

General UK and North East business news

Tech company Accenture is to create 3,000 new jobs with more than half of the roles outside of London in its Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle and Edinburgh bases: [Tech giant Accenture to create 1,500 North jobs in major recruitment push - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

Amazon UK country manager John Bounphrey announced that Amazon created 4,000 jobs since opening its first North East operation in 2015. He added that the firm also “helped more than 1,400 small companies in the region grow their own businesses, creating even more roles”: [Amazon creates 4,000 local jobs with £650m North East investment | Bdaily](#)

A study by the Further Learning Group found that around 2.5m of workers displaced by the pandemic have started new careers - with a quarter of British adults retraining and/or upskilling themselves. Additionally the most popular industries to work in or study next year are shown below: [Employees chase dream jobs in 'big switchover' as pandemic disrupts normal working life - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

1	Technology
2	Medicine and Pharmaceuticals
3	Marketing and Advertising
4	Education
5	Photography
6	Interior Design
7	Gardening
8	Catering
9	Financial Services
10	Legal Services

The REC’s Job Outlook report found that 31% of businesses wanted the government to increase funding and provision for lower-level skills training, whilst 24% expressed a desire for reform to the apprenticeship levy scheme, to allow funds to be used more flexibly: <https://www.rec.uk.com/our-view/news/press-releases/jobsoutlook-employer-confidence-growth-slows-markedly-amidst-uncertainty>

Information from Gov.uk about how the Kickstart Scheme closure will affect employers and Kickstart gateways: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/kickstart-scheme-closure>

General North East events

People and skills network (North East) | CBI – 8th December.
Enabling businesses to map out solutions for building a more inclusive economy.
[People and skills network \(North East\)](#)

Lunch Networking Events | Network B2B – weekly.
Find your local meeting location to network over lunch.
[Networking Lunch Meeting Tips & Events | Network B2B](#)

Northumberland

Plans have been submitted for approval of a new holiday and leisure complex in Northumberland that could see 30 lodges built and create 20 jobs:
<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2021/11/26/new-northumberland-holiday-lodges-to-create-20-jobs-provide-big-boost-for-local-economy>

Northumberland unemployment figures show the county is performing better than regional and national stats - with the number of people who would have been registered as unemployed dropping to 8,000 in a county of about 320,000 people:
<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/northumberland-unemployment-figures-below-english-22211390>

Northumberland events

South East Northumberland Business Networking | Business Networking – 14th December.
Meet other local businesses as well as representatives from Business Northumberland.
[Online Networking: South East Northumberland Business Networking](#)

Hexham Business Networking Breakfast | Network B2B – every Tuesday.
A relaxed and informal business networking meet-up.
[Hexham Business Networking Breakfast](#)

North Tyneside

An £18m North of Tyne Combined Authority's Green New Deal Fund has been launched to help businesses in Newcastle, Northumberland and North Tyneside to create jobs in the green economy: [North of Tyne Green New Deal Fund launched in bid to create low carbon jobs - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

North Tyneside events

Speed Networking VWorks | Village Hotel – 29th December.
An opportunity for B2B Speed Networking.
[Speed Networking VWorks](#)

Tynemouth Business Networking Breakfast | Network B2B – every Tuesday.

A relaxed and informal business networking meet-up.

[Tynemouth Business Networking Breakfast](#)

Newcastle

Eldon Square shopping centre welcomes eight new stores opening ahead of Christmas – with the creation of 33 retail roles, as well as season vacancies: [33 jobs created as Eldon Square reports business uptake | Bdaily](#)

Software coding training provider Northcoders has opened a new hub in Newcastle due to an increase in demand for technology training and upskilling in the region: [Northcoders expands into North East by launching training hub in Newcastle - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

A new Morrisons store is to open at Newcastle Great Park – creating 140 jobs: <https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/19715391.new-morrisons-store-open-newcastle-great-park-creating-140-jobs/>

Newcastle events

Monday Catch Up Christmas Drinks | 313 Financial – 6th December.

Informal networking group - join in for the first face to face event.

[Monday Catch Up Christmas Drinks](#)

MINT Meetup and Networking Newcastle Christmas Party | MINT Business Club – 7th December.

An informal, face to face networking and celebration.

[MINT Meetup and Networking Newcastle Christmas Party](#)

Christmas Digital Union Breakfast Networking | Digital Union – 8th December.

A festive business networking event for those in the digital and tech sectors.

[Christmas Digital Union Breakfast Networking](#)

Chamber Christmas Exchange (North) | North East England Chamber of Commerce – 8th December.

Exchange experiences, ideas and offers between members north of the region.

[Chamber Christmas Exchange \(North\)](#)

Christmas Drinks – Newcastle | Entrepreneurs Forum – 9th December.

Socialise and network over a Christmas drink.

[Christmas Drinks - Newcastle](#)

ATOMICMAS: Business Networking and Masterminding | Atomic – 14th December.

A festive mastermind class and networking drinks.

[ATOMICMAS: Business Networking and Masterminding](#)

Jesmond Networking Group | Network B2B – every Wednesday.

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

[Jesmond Networking Group](#)

Next Gen Networking - Newcastle | Next Gen Networking – every Wednesday.
Join every Wednesday to meet new people and grow your business.

[Next Gen Networking - Newcastle](#)

Women's Property Group Last Friday of the Month Evening Meeting | Women's
Property Group – last Friday of every month.

An opportunity to dine with women in the property sector and network.

[Women's Property Group Last Friday of the Month Evening Meeting](#)

South Tyneside

Construction has started on the Dogger Bank wind farm operations and maintenance base, which will create over 200 new jobs: <https://www.shieldsgazette.com/business/work-starts-on-port-of-tyne-control-base-for-worlds-biggest-wind-farm-bringing-200-jobs-to-south-shields-3466993>

ONS figures find that 6,505 people in the area were claiming out-of-work benefits as of October 14 - down from 6,780 in September:

<https://www.shieldsgazette.com/lifestyle/money/fewer-claiming-benefits-in-south-tyneside-3464140>

South Tyneside events

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](#)

Business Networking | Network B2B – every Friday.

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

[South Shields Virtual Networking](#)

Gateshead

Gateshead cosmetic business Awesome Botanicals has moved into its first workshop at Hypoint in Gateshead following significant growth – and is looking for someone to help with production: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/commercial-property/dragons-den-star-gives-boost-22308287>

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

Construction and engineering specialist BAM Nuttall has been appointed as the principal contractor for the southern entrance redevelopment of Sunderland's train station: [£26m Sunderland train station regeneration sees appointment of local contractor | Bdaily](#)

Tech startup Data2Action is launching its Virtual Data Protection Officer portal to help SMEs and education providers navigate the complex world of data protection and privacy: [North East tech startup develops "game-changing" SME data protection support programme | Bdaily](#)

Logistics firm Kinaxia has secured a 102,000sqft space at Doxford International Business Park in order to fulfil a range of new delivery contracts: [Logistics firm Kinaxia snaps up substantial Sunderland warehouse amid new delivery contracts - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

Nissan is spend more than £13bn on developing 23 new electric vehicles over the next five years: [Nissan announces £13.2bn investment in electric vehicle production - Business Live \(business-live.co.uk\)](#)

Gaming company MERKUR Slots has opened an entertainment centre in Sunderland – creating 10 new jobs: [10 jobs expected in new £200k Sunderland entertainment centre | Bdaily](#)

A new £10m care facility, Bede House, is to open in Sunderland creating 50 new full-time jobs: <https://www.sunderlandecho.com/health/impressive-new-ps10million-care-development-set-to-open-in-sunderland-3475637>

Sunderland events

Washington Network Event | Network B2B – every Tuesday.
Speak to friendly professionals from all sectors and share business advice.
[Washington Networking Event](#)

Durham

The Engineering and Manufacturing Network (EMN) and marketing company Horizon Works will be offering monthly support in marketing and business development to North East businesses. The programme will start on Tuesday 7th December at Gestamp Aycliffe in Newton Aycliffe: [North East business support event programme to launch at new training academy | Bdaily](#)

Durham firm's Apex Group is planning to recruit 30 new jobs following a surge in orders: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/enterprise/durhams-apex-group-create-new-22194718>

Poundland's new store at the Arnison Centre opens at the weekend – creating more than 25 jobs: <https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/19752061.poundland-announce-new-durham-arnison-centre-store-will-open/>

Aycliffe-based Pixel Media and web developers Infuze Group have merged to form Digital Edge – with the plan to recruit more people in the coming months:

<https://www.prolificnorth.co.uk/news/web-development-agency-news/2021/11/county-durham-and-gloucestershire-firms-merge-form-digital>

Durham events

Business Drop In Clinic | Business Durham – 9th December.

A free virtual discussion available for local firms in and around County Durham.

[Business Drop In Clinic](#)

Christmas Drinks – Darlington | Entrepreneurs Forum – 9th December.

Socialise and network over a Christmas drink.

[Christmas Drinks - Darlington](#)

East Durham Business Networking Event | Peterlee Business Park – 26th January.

Discuss your business and socialise at one of the first events in Peterlee for three years.

[East Durham Business Networking Event](#)

Durham Business Networking Event | Network B2B – every Friday.

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

[Durham Business Networking](#)