



Welcome to CyberNorth's February 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!



Cyber Security Innovation Centre

We are delighted to announce the launch of our highly anticipated Cyber Security Innovation Centre. Following funding from DSIT's Cyber Local Funding, CyberNorth is now trialling cyber security innovation centres across the region.

Two 'pop-up' innovation centres have been created in the region, one in Newcastle and one in Durham. These will be used to develop a future model whereby small innovation hotspots can be created that bring together innovators and business support from across the region.

The trial period will create two variants of the model, providing further flexibility and greater future options. It will also allow us to test the model and its variants, leading to a revised business plan, sustainability strategy, future partners and identify future funding sources and key stakeholders.

The innovation centre comprises two main elements, free accommodation and a programme of business support. Accommodation is to be provided by Floe (Newcastle) in a commercial co-working space and by Atom (Durham) in an existing underused building. During their time at the innovation centre, the businesses will be encouraged to mix with other innovative and start up businesses. Interventions will be designed to allow interaction to happen. The businesses will also have access to a range of free business support workshops.

For more information, attend the online briefing on 15 February ([register here](#)) and check out the Innovation Centre [webpage](#).

The Sage logo is displayed in a vibrant green color against a solid black background. The word "Sage" is written in a stylized, rounded, sans-serif font. The 'S' is particularly large and features a thick stroke. The 'a' and 'g' are also prominent, with the 'g' having a thick, rounded bottom. The 'e' is smaller and more standard in style.

Sage Supports Innovation Pillar

Sage is proud to support CyberNorth through sponsoring its Innovation Pillar, recognising the impact we have on the growth and development of the regional cyber security sector and security for SMBs.

Sage, a British multinational enterprise software company based in Newcastle, is a global leader in enterprise resource planning software and the largest ERP supplier to small businesses. It is a FTSE 100 company and has offices in 23 countries.

CyberNorth is delighted to receive the recognition and support from such a leading local business and is looking forward to working with Sage to develop new and exciting initiatives.

Sage has a long history of working in cyber security. Head to its new [Trust and Security Hub](#) to read about its cyber security for SMBs. To develop the hub, 2100 businesses were surveyed to find out what they thought about cyber security, what they were worried about and what they wanted help with.



Developing our Future Cyber Leaders

We're thrilled to be able to offer aspiring Cyber Leaders in the North East of England the chance to accelerate their careers through a fully-funded Cyber Leaders training course.

Developed in partnership with regional cyber companies and professionals, and with the support of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, the brand new programme looks at four key areas to help you develop your cyber career.

Delivered over four in person day-long workshops the teaching is supported with additional online coaching.

The programme runs throughout March, and a second cohort is planned for May. If you'd like to express your interest, contact danielle@cybernorth.biz for an application form and more information.

To find out more, attend the online briefing on 13 February ([register here](#)). The link to the Cyber Leaders application form can be found [here](#).



Strengthening our supply chains

Another gain with the support of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, we're running a series of Strengthening Cyber Security in your Supply Chain workshops throughout February and March and across the North East.

The events, which will be held in conjunction with professional bodies and membership organisations throughout the region, are designed to help non-cyber companies understand the threats cyber issues in the supply chain can have on their businesses, and give them the tools to try to mitigate these risks,

If you know of any customers who would be interested in attending one of these courses, or if you're interested in speaking at one in the future, please get in touch with Danielle@cybernorth.biz

Registration for each of the three events can be found on the [Events](#) page.



UKC3 Cyber Cluster Organisation Survey

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) has commissioned Ecorys UK and Perspective Economics to conduct an evaluation of the UK Cyber Cluster Collaboration (UKC3) Programme to measure its impact and inform future interventions. This evaluation covers the current financial year, from April 2023 to March 2024. It will aim to understand how effective the UKC3 Programme is in supporting clusters, how clusters are using the funding, and to gain insight into cluster governance structure.

As part of the evaluation of the UKC3 programme, we would like to invite Cyber Cluster member organisations (anyone involved with cyber cluster activity) to participate in this survey.

You might already know that your cluster is a recognised cluster through UKC3. UKC3 funds and supports regional Cyber Clusters and encourages greater collaboration across regions and nations of the UK. There are currently 15 UKC3 recognised clusters in the UK.

You can read more about UKC3 [here](#) and complete the survey [here](#).

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February Events

There is a lot going on in February but keep checking the [website](#) for new additions:

- **13 February** - Overview of CyberNorth's New Cyber Leaders Programme
- **15 February** - CyberCogs
- **15 February** - CyberNorth Innovation Centre briefing
- **27 February** - Strengthening cyber security in your supply chain workshop
- **29 February** - CyberSips

Don't forget, if you have a cyber security related event, CyberNorth is happy to promote it. You can get in touch via hello@cybernorth.biz



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

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

If you would like any further information on the contents of this newsletter, or any other related issue then please contact us at hello@cybernorth.biz

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