



## Welcome to CyberNorth's December Newsletter

CyberNorth is working to support the growth and development of the whole cyber security community across the North East region. Find out more below and make sure you sign up so you don't miss out on key events and fun activities!

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# CyberNorth Recognised at Dynamites 23

Now in its tenth year, the Dynamites are the North East's most highly anticipated IT and Tech awards. Since 2014, 3,842 attendees have celebrated the industry, 111 companies or individuals are the proud holders of the cherished Dynamites trophy and over 786 nominations have been considered by the judges.

This November saw the biggest celebration of the industry yet.

CyberNorth was recognised at the prestigious event, with Phil Jackman picking up the award for this year's North East Tech Champion, rounding off an amazing year for the cluster.



# Empower to North East Girls

The Sage EmpowerCyber 2023 event returned to St James Park, Newcastle, last month. Held over two days this time, its aims are to educate and inspire year 8 girls from schools across the North East on cyber security and technology, demonstrate to them the type of companies working within the sector, introduce them to a range of different people working in the space, and hopefully inspire them to consider careers within the industry.

CyberNorth hosted a workshop around the theme of recruitment and the girls' task was to design an attention-grabbing cyber security recruitment poster. In all, over 1,100 girls attended, and the event was well-supported by over 40 regional and national companies, each hosting a cyber security-themed workshop.

The North East region's NCSC CyberFirst area was particularly impressive, and the Empower event even made it as a news item on local ITV television!

Congratulations to Sage (and especially Mads Howard pictured with CyberNorth's Andrew and Thea) for organising and pulling off yet another great empowerment occasion for young people.

More information about CyberFirst can be found [here](#).

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## Danielle Leads CyberNorth

Over the last year, CyberNorth has been building the team to help secure a long term future for the recently formed community interest company. There is so much planned for next year and to ensure the business has the necessary focus, Danielle Phillips has stepped up to take the overall strategic and operational directorship of the company. She is also taking the lead on one of our three pillars - Ecosystem Development.

Phil Jackman is now focussing on the Innovation pillar, while Andrew Pounder is the driving force behind the Skills pillar. The fourth member of our operational team, Thea Scott, is responsible for brand communications.

More details about leadership and governance of the cluster can be found [here](#).

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## Thank You to our Supporters

CyberNorth is proud of what it has managed to achieve this year, yet none of this could have been done without the ongoing backing of our main supporters.

Accenture has been committed to CyberNorth since its inception while the backing from UK Cyber Cluster Collaboration has helped move the organisation from a passion project to the business it is today.

Our sincere thanks go out to both businesses.

There are additional opportunities to support the work we do. More information is available [here](#).

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**Durham University Business School**

**CyberNorth & Durham University - Cyber Security and FinTech Event**

Online: 7 December 15:00-16:00

**CyberNorth**

## December Events

We're winding down to year end with only one event scheduled for December. Don't worry, we're working on a full events programme for next year! Keep checking our [events page](#) for the latest updates and let us know of any events that you are planning so we can shout about them too:

- CyberNorth and Durham University Cyber Security and FinTech event - 7 December: Online. [Tickets](#)
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## Get Involved

If you work, study or are interested in cyber security then CyberNorth is your community. Do get involved!

### **MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:**

- Come along to our events and encourage others too
  - Volunteer to speak at an event, write a blog post or take part in our podcast
  - Provide content for the website, including your own organisation's events
  - Amplify our message by commenting on, sharing or liking our social media
  - Suggest ideas for future initiatives
  - Encourage your colleagues to become part of CyberNorth
  - Tell people outside the region about what is going on
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## About CyberNorth

[www.cybernorth.biz](http://www.cybernorth.biz)

CyberNorth is the region's cybersecurity community, supported by Accenture, UK Cyber Cluster Collaboration and recognised by the Department for Science, Information and Technology (DSIT) and the National Cyber Security Centre as representing the region. It is part of the UK Cyber Cluster Collaboration (UKC3) and Global Epic.

CyberNorth is working to support all organisations across the regional cybersecurity ecosystem including cybersecurity service suppliers, consumers of cybersecurity services, academia, government, other public sectors including blue light organisations, media and policy makers.

Our aim is to position the North East as a great place to deliver cybersecurity services.

## Contact us

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