

Newcastle Alumni Re-Fresher Weekend

Self-guided activity ideas

The 2024 Alumni Refresher Weekend has a range of activities to keep you engaged and connected with your alumni community. We have a jam-packed schedule already in place on Friday 12 July and Saturday 13 July for you to enjoy. However, if you have free time across the weekend or if you're staying in Newcastle on the Sunday, please consider exploring Newcastle and the surrounding region.

Whatever your interest we have got you covered. So why not combine a nostalgia-soaked exploration of Newcastle and enjoy the sights of the city?

Below is a handy schedule you could follow alongside an abundance of activities and attractions to explore. So why not kick back, relax and enjoy what our amazing city has to offer?

Starting The Day

- Why not start the day at a local café for brunch, enjoy a lovely coffee or tea and have a hearty breakfast. Aidan's Kitchen, The Butterfly Cabinet or SIX at the Baltic would be a great start.
- Stroll along the Quayside Market and enjoy the view of the Tyne alongside the infamous Tyne Bridge and Millenium Bridge.

- Visit Newcastle City Centre to shop or stroll around the independent stalls at the Grainger Market for food, drink and shopping. Fenwick's is also a must-visit. If you want to go a little further afield try the Metrocentre for all your shopping needs.

Afternoon

- Now that you've recharged your batteries why not visit some of our amazing landmarks or cultural offerings. You could visit the medieval Newcastle Castle, view art at the Biscuit Factory or catch the latest exhibitions at the Baltic. You could also visit the city's only independent cinema the Tyneside Cinema for the latest films.
- If that is thirsty work, you could also visit the Ouseburn Valley where a range of breweries are on offer or explore the buzz of the Bigg Market for a drink and a catch-up.

Evening

- Catch some live music or theatre at one of our many attractions. The Sage, Live Theatre, Theatre Royal, Northern Stage, The Stand Comedy Club or for something more lively visit the Boiler Shop.
- Join local folk-rock heroes Lindisfarne as they perform all their hits at Wylam Brewery in a night of nostalgia and great songs. Tickets can be purchased on [Wylam Brewery's website](#)
- We have some great restaurants you could visit to bring your evening to a close. Some choice restaurants are: Blackfriars, Peace & Loaf, Khai Khai, House

of Tides, Dobson & Parnell or for something a little more casual why not try Pani's or Dabbawal.

Further Recommendations

- Go back in time at Great North Museum
- Explore the regions historical past at Discovery Museum
- A deep dive into science at the Life Science Centre
- View the latest art and sculpture at the Laing Art Gallery
- Hawker Market at By The River Brew Co
- Go underground with a walking tour in the Victoria Tunnel
- Get in touch with nature at Jesmond Dene
- Stand in awe with the Angel of the North
- Visit Tynemouth at the coast for breathtaking views and brilliant food
- Explore the amazing Northumbria coastline – Bamburgh is a must see. Or come in-land and take a train to walk Hadrian's Wall.

We hope you've had an amazing time this weekend both on our amazing campus but also in the city itself. If you want to share your memories and some photographs with the Alumni Relations Team, just drop us a line at nuaevents@newcastle.ac.uk.

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