

EU Referendum: An Open Letter to All Our International Partners

Newcastle University is a truly international university. It is only because of the rich diversity of our staff and students and our partnerships worldwide that our learning and teaching, our research and our engagement with civil society can be so far-reaching and impactful.

There is no immediate change: we will continue to work as normal. In particular, the UK's status as a full participating member of Erasmus+ and of Horizon 2020 has not changed just as a result of the referendum outcome. While this is still the case, and in anticipation of some kind of deal being worked out for the UK to continue to be able to access EU exchange and research collaborations (which is perfectly possible), we will continue to work with our partners to submit bids for EU funding.

Each year, as part of the Erasmus+ programme, we welcome to our campus hundreds of students for study and work experience, and in turn, students from Newcastle are fortunate to have the opportunity to experience life, study and work in another European country. There are numerous academic and business exchanges between Newcastle staff and colleagues across Europe.

Over 1,200 European students study here. There are over 600 staff employed here, representing every country in the European Economic Area. We have strong and successful research collaborations in as many countries and industrial and government partners throughout Europe. It is because of these many close and important links that the outcome of the referendum is of such significance to this University.

Rest assured that we value and are committed to continued co-operation with partners from across the world, including our neighbours and friends in Europe. We have an absolute resolve that our academic values will not be eroded. We remain committed to the continued presence of international students and staff on our campus. International mobility and international research collaborations, are and will remain a core part of what our academic life is about.

We hope that you share our resolve.

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