

# CYBERFEST

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

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**1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Student Event

**1st October 10am - 2pm**  
**Newcastle University**

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## 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 does 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](mailto:helen@cybernorth.biz)

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## CyberFirst Ambassadors Pizza Night

**1st October 6.30pm - 9pm**   **Partner Event**  
**Newcastle upon Tyne**

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## 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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# Event Guide

## 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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## 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 [nicola@cybernorth.biz](mailto:nicola@cybernorth.biz)

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## 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 partner, RTC North, as they bring the Cyber Heist game to young people across the region.

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## The FinTech Nexus

**13th October 9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Tanfield Business Centre, DH9 9DB**

Join us as we bring together ideas, build connections and grow the ecosystem across cyber and fintech.

With informative guest speakers (to be announced) and a round table discussion, you'll have fresh insight into where finance, tech and cyber are heading.

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## Universities & Colleges Round Table

**13th October**

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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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# Event Guide

## 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

## Skills Webinar

**20th October**  
**Online webinar**

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## 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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## Cyber Ambassadors Round Table

**22nd October**

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## 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**  
**To be confirmed**

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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**Punk Security**

The logo for CyberFirst Horizons, 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 logo for The Hg Foundation, featuring the text "The Hg Foundation" in a black, sans-serif font, with "The" and "Foundation" in a smaller font size than "Hg".The logo for RTC, 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 white, sans-serif font, with a pink curved line and dots leading up to it from the left.