



Welcome to CyberNorth's January 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!

New additions to the CyberNorth team



Nicola Halse
Marketing



Claire Pickersgill
PR and Events



Jon Holden
Lead for Cyber and Fintech

As we continue to promote and support our members and the cyber security sector within the North East, we're delighted to welcome three new team members to CyberNorth.

Jon Holden joins us at the lead for Cyber and Fintech, Nicola Halse as the new Marketing Manager and Claire Pickersgill who will be looking after PR and events.

Head across to our website to read more on the team and to connect with them on LinkedIn.

Read more on the new team members

Come along to CyberSips



A great opportunity to network, discover new opportunities and keep up to date with our latest news, our January CyberSips event is not to be missed. At this relaxed get-together we'll be discussing upcoming events, member news and much more, so, come along and grab a cuppa, we'll see you there.

 Thursday 30th January

 9am-11am

 Newcastle - exact location to be confirmed

Book your free place here

GISEC Global



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GLOBAL

06 - 08 MAY 2025

DUBAI WORLD TRADE CENTRE

Grab your chance to be part of the Middle East and Africa's largest Cyber Security event, GISEC Global.

Supported by the UK Department for Business and Trade (DBT) and in partnership with the UK Ambassador to the UAE and Cyber News Global, places are available in the UK Pavilion both as an exhibitor or delegate.



6-8th May 2025



Dubai World Trade Centre

Head across to our website to view the UK Pavilion brochure and to register your interest.

GISEC Global information

Innovation Centre 2.0



Have an idea for a cyber security business or want to get started in the sector? Our Innovation Centre programme is just for you!

Taking place at Maybrook House in Newcastle, the innovation centres will take place one day per week for six weeks throughout February and March. These interactive workshops, covering Product, Customers, Company, Money, People and Meet the Buyer are delivered by highly regarded professionals in the business support industry.

Applicants can be in education, employment or otherwise, as long as the business idea relates to cyber security and you want help either getting off the ground or finding out whether it's viable, the Innovation Centre is for you!

[Find out more about Innovation Centre](#)

FutureScot Conference



As part of our continuous work to ensure you have connections all round the country and across the globe, we've teamed up with our closest neighbours and are putting together a trade mission to Scotland.

Hosed by CyberNorth's sister cluster, [ScotlandIS](#), as well as meeting, connecting & chatting to key suppliers in the Scottish security sector, you will also get to attend Scotland's leading public sector cyber resilience conference, [FutureScot](#).

Also marking the Scottish Government's Cyber Scotland Week, it's a fantastic opportunity to showcase talent and cyber support in the North East.

 24th - 26th February

 University of Strathclyde, Technology & Innovation Centre, Glasgow

To register your interest, simply drop us an email and we'll provide more information.

Register your interest for FutureScot

Securing Smart Cities



As part of their Cyber Runway programme (a national incubator programme for cyber start ups), [Plexal](#) will be holding an event here in the North East and would love to see you there.

The session will look at securing Smart Cities and will include talks from Sunderland City Council about their smart city plans, as well as other smart cities around the country. There will also be a networking lunch and an opportunity to meet the companies currently participating in the [Plexal Cyber Runway](#) programme.

 Wednesday 5th February

 1pm - 5.30pm

 Sunderland City Hall

Register to attend

Senior Leaders event



This will be our first quarterly Senior Leaders event aimed at company owners and leaders across the cluster.

Joined by a Procurement Lawyer from Womble Bond Dickson, they will be providing an overview of the new Procurement Act and what this may mean for your work with the public sector.

We'll also be joined by colleagues at Department of Business and Trade to discuss our upcoming trade mission to the Middle East in May 2025.

 Tuesday 4th February 2025

 5pm-7.30pm

 Womble Bond Dickinson, Newcastle upon Tyne

Register your place here

Citizen Centered AI



With Artificial Intelligence being in everyone's thoughts, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has announced 12 UKRI Centres for Doctoral Training across the country to train the next generation of researchers in the applications and implications of AI.

Northumbria's UKRI AI Centre for Doctoral Training in Citizen-Centred AI (CCAI) will train over 60 such researchers to place citizens at the centre of the design and development of AI applications and services. The Centre's research will draw upon our expertise in AI, Human Computer Interaction (HCI), Design, Psychology, and Business & Law.

CyberNorth is delighted to be partnering with Northumbria University in this exciting venture to support researchers to be multi-disciplinary activists in designing AI products, systems and services that connect people and their data, to government, industry and other organisations in ways that prioritise peoples' thoughts, needs, rights, and aspirations.

CyberNorth members are invited to get involved with the research, including setting the agenda for project topics. Students will work with members to undertake short-term live projects as individuals and in teams, as well as larger, longer-term individual dissertation projects.

Email your interest here

January events

If you're like us and raring to go for 2025, check out these fantastic four events in January. New events are added all the time so keep [checking the website](#) for additions:

- Jan 10 - PLATFORM
- Jan 29 - Cyber Intelligence Alliance - CyberWhite
- Jan 30 - CyberSips
- Jan 31 - PLATFORM

👉 **Save the date! On the 18th March 2025, in conjunction with UMi, come along to our Meet the Buyer event at Newcastle Civic Centre. The day will see North East cyber companies hold pre-arranged meetings with companies looking to purchase cyber products and services. Our team are working with UMi at the moment to firm up the buyers who will be attending, if you're interested in coming along to the event and would like to be kept up to date, please let us know at hello@cybernorth.biz**

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

Tell us about your event

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
- Let us know your news for us to share
- 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

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