CyberNorth

Welcome to CyberNorth's September Newsletter

CyberNorth connects and supports people, organisations and ideas across cyber, AI, data and quantum, bringing together business, academia and the public sector to develop skills, support growth and drive meaningful progress across the region.

Get ready for a September newsletter bursting with the latest updates, CyberFest news and member opportunities.

Are you ready for #CyberFest25?

CyberFest is back next month and this year it's bigger, bolder and buzzing with energy!

As the region's largest cyber security festival, we're celebrating the people driving innovation and resilience across cyber, tech, AI, and security. Expect inspiring seminars, hands-on workshops, lively debates and standout speakers who will challenge your thinking and spark new ideas.

We're uniting experts and trailblazers from space, defence, marine, the volunteer sector and beyond and we want YOU to get involved.

Celebrate your people. Celebrate your sector. Celebrate the future of cyber.

🎟️ Tickets are live now for our flagship community conference on 7th October plus a packed month of events you won't want to miss. Head over to our events page, book your space and be part of the celebration!

CyberFest Events

CyberFirst Bursary

CyberFirst offers students a path into the UK's most exciting and future-proof tech careers – whether you're just finishing A Levels (or equivalent) or already at university.

The CyberFirst bursary scheme (led by the National Cyber Security Centre) is opening for applications on the **15th of September 2025** offering students aged 16+ a fantastic opportunity into the sector.

👉 £4,000 per year tax-free
👉 8+ weeks of paid summer placements in government and industry
👉 A direct path into the UK's cyber security ecosystem

This is a popular programme and the application window will be short therefore ensure you don't miss out!

Find Out More

Tech Talent Ready

Are you ready to explore a career in cyber?

We're delighted to be partnering with The North East Combined Authority and Sunderland Software City to bring you Tech Talent Ready, a collection of fully-funded industry specific programmes to help people build the skills needed to work in tech.

The program is ideal for A-Level students, anyone interested in technology, those exploring career options in cyber and people returning to work. Women are especially encouraged to apply.

The two-week bootcamp (held both in person and online) includes 👇
✅ Employability training
✅ Real-world incident response
✅ Masterclasses
✅ Access to the Lumi AI learning platform
✅ Job interviews
✅ A women in cyber brunch

📅 22nd Sept – 3rd Oct

This is a fantastic opportunity and we expect demand to be high therefore don't delay in registering your interest.

Find Out More

CyberNorth Awards

Entries for the CyberNorth Awards close on the 12th September, so, if you've been putting it off, now's the time to shine.

Award categories:
🏆 Innovation
🏆 Business or Cyber Team of the Year
🏆 Rising Star
🏆 Outstanding Cyber Professional Award
🏆 Community Champion

Don't miss your chance to celebrate the amazing cyber talent, innovation and resilience across the North East.

Enter the Awards

New Podcast Episode

At CyberNorth, we believe that businesses are stronger when they work together, sharing knowledge, building trust and supporting one another helps create a safer, more secure digital North East.

Tune in to our latest podcast as CyberNorth CEO, Danielle Phillips chats with Ed Bartlett, Founder of Hicomply and Debra Cairns, Managing Director of Net-Defence as they discuss how collaboration has improved their business.

Listen Here

AI Funding Opportunity

UK registered businesses can apply for a share of up to £1.6 million for the development of Proof of Concept demonstrators of AI technologies with state of the art performance. This is to support the UK's AI sovereignty objectives.

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, will invest a minimum of £1.6 million.

Competition closes: Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 11:00am

Find Out More

CyberSips by the Sea

In a twist to our usual CyberSips, this month we're heading to the beautiful North East coast for a walk and talk event, with a brew on the way!

The networking event is open to anyone, at any level, working or interested in the cyber security sector in the region. Our popular CyberSips events are a great way to learn, connect and talk with your peers.

Got a well-behaved pooch? Bring them along, we'd love to see them too!

📅 25th September
⏰ 9am - 11am
📍 Meet outside Fausto, Marine Walk, Roker

Book CyberSips by the Sea

Request for Cyber Support

Newcastle University are looking for support for the following within cyber security and tech:

A guest lecture into a stage 3 module on the Computer Science degree. The lecturer is looking for an industry perspective touching on:
SAST tools/vulnerability assessment; network security; risk analysis and management.
FIND OUT MORE HERE

A guest input focused on Cyber-risk management in the real world.
FIND OUT MORE HERE

Welcome back, Thea

We're delighted to welcome back our Head of Relationships and Engagement, Thea Scott, as she returns from maternity leave.

Thea will be reaching out to our members over the coming weeks and months, looking at how we can further support you and your businesses. If you're intersted in becoming a CyberNorth member and would like to chat, please drop Thea an email.

Contact Thea

New members roundup

We were delighted to welcome three new members to the CyberNorth cluster in August.

- Infotel UK Consulting - With over 40 years of experience, the Newcastle based business simplify IT for the automotive, banking, public and logistics sectors.
- CyberCX - Partnering with enterprise and government organisations to defend against cyber threats and embrace the opportunities of cloud.
- Cybit - Cybit is a UK-based technology solutions provider with more than 30 years' experience helping organisations grow and adapt through technology.

Want to find out more about CyberNorth membership? Contact the team and let's chat.

Become a Member

September Events Roundup

Events are back with a bang in September with a whole host of workshops, conferences and seminars.

Don't forget, if you've got a cyber security related event, send it to our team and we'll feature it on our website, newsletter and social media. email hello@cybernorth.biz and we'll do the rest.

📧 9th - [Applied Machine Learning for Cyber Security](#) - Join Cybersecurity and AI/ML experts, industry representatives, and academic researchers as they present the latest advancements in the intersection of cybersecurity and AI/ML.

📧 11th - [Post Quantum Security & Quantum Technology Workshop](#) - Newcastle University's annual event dedicated to the future of quantum technologies and post-quantum cyber security.

📧 17th - [Harnessing Data for Growth](#) - Join the North East Hub for a hands-on fully funded masterclass.

📧 17th - [Public Sector Cyber Security Conference & Exhibition](#) - Explore strategies for minimising cybersecurity risks for public sector organisations.

📧 18th - [Cyber Intelligence Alliance Conference](#) - This immersive event offers a dynamic blend of learning, networking, and practical insights.

📧 23rd - [Hack Attack](#) - Join Punk Security and IT Together for an exciting and eye-opening Cyber Attack Demo at The Guildhall York.

📧 24th - [RISCS Cybersecurity Event](#) - Dedicated to exploring best practice in cybersecurity governance.

📧 25th - [ScotSoft25](#) - Scotland's leading tech conference.

📧 25th - [CyberSips by the Sea](#) - Join us for our monthly networking event

📧 27th - [BSidesNCL](#) - A vibrant security conference designed by and for the InfoSec community.

📧 30th - [Tech Connect](#) - Explore the world of Artificial Intelligence and its future impact on technology.

📧 30th - [The Future of Cyber Security](#) - An exclusive one-day event to gain critical insights from the front lines of cyber defence.

Check out our Events

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

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