



Welcome to CyberNorth's May 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!

See us at GISEC Global



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GISEC

GLOBAL

06 - 08 MAY 2025

DUBAI WORLD TRADE CENTRE

As the 14th edition of GISEC Global takes place from the 6th to 8th May 2025 at the Dubai World Trade Centre, CyberNorth are delighted to be attending this prestigious event as we continue to promote the North East cyber security sector.

Taking her place as a judge on the 'Start-up Stage' will be CyberNorth CEO, Danielle Phillips, working with cyber innovators from around the world.

We're looking forward to collaborating and promoting our fantastic North East businesses throughout the three-day event.

If you're coming along to GISEC and would like to catch up with our team, please drop us an email at hello@cybernorth.biz

CYBERUK 2025



The UK government's flagship cyber security event, CYBER UK, hosted by the National Cyber Security Centre, returns next week to Manchester, taking place from the 6th - 8th May.

Representing CyberNorth, Jon Holden & Nicola Halse will be attending several fringe events including a UKC3 networking event and accompanying a delegation of businesses to showcase the North East with Austrade, The Australian Trade and Investment Commission.

CyberSips Summer Social



In a twist to our regular CyberSips breakfast networking we look forward to welcoming the cyber security community to our Summer Social.

Not only will we be celebrating our amazing community in the region, but for one night only, Mr Phil Jackman will be taking centre stage as we honour him and thank him for the work he's done to make CyberNorth the community it is today.

We really hope you can make it to wish Phil a happy retirement and give him the send off he deserves.



12th June 2025



6pm - 9pm



Gusto, Newcastle Quayside

[Book your ticket](#)

New Podcast Episode



Our popular 'It's Cyber Up North' podcast is back with brand-new episodes featuring top experts, cutting-edge trends and real-world stories from the front lines of cyber security.

Latest episodes include our Influencing the Influencer program, while our Innovation Centre episode features discussions between CyberNorth's Thea Scott and Danielle Phillips.

[Listen Here](#)

North East Local Growth Plan



The interim North East Local Growth Plan has been launched with CyberNorth already submitting our comments and suggestions on the document. We would encourage our members to read the plan and make any suggestions.

 [North East Local Growth Plan](#)

 [Submit your comments](#)

Australia Cyber & Digital Trade Mission



ADS, in partnership with the British High Commission in Canberra and the Department for Business & Trade, is proud to announce a second Cyber and Digital Trade Mission to Australia, with an additional scope to include Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Quantum capabilities where they relate to Critical National Infrastructure, Defence and Security.

 10th - 21st November 2025

Find out more & register your interest

Careers Hub Conference



The Tees Valley Combined Authority are bringing together schools, colleges, and businesses at their Careers Hub Conference to explore key data on young people's career readiness and identify targeted interventions to support their future success.

This event will provide valuable insights into skills gaps, employer needs, and how businesses can enhance their careers education outreach to help shape the future workforce.

 8th May 2025

 8.30am - 11am

 Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough, TS3 6RS

Book your ticket

CyberFest Tickets



Join us at the North
East's biggest cyber
security festival.
Early bird tickets now
available.

Preparations are well underway for CyberFest 2025 with many fantastic events now confirmed, if you haven't booked your ticket to our annual conference and awards events, now is the time.

 CyberNorth Community Conference

 Tuesday 7th October

 9am-4pm

 Newcastle Civic Centre

 CyberNorth Awards

 Wednesday 22nd October

 6pm-11.30pm

 Tyne Bank Brewery

[Get Discounted Tickets Here](#)

Calling all rockstars!



Are you an experienced musician who fancies taking to the CyberNorth stage?

We would love to put together a scratch band, The Hoodies, for this years' CyberNorth awards night in October. If you're a singer, guitarist, keyboard player, bassist, wind, brass & strings or drummer (as well as sourcing necessary PA etc), we want to hear from you.

The band would be organised online (so not a lot of time commitment from yourself), you would need to soundcheck on the evening and play three or four numbers on the night to the collected cyber security massive!

Graham Jordan will be coordinating the band, so, if you're a budding rocker, now is the time to get in touch.

Email Graham

GradSprint - One day, big impact



Are you a business in the North East with graduates within your organisation?

You're invited to be part of the first-ever GradSprint 2025! This one-day event brings together graduates from different employers to create fresh ideas for the future of the North East.

[Sign up here](#)

CySpace Mapping Workshop EOI



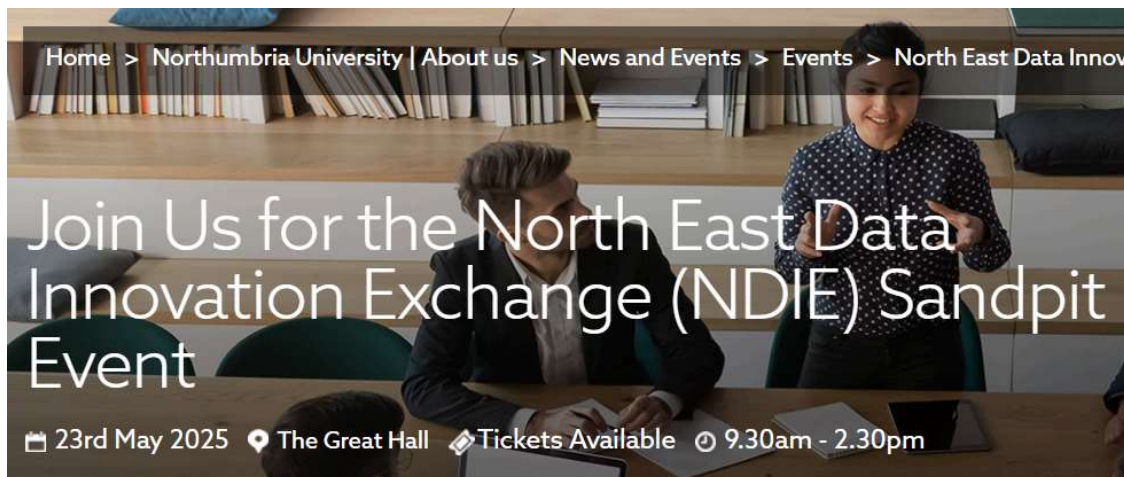
Led by Space West and delivered in collaboration with partners across the UK, a national initiative is underway to map capabilities in space domain awareness (SDA) and cyber security to address critical vulnerabilities.

Expression of Interest Now Open for the following Workshops:

Newcastle University, North East - 26th June 2025

[Find out more](#)

North East Data Innovation Exchange



Northumbria University are excited to invite you to a collaborative sandpit event, sponsored by Atom Bank, Mediaworks, Finpact CIC, and Northumbria University, where they will explore opportunities for developing the new North East Data Innovation Exchange (NDIE).

This collaborative session aims to bring together thought leaders, academics, innovators, and stakeholders to brainstorm and co-create solutions that leverage data for regional growth and innovation.

[Book your place here](#)

Launch of North East Business Council from The Jobs Foundation



The Jobs Foundation invites you to the launch of our North East Business Council

Unlocking the North East's Potential: Innovation, Infrastructure & Industry

- The Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough, TS3 6RS
- Friday, 16th May 2025
- 12.15pm – 2.30pm (light lunch provided)

RSVP to kellen@thejobsfoundation.com

With thanks to
Steve Gibson
Owner and Chairman of Middlesbrough FC

A panel discussion and Q&A featuring:



Kiran Fothergill
Chair of the North East Business Council & Director at Pickerings Lifts



The Lord Elliott of Mickle Fell
President of the Jobs Foundation



Jonathan Brash
MP for Hartlepool



Mads Howard MBE
Sage

The Jobs Foundation would be delighted if you would join them for the upcoming launch of their first Regional Business Council, the North East, on Friday 16 May at The Riverside Stadium in Middlesbrough.

They will be joined by a selection of some of the Region's most prominent business leaders & policy makers, including the many inspiring business leaders they met during the research into their case study of Hartlepool as part of their foundational research, Two Million Jobs: How business plays a crucial role in taking people from welfare into work.

President, Matthew Elliot, will be joined by Kiran Fothergill of Pickerings Lifts, Mads Howard MBE & Jonathan Brash MP to discuss Unlocking the North East's Potential: Innovation, Infrastructure & Industry.




[Book your spot here](#)

UKC3 Clusters News



UKC3, the UK's 'Super Connector', enables and empowers regional cyber clusters across the nation.

The clusters, of which we're proud to be a part of, play a vital role in supporting growth of the cyber sector and are uniquely positioned with regional focus and presence, actively engaged communities and relationships on the ground. Each month, we highlight the work they're doing across the UK to showcase national opportunities to our members.

- **South West Cyber Security Cluster** - Monthly Meetup
 9th May 2025 - [FIND OUT MORE](#)
- **Cyber London** - Women in Cyber: Ethical Hacking Uncovered
 14th May 2025 - [FIND OUT MORE](#)
- **ScotlandIS** - Secure your Earlybird tickets for Scotland's leading tech conference, ScotSoft.
 25th September 2025 [FIND OUT MORE](#)

If you would like to know more about our sister clusters across the nation or find out about further opportunities in other regions, contact us [via hello@cybernorth.biz](mailto:hello@cybernorth.biz)

May Events Roundup

May is gearing up to be a busy month of events not only in the North East but across the country. Remember, if you have an event you would like us to share, simply email our team on hello@cybernorth.biz

-  6th - 8th - [GISEC Global](#)
-  6th - 8th - [CYBER UK](#)
-  8th - [Future Scot - Transforming Public Services 2025](#)
-  15th - [Cyber Security Workshop](#)
-  16th - [GradSprint](#)
-  16th - [North East Business Council](#)
-  22nd - [CyberSips](#)
-  23rd - [North East Data Innovation Exchange](#)

Visit our Events Page

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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