

## General UK and North East business news

The Port of Tyne revealed a new brand identity and logo this week including a brand mantra “No Ordinary Port”: [Port of Tyne reveals “radical” new brand identity at maritime industry conference | Bdaily](#)

Business Live profiles the top 22 British women business leaders for 2022 including North East entrepreneurs Sara Davies and Sophie Milliken: [Top 22 British women business leaders for 2022 - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

Business Live also profiles the top 22 women who are rising stars including Steffi Smith, co-founder of North Shields business The Chocolate Smiths, Helen Wilson, a North East environmental entrepreneur and sisters Charlotte and Sophie Wilson who set up activewear brand YANA in Newcastle and Leeds: [22 women in business who are rising stars for 2022 - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

The government has announced two new initiatives to level up employment opportunities for women including:

- Participating employers will run pilots aimed at closing salary gaps by publishing salaries on all job adverts
- New ‘returners’ programme to support women into STEM roles after taking time out to care for loved ones

Full article: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-pay-transparency-pilot-to-break-down-barriers-for-women>

Esh Construction has relaunched employability initiative Building My Skills (BMS), which will showcase sector and career advice to over 1,900 students in the North East: [North East businesses reintroduce award-winning employability programme to boost local skills | Bdaily](#)

Two North East businesses have made it on a list of Europe’s fastest-growing companies - Wynard’s Everflow and Newcastle-based SoPost: [Two North East tech companies make Europe's fastest growing firm list - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

A North East Space Leadership Group has been set up to help shape the vision and strategy for the growing sector in the region: [Could opportunities in outer space bring jobs to the North East? - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

Automation experts Parmley Graham and robotics specialist AR Controls have partnered with the software arm of Siemens in a market that could be worth £2.3bn: <https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/19969877.robotics-firms-link-siemens-project/>

Royal Mail has a handful of new roles for job seekers across the North East: <https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/north-east-royal-mail-jobs-23305259>

At the launch of the North of Tyne Combined Authority's £10m Digital Growth and Innovation Programme, Digital Economy Minister Chris Philp said the region has the potential to create an additional 13,800 tech jobs by 2025: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/technology/digital-minister-predicts-13000-new-23282013>

## General North East events

### **Lunch Networking Events | Network B2B – weekly.**

Find your local meeting location to network over lunch.

[Networking Lunch Meeting Tips & Events | Network B2B](#)

### **New Heat Pump Training Facility | North East Ambition**

Open day for a new heat pump training facility in Durham.

[New heat pump training facility open day tickets](#)

## Northumberland

Car maker Aston Martin has signed an agreement to work with Britishvolt on electric vehicles: [Britishvolt and Aston Martin sign agreement to work together on electric vehicles - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

Property developer Adderstone Group's CEO Ian Baggett is to chair Northumberland Prison's employment advisory board:

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/business/north-east-property-boss-backs-scheme-helping-ex-offenders-into-work-3604405>

Northumberland County Council's careers guidance team and Northumberland SEND Information, Advice and Support Service is calling for more businesses to support young people with additional needs gain useful skills for employment:

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/business/young-people-call-on-businesses-for-valuable-work-experience-3594745>

## Northumberland events

### **Hexham Business Networking Breakfast | Network B2B – every Tuesday.**

A relaxed and informal business networking meet-up.

[Hexham Business Networking Breakfast](#)

### **Nelson Industrial Estate Networking Event | AGC Training – every Thursday.**

A networking event for Nelson and Bassington Industrial Estate businesses to interact.

[Nelson Industrial Estate Networking Event](#)

## North Tyneside

The UK's National Innovation Centre for Ageing is collaborating with the North of Tyne Combined Authority and the CPI in a £5.6m joint investment, to improve the wellbeing of residents, support the local economy and create jobs: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/technology/north-east-ageing-tech-experts-23328351>

## North Tyneside events

### **Tynemouth Business Networking Breakfast | Network B2B – every Tuesday.**

A relaxed and informal business networking meet-up.

[Tynemouth Business Networking Breakfast](#)

**Network+ Mastermind Networking** | Social+ – every Tuesday.  
Network and grow your knowledge of digital marketing.

[Network+ Mastermind Networking](#)

**North Tyneside Business Networking Breakfast** | Network B2B – every Thursday.  
A relaxed and informal business networking meet-up.

[North Tyneside Business Networking Breakfast](#)

## Newcastle

Strategy and creative agency Do Gooder has been awarded a loan from the new North of Tyne Culture and Creative Investment Programme. The investment will allow the firm to accelerate impact by building a team: [Female-founded Newcastle creative agency receives loan from new North East investment programme | Bdaily](#)

Telecoms company LM Global has expanded from one to nine employees in its first 12 months with plans to further recruit in the year: [Newly established North East telecoms company expands with local people at the forefront | Bdaily](#)

Italian restaurant Casa San Lorenzo has been bought out of administration – saving 15 jobs: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/retail-consumer/san-lorenzos-casa-san-lorenzo-23336180>

Property consultancy George F. White has relocated to Dean Street following strong growth and 30% increase in revenue: <https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2022/03/08/north-east-property-consultancy-opens-new-central-newcastle-office-as-business-expands>

Newcastle University and the North East LEP are collaborating to form The Realising North East Ambition to address the region's skill gaps: <https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2022/03/09/newcastle-university-collaborates-with-enterprise-partnership-to-address-regional-skills-gaps>

## Newcastle events

**Insights and Inspiration: 2021 CIPD North East HR&D Award Winners** | CIPD North East of England Branch – 24<sup>th</sup> March.  
Hear from CIPD awards winners, network with others and enjoy breakfast and refreshments. [Insights and Inspiration: 2021 CIPD North East HR&D Award Winners](#)

**VentureFest North East** | Innovation Super Network – 30<sup>th</sup> March.  
Bringing the business community together, with insightful information and networking. [VentureFest North East](#)

**Jesmond Networking Group** | Network B2B – every Wednesday.  
Speak to friendly professionals from all sectors and share business advice. [Jesmond Networking Group](#)

## South Tyneside

Work has started on the new £200m Riverside Quarter for South Tyneside Council – creating hundreds of new jobs: <https://www.geplus.co.uk/news/enabling-works-start-on-south-tyneside-riverside-regeneration-scheme-02-03-2022/>

A business survey by South Tyneside Council of 400 local firms found that half said they expected to recruit new employees over the next 12 months. Obstacles to growth for businesses included finance, skill shortages and over half said they needed support in training and skills: <https://www.investsouthtyneside.com/article/75030/Borough-Businesses-Optimistic-about-Future>

Craft manufacturer and retailer Katy Sue has acquired papercraft brand Kanban Crafts. The expansion is part of its plans to grow revenues to £10m, employing more than 100 staff by the end of 2025: <https://www.insidermedia.com/news/national/katy-sue-swoops-for-papercraft-brand-in-latest-deal>

## South Tyneside events

**Speed Networking VWorks** | Village Hotel – 30<sup>th</sup> March.  
Come enjoy some Business-To-Business Speed Networking.  
[Speed Networking VWorks](#)

**AWE Networking Sundial Business Networking Meeting** | AWE Networking – every Friday.  
Meet like-minded people, build future relationships and promote your business.  
[AWE Networking Sundial Business Networking Meeting](#)

## Gateshead

Tech firm Advantex has won a contract with HFL Group to supply faster and more reliable business improvement technologies: <https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2022/03/03/new-contract-win-for-gateshead-technology-firm>

## Gateshead events

**Team Valley Business Networking Breakfast** | Network B2B – every Friday.  
A relaxed and informal business networking meet-up.  
[Team Valley Business Networking Breakfast](#)

## Sunderland

Sunderland College has received significant investment in its technical facilities including a 360-degree immersive digital training hub: [New investment to transform skills education and training at Sunderland College | Bdaily](#)

The University of Sunderland has introduced a new Trainee Social Worker Apprenticeship programme, as a way to attract more people to the adult social care sector: [North East adult social care degree apprenticeship addresses care crisis | Bdaily](#)

## Sunderland events

**Washington Network Event** | Network B2B – every Tuesday.

Speak to friendly professionals from all sectors and share business advice.

[Washington Networking Event](#)

**Sunderland Business Networking Breakfast** | Network B2B – every Thursday.

A relaxed and informal business networking meet-up.

[Sunderland Business Networking Breakfast](#)

## Durham

Double glazing specialist Stormking Windows has been acquired by Countrywide Property Group Holdings: [County Durham company Stormking Windows snapped up by North East property group - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

Electrical test and measurement company Seaward has been named one of North East England's best providers of adult apprenticeships by MTC Training:

<https://www.eastdurhamnews.co.uk/2022/03/03/peterlees-seaward-wins-top-apprenticeship-award/>

## Durham events

**'Do Business' Network and Business Durham** | DBN & Business Durham – 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Joint event between Do Business Network and Business Durham.

['Do Business' Network and Business Durham](#)

**DBG Executive Group Lunch** | Durham Business Group – 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Enjoy lunch and networking, and hear about upcoming events and projects.

[DBG Executive Group Lunch](#)

**DBC Breakfast** | Durham Business Group – 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Members and invited guests can network and enjoy breakfast.

[DBC Breakfast](#)

**Next Gen Networking** | Next Generation Business – Every Thursday.

Join us for face-to-face networking and meet other business professionals.

[Next Gen Networking](#)

**Durham Business Networking Event** | Network B2B – every Friday.

Speak to friendly professionals from all sectors and share business advice.

[Durham Business Networking](#)