

CYBERFEST

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**The North East's largest
cyber security festival**

1st – 31st October 2025



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Welcome

Now in its most ambitious year yet, CyberFest has become the cornerstone event for cyber security across the North East, bringing together businesses, academia, public sector leaders and the next generation of cyber professionals.

As the region's largest cyber security festival, CyberFest proudly showcases the North East as a vibrant hub for innovation, resilience and collaboration in the face of today's digital challenges.

Spanning a dynamic series of partner events, workshops, panel discussions and networking sessions, CyberFest offers a platform for knowledge-sharing and industry insight across every corner of the cyber ecosystem. Whether you're a tech start-up, an established enterprise, a university researcher or a student, there's something for everyone.

A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors and partners, whose support makes this growing festival possible. Their commitment enables us to deliver high-quality, accessible events that inspire innovation and help shape the future of cyber in the North East and beyond.

CyberFest is more than a festival, it's a community-driven movement. From boardrooms to classrooms, we're proud to connect people, spark ideas, and empower a future-ready cyber workforce.

Danielle Phillips - CEO, CyberNorth



Meet our Team

The CyberNorth team will be on hand throughout the month to support, attend and organise CyberFest events.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any queries or comments, we're here to help.



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Event Guide

Newcastle University School of Computing Careers Fair

1st October 10am - 2pm

Newcastle University

Delivery Manager for Skills, Helen Matthews and CyberNorth CEO, Danielle Phillips, will be chatting to PhD students as they attend this fantastic carers fair, discussing opportunities within cyber security and how we can support.

Schools Debate

1st October 4pm - 6.30pm

Maybrook House, Grainger Street, Newcastle

Year 12 students from Durham Sixth Form Centre, Gateshead College, Royal Grammar School and Emmanuel College will take their place as they debate the topic 'AI will do more harm than good'.

With support from teachers, parents and friends, this is a fantastic opportunity for students to enhance critical thinking, improve their communication skills and increase their confidence.

This is an invitation only event, if you would like to attend please email Helen Matthews on helen@cybernorth.biz

Event Guide

North East Youth Alliance - Cyber Security Awareness Training

2nd October 10am - 11am Partner Event
Online webinar

With increased threats of cyber attacks, it's essential VCSE organisations protect themselves against cyber risks and the costly consequences.

Join CyberNorth for a CyberFest event along with North East Youth Alliance as we deliver a webinar to inform you of the dangers such as ransomware and phishing and provide tips to strengthen defences and safeguard your organisation's financial health and reputation.

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Women's Cyber Brunch

3rd October 10am - 12 noon
Radisson Blu Hotel, Durham, DH1 5TA

In collaboration with the Ladies Hacking Society, WiCys, Cyber Women (Durham) and Women in Cyber Unlimited, join us for 'Breaking Barriers: Retention and Advancement of Women in Cyber Security – Women's Cyber Brunch.'

The event will explore the challenges and opportunities for retaining and advancing women in the field of cyber security from personal stories and career journeys, to proven success strategies in organisations through to barriers to retention including isolation, imposter syndrome, addressing burnout and stress.

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Event Guide

CyberFirst Ambassadors Breakfast

7th October 8am - 9am

Civic Centre, Newcastle

A fantastic opportunity for cyber ambassadors to come together, network and connect.

CyberFirst's core mission is to inspire and nurture talent by supporting young people to gain the skills, experience, and exposure they need to be the future first line of defence in our CyberFirst world. This event is a thank you to the ambassadors who have supported schools across the region.

Community Conference

7th October 9am - 4.30pm

Civic Centre, Newcastle

As the North East's largest cyber security festival, every year we bring together businesses, academics, universities, students, thought leaders, innovators, artists and cyber enthusiasts.

Our full-day conference features thought-provoking talks, networking and collaborative workshops.

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Senior Leaders Dinner

7th October 7.30pm - 10.30pm

The Baltic, Newcastle

An evening of connecting and collaboration as we bring together senior leaders from CyberNorth member businesses.

This is an invitation only event, if you would like more information please email dan@cybernorth.biz

STEMFEST

7th, 8th & 9th October 9am - 4pm

Partner Event

Vertu Motors Arena, Newcastle upon Tyne

The event will involve approximately 60 local companies delivering activities, showcasing the wide range of careers and job roles available in STEM sectors in the region.

The CyberNorth team will be supporting our partner, RTC North, as they bring the Cyber Heist game to young people across the region.

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Cyber and defence - working together for a safer tomorrow

14th October 9.30am - 1.30pm

Commissioners Building, Sunderland, SR1 1NW

Cyber has become the new theatre of war, with millions of threats facing our critical national infrastructure and businesses daily from national states and criminal gangs.

This focused event seeks to introduce the cyber and defence communities in the North East, explore our strengths and find opportunities to grow our capabilities to keep our region and nation safety, and to advance our businesses and professionals.

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Cyber Security in the Space Economy

15th October 9.30am - 11.30am

Durham Cricket, Chester le Street, DH3 3QR

The UK offers exciting opportunities across the space sector, which is currently worth over £16.4 billion per year to the UK economy and employs 45,100 people.

Join us for an engaging and insightful morning bringing together professionals and businesses from the cyber and space sectors for relaxed networking followed by a panel discussion to discuss access to the market, compliance and supply chain opportunities.

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CyberFutures North East

15th October 11.30am - 4.30pm

Sage, Cobalt Park Way, Newcastle, NE28 9EJ

Open to students aged 16+, join us for CyberFutures North East, an exciting Cyber Security Careers event in partnership with Sage.

The afternoon features an exhibition of leading industry employers for you to network and explore opportunities with, a CV clinic, guidance from recruiters, learn about a 'Day in the Life of a Cyber Specialist' and hear how to develop and promote your brand using AI and LinkedIn.

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Cyber Security in the Maritime Sector

16th October 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Port of Tyne, 2050 Innovation Hub, South Shields, NE34 9PY

Cyber security in the maritime industry is crucial due to the increasing reliance on digital technologies for ship operations and the potential for significant disruptions from cyberattacks.

Join us for an engaging event and join the conversation shaping the future of essential national infrastructure and the world's trade networks.

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Event Guide

Connected Voice - Cyber Security Awareness training for VCSE organisations

21st October 10am - 11am **Partner Event**

Online webinar

With an increasing threat of cyber attacks, it is essential for VCSE (voluntary, community & social enterprise) organisations to protect themselves against cyber risks and their costly consequences.

As a CyberFest fringe event with Connected Voice, this online session will inform you of dangers such as ransomware and phishing and provide tips to strengthen defences and safeguard your organisation's financial health and reputation.

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The Cyber Security and Resilience Bill: Practical Steps for Business

21st October 12pm - 1pm **Partner Event**

Online webinar - LinkedIn Live

Organised by Hicomply, this webinar will provide clarity on the forthcoming Cyber Security and Resilience Bill, demystify the Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) and its implications for organisations, and share practical steps for managing cyber risk and building resilience ahead of regulatory change.

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Event Guide

Net-Defence: Pizza Networking

21st October 5pm - 7pm

Partner Event

These Things Happen, Sunderland

This will be a relaxed opportunity for you to meet and chat over a slice of pizza and a cold beer!

The event will include a panel of guest speakers who will be discussing supply chain risk and its impact across a variety of sectors.

This is a zero-pressure, informal, networking event for like-minded businesses. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Cyber Ambassadors Round Table

22nd October 5pm - 5.45pm

Tyne Bank Brewery

Our recently recruited student cyber ambassadors, one from each of the five North East universities, will have the opportunity to come together, network and discuss their roles and objectives at this informal event.

Event Guide

CyberNorth Awards

22nd October 6pm - 11.30pm

Tyne Bank Brewery, Newcastle, NE6 2AB

Join us as we celebrate the North East's thriving cyber security community with our annual awards evening.

Forget black ties and posh frocks, we're all about enjoying a relaxing evening recognising and celebrating the outstanding achievements of organisations and individuals working in cyber security across the North East.

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Silicon Mingle

23rd October 6pm - 9pm

Partner Event

Maybrook House, Grainger Street, Newcastle

Silicon Mingle is a monthly meetup for the whole tech community, whether you're an entrepreneur, investor, creative, developer, designer, student, career changer, or simply curious, if you're into tech, you're welcome to come along.

No speakers. No pitches. No pressure. Just genuine connections and good vibes.

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CyberFest would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and partners, thank you.

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The CyberFirst Horizons logo, featuring a stylized purple sunburst graphic above the text "CYBERFIRST" in a black, uppercase, sans-serif font, with "HORIZONS" in a purple, uppercase, sans-serif font below it.The Hg Foundation logo, featuring the text "The Hg Foundation" in a black, uppercase, sans-serif font.The RTC logo, featuring the letters "RTC" in a large, red, serif font, with the tagline "inspiring growth" in a smaller, red, lowercase, sans-serif font below it.The hashtag "#CyberFest25" in a large, white, sans-serif font, with a pink curved line and dots leading up to it from the left.