



**Newcastle  
Careers  
Team**

**Newcastle**  
City Council 

# Newsletter



Happy New Year and welcome to our first newsletter of 2024.

In the world of Careers, the Spring term is a busy one with National Apprenticeship week (5-11th Feb), National Careers week (4-9th March) and in Newcastle the My future: My choice Careers Fair at St. James Park on the 30th January (see more in the article below). Though many young people don't realise it, the spring term should be busy for them, making applications if they are leaving school. Many apprenticeships starting in September will have closing dates before February half term. Increasingly Colleges and training providers are reporting that their courses fill up quickly and some think they could be full by Easter, again for September starts. So, the message is, young people need to be planning ahead and making decisions about what they want to do.

We know some young people need help and support with their career planning and the Careers team are here to give advice and guidance – just drop us an email or call, see the contact details box on this newsletter as to how to do this. We realise the city centre can be difficult (and expensive) for young people to get to which is why we are establishing more bases across the city, so from January our offer will include sessions at the Charlton Street Hub in Lemington. There are details below as to how to refer young people there.

Whether you are a school or a community group – if you have a group of young people who you feel would benefit from some advice or information about careers, jobs and what's available in education and training please get in touch and we would love to come and meet them.

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

Facebook: [facebook.com/careersteamncl](https://facebook.com/careersteamncl)



## Newsletter Subscription

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# Careers Team Events

## My future: My choice 2024 - 30th January

Our second citywide Careers Fair takes place at St James Park on the 30th January. It is bigger and has more exhibitors than last year and is now on 4 floors of the stadium! To see a full list of exhibitors, please visit our website [www.newcastlecareers.org.uk](http://www.newcastlecareers.org.uk).



Schools are booked in for the daytime sessions but between 3.30-5.30pm parents, professionals, 6th formers, college students and young people who are NEET can come along and meet employers, Colleges, apprenticeship and training providers. Booking a place is easy and can be done by following the link [tinyurl.com/MfMcEvent](https://tinyurl.com/MfMcEvent).

Our employers cover all the major sectors – engineering, construction, hospitality, catering, the creative sector, health to name but a few. If you want to find out about opportunities available locally and more widely this is an ideal chance with everyone under one roof.

Our education providers cover the full academic range from Oxford University to local training and support organisations, with many specialist providers including the National Race Horse college and the Northern School of Art.

For those with SEN and additional needs there is a dedicated SEN Zone on level 6 with specialist education and training providers and information on additional support available.

This event is being supported by the Newcastle Foundation, Newcastle College, Robertson's and Creative Central NCL and we are very thankful for their contributions.

Do come along and encourage people who may benefit to sign up and see what's on offer. We really hope to see you at St. James' Park on the 30th January.



## Charlton Street Community Hub, Lemington

On Tuesday afternoons from the 9th January you will now find a member of the Careers team at Charlton Street. We are offering appointments and a drop in. To make a referral please email [careersteam@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:careersteam@newcastle.gov.uk) or book via **Eventbrite**.

We are hoping that for young people in the outer west it will make accessing the service much easier.



# Opportunities



Together, we deliver the projects that change people lives.

Whether we are delivering small scale improvements or a major project, Taylor Woodrow's success is founded on the teams that we build, the relationships we develop and the engineering solutions that we provide.

Taylor Woodrow is working with Newcastle City Council to transform the city into a greener place to drive towards Net Zero. Our social value team are looking forward to building new relationships in the North-East and can offer:

- Site visits, Supporting World of Work events and careers.
- Employability skills (CV writing and interview skills)
- Story telling sessions 'Hazards of playing on a construction site'
- STEM Activities – Mini Beast Mansions, road sign/machine naming competitions



See how we can help you, by contacting us on;  
Lucy Smith - Social Value Co-ordinator  
Mobile: **07742 500 254**  
Email: **lucy.smith2@taylorwoodrow.com**



# TEEP

## TEEP and the TURING scheme.

The Turing Scheme provides funding for those individuals undertaking education and training in the UK to go on and study or access work placements across the world.

This funding allows organisations to provide students with the chance to develop new skills, gain vital international experience and help contribute to the UK Government's commitment to a Global Britain, by helping organisations forge new relationships around the world.

We offer end to end project planning to help organisations identify the right projects for them, define objectives, make sure that funding is approved and take care of all project work with our team of experts, making the process streamlined and pain free. From initial consultation to execution, we will collaborate closely to ensure the project is relevant and valuable for your organisation and partners.

This is always at no cost for the organisation or school.

To find out more, go to [www.teep ltd.co.uk/#whatweprovide](http://www.teep ltd.co.uk/#whatweprovide)



**TURING**

**SCHEME**

Funded by the UK's global programme to study and work abroad



# Dads Service

## Barnardo's Dads Service, Next Steps - Dads Champions Recruitment



Barnardo's are moving to the next stages of the development of a vision to work towards Newcastle becoming a city of inclusion for Fathers. We are now looking to recruit professional 'Dads Champions' from services citywide.

Being a 'Dads Champion' is not so much of a task, but more of an approach within the service you deliver to ensure Dads are seen, heard, supported, and can sustain engagement with you and your team. We refer to this as the 'Think Dad' vision.

We will be working with our Champions to think about how their service engages Dads, and what provision you offer to ensure they are accessible and inclusive for Fathers. We will also explore assessment tools, and how curious questions can give us more information and connections (with consent). We will look at embedding monitoring tools to keep track of Dads who access services to ensure they don't become hidden or invisible.

As a Champion you will have the 'Think Dad' agenda at the forefront of what you do. You can share this learning with your colleagues and cascade it throughout your teams to ensure a standardised service wide offer.

We can look at modifying service assessment and monitoring tools to help you and your colleagues ask the right questions. We can, as a team, support each other to see what is working well, what could be better and make plans to ensure best practise going forward.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a big change, a Citywide concept of 'Father Inclusive Practice' where professionals across the board will have the knowledge and tools to ensure families are considered as a whole.

This way of working will help us further in our strive for better outcomes for babies, young people and their family networks.

For more information, please contact:  
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# Education

## Sunderland University Teacher and Adviser Conference

Due to the success of our Teacher and Adviser Conference last summer we will be holding another conference, we are currently organising the logistics around this event but we hope to be able to announce the event and the date in the New Year via our Teachers and Advisers Newsletter.

Email [student.help@ Sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:student.help@ Sunderland.ac.uk) to be added to our mailing list.



## Sunderland University Dance Tasters

Dance City offer a one hour taster class for students interested in our **BA (Hons) Professional Dance degree**. This class includes time to speak with academic instructors on the course.

The tasters can be scheduled around the students teaching timetable, students should contact Dance City directly via email at [he.enquiries@dancecity.co.uk](mailto:he.enquiries@dancecity.co.uk) to make an appointment.



University of  
Sunderland

## Excelsior Sixth Form College

Excelsior Sixth Form College welcomes young people from across the city. As a student at Excelsior College, you'll benefit from a sixth form that is big enough to offer you a varied choice, but small enough to give you very individual attention too.

You will be part of a vibrant community in which all the staff are passionate about helping you exceed your expectations. Through our academic and welfare support, we will give you the strength, resilience and tools you need to face the challenges ahead and build the future you aspire to.

Excelsior College students also benefit from the 'Laidlaw Schools Trust Difference' – extra funding and an educational philosophy that goes beyond teaching and learning. Visit **Excelsior College website** to find out more.

**READY FOR A FRESH START?**

**ENROL NOW AT EXCELSIOR SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**

**TO FIND OUT MORE SCAN ME**

**WHAT DO WE OFFER?**  
A BESPOKE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME  
POSITIVE WORK PLACEMENTS  
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN  
FREE CHROMEBOOK  
FREE GYM ACCESS  
CLOSE TO CITY CENTRE

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# Princes Trust



Prince's Trust

## TEAM

Join Team, our free 12-week personal development programme, to gain valuable skills and experience, earn a qualification, and boost your confidence. Starts 22nd January 2024

The programme is designed to take your confidence sky-high and prepare you to take the next steps into work, education or training.

Here's what you'll get out of the Team programme:

- Take part in an action-packed residential trip, where you'll get to know the other people in your team.
- Make a positive difference in your community by working together on a group project.
- Get two weeks' work experience in a profession or organisation that interests you.
- Earn a nationally recognised qualification, and develop your English and maths skills.
- Receive support to write a standout CV, and learn how to impress in an interview.

Twelve weeks may sound like a long time, but the programme flies by. You won't believe how far you've come when you share your journey at the final celebration.

For further information or to register your interest, text 07883 085 505 or message on the **West Denton Princes Trust Facebook page**.

## GET STARTED with MUSIC

WHEN: Taster Day: 22nd Feb 24, Course Dates: 26th Feb - 1st Mar 24

WHERE: Newcastle Prince's Trust Centre

On this programme you will:

- Participate in a range of music workshops with professional musicians and create a music performance at the end of the week
- Discover music composition – how a song is created from scratch
- Get to try out different instruments and work on lyric writing
- Recording tracks, learning the process of recording a live band
- Complete an Arts Award Qualification
- Work on building confidence, teamwork, motivation, resilience



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## GET INTO RETAIL with M&S

WHEN: Taster Day- TBC, Course Dates: 4th – 29th Mar '24

WHERE: Newcastle, Metro, Gosforth, Silverlink, Kenton

On this four week course you will:

- Gain in-depth training in the industry by completing work experience with M&S
- Rotate around different job roles in the store
- Improve your communication skills, interview skills and your confidence
- Improve employability skills and receive career guidance
- Guaranteed job interviews for contracts available

For further information or to register your interest in any of these courses, contact

**PrincesTrustNE@princestrust.org.uk**, call on **0800 842 842** or visit

**www.princes-trust.org.uk**.

## STEPS INTO HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

WHERE: Online (via Microsoft Teams) WHEN: Fortnightly Access Point sessions

Aged 18-30? Thinking about a career in Health & Social Care but not sure where to start? Seen one of our other H&SC programmes advertised but can't make the specific dates due to other commitments? Perhaps you just need some support with an upcoming interview, or would like to see what financial help we offer to help you into your new H&SC job?

Our new STEPS INTO Health & Social Care is made for you!

This offers virtual workshops to boost your employability and knowledge of H&SC; you can tailor your journey and choose which workshops are right for you!

Workshops include:

- CV building
- Interview skills
- Application form support, and many more!

You will also receive 121 support from The Prince's Trust to support you finding the right opportunity for you in your area.

For more information, visit: **Start a Career in Health & Social Care** or contact:

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## Get Started with NHS BSA

WHEN: March 24

WHERE: Newcastle Prince's Trust Centre or Teams

Are you aged 16-30? Interested in becoming an NHS CALL CENTRE ADVISOR:

- Inbound only
- Full time only - £22,303 starting salary
- Level 2 (or equivalent) in Maths and English Qualification required
- Career progression in NHS
- No call centre experience needed
- Hybrid working – office and work from home - IT equipment provided

For more information contact: Chris Leech at **chris.leech@princes-trust.org.uk**



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# WORK EXPERIENCE AT NORTHERN STAGE



**Our Work Experience is for anyone aged 14-18 looking to gain an insight into the backstage roles in a theatre. It is one intensive week, with a focus on technical and production.**

Participants will be introduced to light, sound, special effects and stage management. They will get the chance to try out different backstage roles in our professional theatre space and will work together to design and produce their own technical installation, which is showcased at the end of the week.

Participants work in groups of 15-20 people from across the North East. The week includes:

- Introduction to lighting including; learning how lights work, rigging them, adding colour, focusing and programme them into the lighting desk.
- Introduction to sound including; setting up a sound system, sound effects, and using the software.
- Introduction to stage management including: marking out; prop making; preparing the book; calling the show.
- Counterweight flying system, masking, operating pyrotechnics, health and safety.

Whilst we attract lots of young people already engaged in theatre it's our mission to attract those who haven't even set foot inside a theatre. If you have students who are good at problem solving, technically minded, work well to deadlines or under pressure, are organized and enjoy learning through doing, then they'll get so much from this week (it's also lots of fun and we won an award for it in 2019!)

**Applications are now open for our 2024 Work Experience weeks, which will take place from 8-12th July and 15-19th July. To apply, simply head to our Work Experience page at <https://northernstage.co.uk/taking-part/work-experience/> and fill in the application form. Applications will close on 16th February. For more information email us at [workexperience@northernstage.co.uk](mailto:workexperience@northernstage.co.uk).**



## TEACHER TASTER NIGHT

Want to find out how our Work Experience programme could benefit your students? Come along to our taster event on 18th January! You'll be able to hear from Northern Stage's technical team, ask questions and even have a go at some of the practical tasks!

There will also be talks from other cultural venues in the region including: The Glasshouse; Live Theatre; Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums and Centre for Life, who will share details about their work experience programmes. The event is open to all teachers, regardless of your subject area. To register for the event please sign up on this [link](#).

# Northern Stage

## Culture Club at Northern Stage!

WHEN: Tuesdays (5.30-7pm) during term time, plus additional dates to watch performances.

WHERE: Northern Stage



This is the place to meet friends, watch theatre, and make content. Each month, you will attend Press Night of a theatre show at Northern Stage, you'll discuss it with each other, and then you'll respond to it on TikTok, YouTube, or in a Zine working with professional content creators. Whether you're keen to be in front of the camera, or you prefer to take a role behind the scenes, Culture Club is the place to make content about culture and share it with the world.

## Tech Club at Northern Stage!

WHEN: Saturdays (10-1) during term time - WHERE: Northern Stage

Tech Club is a fun introduction to the world of technical theatre. You will be introduced to light, sound, special effects, and stage management. You'll get the chance to try out different backstage roles in our professional theatre space. You will work together to design and produce your own technical installations. If you're curious about what goes on behind the scenes in a theatre, but don't know where to start, this is the perfect opportunity to start exploring.



## Young Directors at Northern Stage!

WHEN: Mondays (5-8pm) during term time, plus additional dates to watch performances.

WHERE: Northern Stage

Young Directors is an introduction to the craft of directing live performance. You'll be introduced to professional Directors, who'll share their unique approaches. You'll learn about the essentials of directing live performance, from working with actors to playing with text. This is ideal for anyone aged 14-19 with no previous directing experience.

Clubs are for 14-19 year olds, there are free places available and travel bursaries available too. To join any of these clubs visit [www.northernstage.co.uk/taking-part](http://www.northernstage.co.uk/taking-part) or email [takepart@northernstage.co.uk](mailto:takepart@northernstage.co.uk) for more information.



# Newcastle City Learning Interns are buzzing

at Northumbria University

## Key skills

- Independent travel
- Time keeping
- Building communications
- Confidence
- Teamwork
- Placements
- Listening



## Civic centre

TK- "It boosted my confidence, and I made a lot of eye contact. However, I really found it enjoyable on this occasion."

LB- "I felt confident, and I loved talking about my experience so far within the internship".

## Travel training

LB- "I did travel training with Lesley and started getting on the train by myself which is something I didn't use to do but now I can do it all by myself and I really enjoy going on the train now".

AS- "I did travel training with Lesley, and it went well. I didn't use to go on the bus alone because I didn't have the confidence but now, I can go on the bus by myself, and I have the confidence to go on the bus."

## Training

Health and safety Manual handling  
Risk assessment and ROSPA



## Our comments

AS- "We have been going around different campus which we really enjoyed"

LB- "I like learning new things and meet new people."

SR- "It has made me come out of my comfort zone and, I have been talking to new people."

TK- "I like changing the lights and I have been looking at radiators".

MM- "It has been very interesting and there are lots of multiple things to do".

AK- "I like to do practical things and like talking to new people".

OA- "It's very therapeutic and there are lots of different things to do in the gardening".

ML- "I like coming to see my friends and I like going to different places for my lunch".

JC- "There are lots of lunch choices in the campuses and I feel more confident as a receptionist".

AB- "It has boosted my confidence and coming out of my shell".

GC- "I like working with the staff at Winn and like doing the parcels".

Edited by Amna Shazad



# Meet the Team

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

**Ann Graham** – Manages the team. Ann has been working within Careers in Newcastle since 1990 in a wide variety of roles and settings. Ann is always keen to meet other services and organisations to explore how organisations can work together. Email: [ann.graham@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:ann.graham@newcastle.gov.uk).



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Linked to Walbottle, Kenton, Studio West and St. Cuthberts schools. Also linked with the 16+ Social Care team and Virtual School to support young people in care and care leavers post 16.



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**Vicky Cheetham**

Information and Advice Assistant

Our Information and Advice Assistant provides information and advice at the Skills Hub in the Central Library.

