Welcome to CyberNorth's March 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!

Veterans into Cyber Security

CyberNorth is delighted to be working with TechVets, the charity which provides a bridge for veterans, service leavers, reservists, and their families into IT careers. The North East has the highest number of unemployed ex-forces people of any English region.

Thanks to funding from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) CyberNorth is in a position to support five ex-military personnel into cyber employment by providing a year long subsidy to employers, offsetting some of the cost of employment and reducing the risk to the employer.

A briefing about the programme will be held Thursday 14 March 10:00 - 11:00. Book your [place](#).
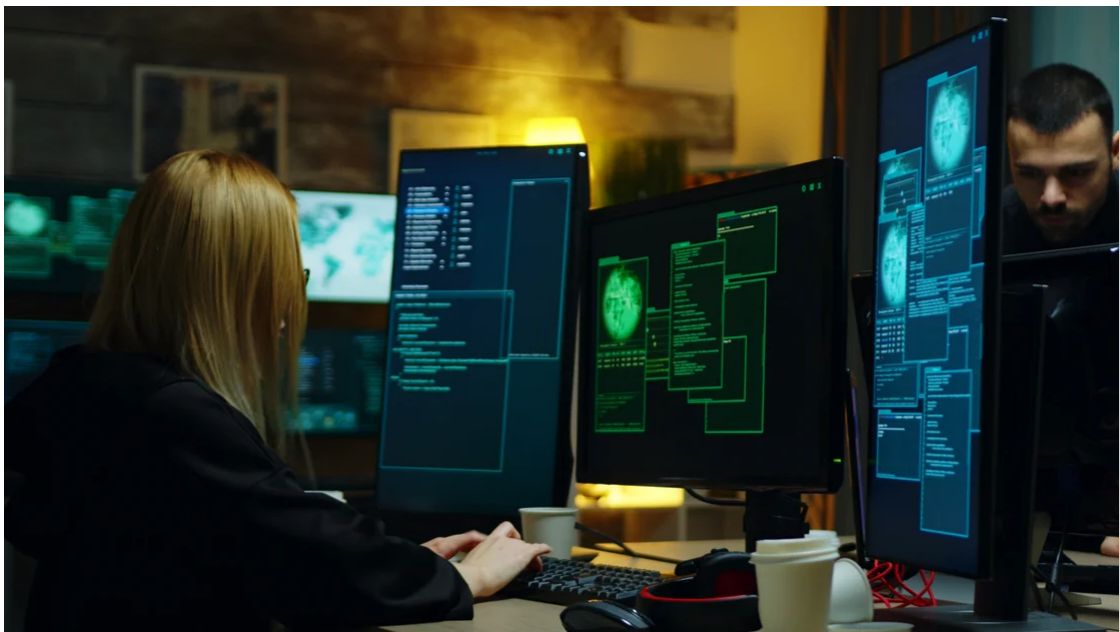

Trade Mission to Cheltenham

As guests of our sister cluster, Cynam, CyberNorth is taking a delegation to Cheltenham during its Science Festival to meet with government organisations, primes and SMEs based in that region and the South West of England.

This will be a unique opportunity to be part of the UK's most active and concentrated cyber community – a great one for networking and learning about opportunities for your business in this part of the country.

Whilst the date seems a bit of a way off, accommodation around the festival is very busy and so you need to **get your expression of interest in by 5 March via this online [form](#) if you would like to attend.**

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with only one delegate from each business able to attend.

Please note, organisations will need to cover travel and accommodation costs.

Cyber Innovation Centres

Following last month's announcement, CyberNorth's Innovation Centre Programme promises to be a game changer for budding cyber security entrepreneurs.

Applications are open, secure your place now!

Have you or anyone you know got a great idea for a business in the cyber security space? It could be a new product or service in an already established business. It could be at an early stage or pre-startup. It might just be a concept at the moment! All are welcome.

The Innovation Programme is designed to give you the tools needed to get your business going. Office space and access to experts in business support, skills workshops and opportunities to network are all offered as part of the initiative.

Want to know more? Visit our website or watch the briefing on YouTube.

Department for
Business & Trade

Cyber and Defence Team

The Department for Business and Trade (DBT) is bringing its Cyber and Defence Team to the region to meet with the local sector.

Hosted by Womble Bond Dickinson, a round table meeting will be held in the morning on Thursday 21 March. This will be a great way for our regional cyber businesses to showcase the work you're doing and get on DBT's radar. The roundtable will also be a chance to find out what they are up to and how they can support you to start or accelerate your export journey.

As space is limited, this will be an invite only meeting for business owners and practice leads.

To add your name to the list of potential attendees, please complete the registration [form](#).
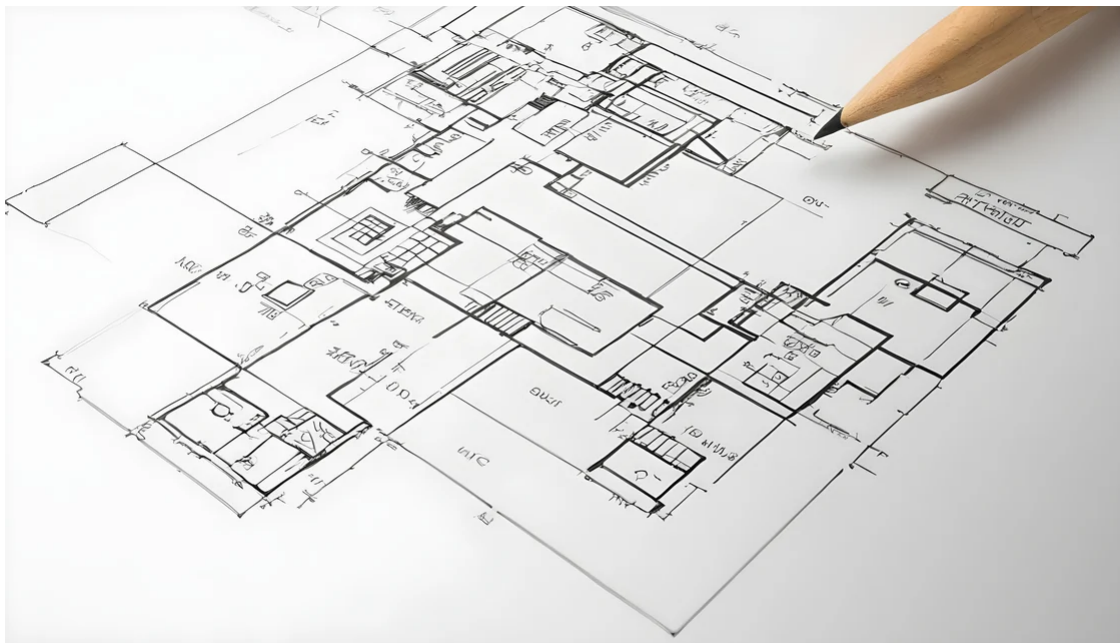
Strengthening Supply Chains

A reminder that CyberNorth is running a series of Strengthening Cyber Security in your Supply Chain workshops throughout March across the North East.

With the support of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, the events will be held in conjunction with professional bodies and membership organisations throughout the region. They 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 mitigate these risks,

If any of your 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 the events can be found on our [Events](#) page.

Secure by Design

The Digital Catapult is running its fifth open call for the Digital Security by Design Technology Access Programme and is encouraging North East businesses to apply.

The Digital Security by Design (DSbD) Technology Access Programme (TAP) is part of an initiative supported by the UK government to transform digital technologies and create a more resilient and secure foundation for a safer digital future. It is designed to give UK-based companies access to the Arm designed Morello board, CHERI stack, and technical support to trial these technologies within their systems, products, and applications.

Through the DSbD Technology Access Programme, companies will be able to experiment with and validate the prototype cyber security technology and feedback their findings to influence its future development before it enters commercialisation.

Further details and the application process can be found on the Digital Security by Design website.

March Events

We keep saying this but there really is a lot going on in March. Keep checking the website for new additions:

- **6 March** - North East Azure User Group: Public Sector Mini Series
- **7 March** - Strengthening cyber security in your supply chain, Durham
- **14 March** - Strengthening cyber security in your supply chain, Sunderland
- **14 March** - Supporting Ex-Forces into Cyber Security Briefing
- **21 March** - Department of Business and Trade – Meet the Cyber and Defence team
- **21 March** - CIA, Teesside Airport
- **22 March -** Trustack IT Summit 2024 – Managing risk

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

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**