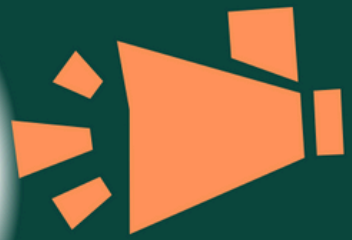


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LEARNER SPOTLIGHT



This is Jake Wheatley and he works for the Port of Tyne as a Level 3 Business Administration Apprentice.

His employer tells us they are very pleased with his progress as he is always keen to learn new things and is a valued member of the team.

“My name is Jake and I am working towards my qualification for a Level 3 Business Administrator, whilst working as an Apprentice.

My Training Provider is Barnardo's ETSNorth, I have been taught by Ged, my Tutor, who is very engaging. She has an amazing teaching style and has helped me a lot with my course work. I have enjoyed my time at Barnardo's so far, and I look forward to continuing working towards my qualifications and end goal of becoming a fully trained Administrator.

With regards to my Employer, I am grateful that I have been able to work for such an amazing company. It is a fantastic place to work, and it has opened the door to a lot of opportunities for my future.”



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Kleek has been so supportive throughout my hairdressing apprenticeship! This route has proven to be the best as I get to work in my salon, giving me real experience with clients, as well as attending Kleek Academy Newcastle, where I take part in practical learning in a fully equipped training salon!

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Meet the Team

All our Careers Advisers are level 6 qualified Careers Guidance practitioners.

Becky Henderson – Becky started with Newcastle Careers Team in 2021 as a Careers Adviser and is now the team manager. Becky is linked to St Cuthbert's and Trinity Schools. Becky is always keen to meet other services and organisations to explore how organisations can work together.
Email: rebecca.henderson@newcastle.gov.uk.



Matt Ellaway

Careers Adviser - **07917 721 271**

Linked to Gosforth, JPA, Walker and Bridges schools. Linked to the Virtual School to work with Looked After Children up to the end of year 11.



Lynsey Murton

Careers Adviser - **07977 700 859**

Linked to Kenton, Sacred Heart, St Mary's and UTC Schools. Also our link with Primary School and International new arrivals.



Neena Chopra (part time)

Careers Adviser - **07793 968 935**

Linked to Benfield, Excelsior and Westfield schools.



Jamie Stocks

Careers Adviser - **0191 277 7037**

Linked to Studio West and PEX Bespoke. Supporting at Kenton and Excelsior schools. Also linked to the Virtual School to work with Looked After Children post 16.



Laura Davison

Careers Adviser - **07484 091 044**

Linked to Sir Charles Parsons, Percy Hedley and Parkside schools. Also our link with the Attendance Team.



Sarah Irving

Careers Adviser - **07970 625 666**

Linked to Walbottle, Mary Astel, Thomas Bewick, Trinity, Talbot House, EHC bespoke, Hopespring schools. Our link with the SEN team.



Vicky Cheetham

Information and Advice Assistant
Our Information and Advice Assistant provides information and advice at Work and Thrive Central in the Central Library.

