



SUPPORTING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

2020-21 ACTIVITY



WHAT IS OUTREACH NORTH EAST?

Outreach North East is a single point of contact for teachers and advisers which signposts and improves access to information and support to encourage progression to higher education. This work is funded as part of the Office for Students' Uni Connect Programme.

Outreach North East provides:

- A website containing links to outreach activities available at all our partner universities and colleges
- Telephone support for teachers and advisers wanting more information on how they can access and utilise outreach opportunities in the region
- Opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders in the region delivering related support for young people
- CPD opportunities for teachers and advisers, to support improved information and advice for young people in the region.

The National Picture: Uni Connect Programme

Uni Connect is an Office for Students funded programme which brings together 29 partnerships across England of universities, colleges and other local partners to provide impartial information, advice and guidance to underrepresented students by creating pathways to FE and HE and training opportunities. The programme builds platforms for student careers progression, helping to remove the academic, financial and cultural barriers to progression and supporting them to achieve their ambitions.



CPD

We have a range of **FREE online CPD** opportunities this academic year to provide teachers and advisers with the information and knowledge to best support their students' higher education decision making.

We are delighted to be working with UCAS to deliver a range of sessions to help you best support your students.

Month	Session
January	Preparing for the January UCAS deadline, Live Q&A
March	Preparing students to choose their options
	Live Q&A with UCAS
May	Are you ready for 21/22?
	Live Q&A with UCAS
June	Confirmation and Clearing

Sessions will be delivered online and can be accessed at the time most appropriate for you. Live Q&A sessions will take place in the early morning and content will be made available after the session.

In addition to these sessions we will also be releasing exclusive content on our website, including the Outreach North East podcast.

To access exclusive CPD content visit: www.outreachnortheast.ac.uk/CPD



RESOURCES

Resources for teachers

Teachers and advisors can find a range of useful links and resources, from a range of sources, on the Outreach North East toolkit. Resources are categorised into:

- Policy
- Careers
- Finance
- Online learning
- Outreach
- Subject specific support
- Resilience
- Application support

Visit: www.outreachnortheast.ac.uk/toolkit

Resources for students/parents

Students and their parents can find information and resources about higher education, and how it can help them reach their goals, on the FutureMe website. From student finance to different course types there is a great range of information for young people to watch, read and listen to.

Visit: www.futureme.ac.uk/resources

Exclusive content

Visit the Outreach North East website to find electronic copies of the resources found in this pack and many more, in addition to exclusive CPD content.

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FINDING ACTIVITY

The North East benefits from a range of higher education providers, offering a range of courses, these same providers also offer a range of outreach activity to help students consider their futures. Higher education outreach is the term given to events and activities that aim to increase awareness, knowledge and skills relating to higher education progression. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Higher education talks
- Interactive workshops
- Subject tasters
- Open days and tours
- Mentoring/tutoring programmes

Our website hosts a search tool allowing you to find activities suitable for your students at just the click of a button.

Visit: www.outreachnortheast.ac.uk/activity

NOTE: Although in-person delivery may not always be possible due to Covid-19 the colleges and universities in the region have adapted their provision and are providing outreach online where possible.



THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL PROGRESSION FRAMEWORK

A sustained, intensive and progressive programme of interventions has been shown to have greater impact in raising aspirations and supporting progression to higher education. The North East Regional Progression Framework has been designed to support practitioners to design a programme of interventions to help learners and key stakeholders to understand more about higher education in all its forms and how to successfully achieve their progression goals.

Structured across three phases and six learning objectives, the framework can be applied regardless of the learner's age, prior knowledge, and mode or level of study. The North East Regional Progression Framework enables practitioners to report on the key components of the Ofsted Education Inspection Framework, in addition to supporting the basis of a solid careers programme (Benchmark 1), useful for including in monitoring tools such as COMPASS. It is important to note that the Regional Progression Framework and encounters with higher education will provide supporting evidence towards a range of Gatsby Benchmarks, however additional reporting materials will be required to fully achieve each component.

The North East Regional Progression Framework can be found in this pack of resources but can also be accessed on our website.

For an exclusive CPD session on how to use the framework in your school visit:
www.outreachnortheast.ac.uk/CPD



FAQS

1. How will Outreach North East benefit teachers?

Outreach North East will provide a single point of contact for teachers and advisers to access support and information relating to higher education outreach activities. This will be delivered through a website (www.outreachnortheast.ac.uk), which will include relevant information, links and opportunities for CPD. In addition, teachers and advisers will be able to search on the site for relevant outreach activity for their students, delivered by our Partners across the region.

2. How can teachers engage with Outreach North East?

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3. What is meant by the term higher education outreach?

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- Interactive workshops
- Subject taster classes
- Open Days
- Tours of higher education facilities at universities and colleges
- Mentoring/tutoring programmes





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