

# Alumni Re-Fresher Weekend and Annual Meeting of Convocation

Programme of events

**Friday 12 July 2024**

15.00 – 16.00

Newcastle Helix site tour

Meeting point: The Key Building, Bath Lane

The 24-acre Helix campus can be found on the former site of the Newcastle and Scottish Breweries, next to St. James' Park. Bringing together academia, communities, business, industry and the public sector, this unique site is a testbed for innovative technologies and solutions tackling some of the most pressing challenges facing cities around the world, such as flooding, resilient infrastructure and energy.

16.30 – 17.30

Main Newcastle University campus tour

Meeting point: In front of Students' Union building

Details: When you think back to your time at Newcastle, there's probably one iconic landmark that comes to mind: the Arches! Walk through our Arches and take a step back in time in this one-hour tour of our main campus. You'll learn the history of some of our most impressive buildings and take in the beautiful garden and landscapes of our various courtyards and quadrangles.

18.00 – 21.00

## Vino with a view: Alumni summer social event

**Location: Bar 3SIXTY, Hadrian's Tower, Newcastle**

This is a great opportunity to socialise with your fellow alumni and welcome the graduating Class of 2024 to our community. Sample a selection of wines from around the world and enjoy cheese and charcuterie, whilst taking in the stunning panoramic views of Newcastle from the tallest building in the city.

## **Saturday 13 July**

10.00 – 12.00

## Refresher workshops

**Location: Dame Margaret Barbour Building**

Are you looking to upskill or want to deep-dive into a new topic? Join us on campus on Saturday morning for a series of free 1-hour workshops with experts from across our university community and local partners.

<b>Track 1 – (Select one from below)</b>  <b>10.00 – 11.00</b>	<b>Track 2 – (Select one from below)</b>  <b>11.00 – 12.00</b>
<p><b>Online security</b></p> <p>Speaker: Debra Cairns, Managing Director at Net Defence</p>	<p><b>Demystifying Generative AI</b></p> <p>Speakers: Professor Paul Watson, Director of National Institute for Data, and Professor of Computer Science at Newcastle University</p> <p>Dr Maciej Misiura, Data Scientist at the National Innovation Centre for Data</p>
<p><b>Navigating the 2024 recruitment market and cultivating your personal brand</b></p> <p>Speaker: Emily Moffat – Head of Talent, Basecamp Talent and Fearless Adventures</p>	<p><b>What's next in social media</b></p> <p>Speaker: Kirsty Ostell, Managing Director, O Agency</p>
<p><b>Britain and the World in 2024</b></p> <p>Speaker: Martin Farr, Senior Lecturer in Contemporary British History, Newcastle University</p>	<p><b>Mindfulness and self-care</b></p> <p>Speaker: Mark Sydney, Mindful Therapies</p>

**12.00 – 13.00**

**Convocation lunch**

**Location: Dame Margaret Barbour Building**

If you're joining us for the Meeting of Convocation in person, you can enjoy a complimentary lunch from 12:00 and an opportunity to network with other attendees. The Meeting will start promptly for all attendees at 13:00.

13.00 – 14.30

## Annual Meeting of Convocation

Location: Dame Margaret Barbour Building

The Meeting of Convocation occurs once a year and gives you an opportunity to join discussions with our leadership team about the latest developments at the University and future plans, as well as reconnect with your fellow alumni!

14.45 – 15.45

## Convocation debate - Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: How sport creates super-humans and super-communities

Location: Dame Margaret Barbour Building

Join our panel for an inspiring exploration into what it means to be both extraordinary and ethical in the world of sports.

16.15 – 18.15

## Newcastle Walking Food Tour (tickets must be pre-booked and paid for in advance)

Meeting point: King's Gate Building entrance

Partnering with local award-winning organisation Triple A Food Tours, we're excited to offer graduates returning to Newcastle for our Alumni Re-Fresher Weekend a different way to reconnect with the city – through their tastebuds!

## **Sunday 14 July**

All day

Self – directed activity.

If you're staying in Newcastle for the full weekend, we've pulled together a handy guide to help you rediscover our local region – from the best brunch spots to evening entertainment venues!

**To book your place, please visit**

**[www.ncl.ac.uk/alumni/convocation/refresher-weekend](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/alumni/convocation/refresher-weekend)**