



2025-2026

Welcome

NE1 CAN is NE1 LTD's programme of career insight events bringing together cross-sector businesses, education and youth providers to deliver real-life employability encounters for young people across the North East region.

WHAT'S CHANGED?

Mapping to refreshed Gatsby Benchmarks, you will find enclosed an evolution of the project with a large number of events planned from September to February half-term focusing on KS3, 4 & 5. Traditional NE1 CAN events can be found alongside a smaller programme of targeted cohort work. We will work with smaller groups of KS5 students across several sector specific events providing a higher number of meaningful encounters with numerous businesses.

HOW TO BOOK

Send minimum, maximum and preferred numbers alongside the year group to info@ne1can.co.uk

→ GO TO INSIGHT EVENTS

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Insight Events

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER

Thompsons Construction

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Studying construction as a subject
- ✓ Considering a career within construction
- ✓ Interested in operating heavy machinery



Various locations



14 Spaces



KS4

A North East based construction company, Thompsons specialise in demolition, site clearance, decommissioning and quarrying, amongst other product lines and have invited a cohort of students to join them across three events to gain insight into three different areas of the business. Ideally suitable for students studying construction, we would like to work with one education provider for all three events and, therefore, expressions of interest must be able to commit to this. We are happy to discuss convenient dates and times to suit the education provider.



I LIKED THE QUARRY THE MOST BECAUSE IT SHOWED ME WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO. IT'S NOT JUST MOVING ROCKS, IT TAKES SKILL."

STUDENT, WALKER RIVERSIDE ACADEMY

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Northumberland National Park

 **10:00 – 13:00**  **The Sill, Hexham**  **40 Spaces**  **KS3 & 4**

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Studying or considering studying geography
- ✓ Considering a career in the outdoors
- ✓ Interested in the natural environment and conservation

Linking the curriculum to careers, we have secured a visit to Northumberland National Park's headquarters at The Sill to help enlighten students with the practical application of geography within an employment landscape.

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Retail with Eldon Square

 **09:30 – 12:00**  **Eldon Square Management Suite**  **40 Spaces**  **KS4**

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in retail
- ✓ Keen to understand the variety of roles available
- ✓ Interested to learn about front and back of house roles

Working with Eldon Square, we will examine the variety of roles available within the sector and explore both front and back of house employment opportunities. Visiting several retail stores, students will gain broader insight and understanding of what skills are required to run a successful retail business.



BEST BIT: LEARNING ABOUT JOBS THAT I HADN'T THOUGHT OF BEFORE AND BEING ABLE TO INTERACT WITH DIFFERENT THINGS TO LEARN ABOUT THE JOB."

STUDENT, THORP ACADEMY

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

The BIG One with Newcastle Hospitals Trust

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in working within the NHS
- ✓ Who wish to have a positive impact on people's health and wellbeing
- ✓ Keen to understand the breadth of careers available



09:15 – 11:45 (KS3 & 4)



12:30 – 15:00 (KS5)



The Grand Hotel Gosforth Park



200 Spaces per session

The BIG One draws together a huge number of Newcastle Hospitals Trust professionals to meet young people and inform them about career opportunities within the NHS.

With a morning and afternoon session targeting different Key Stages, students will engage with around 10 different departments to learn what it's really like to work with people who have health concerns.

A busy and dynamic event with speed networking and interactive sessions alongside representation from local university and apprenticeship providers to support students.



**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING US TO THE
EVENT. THE STUDENTS AND I REALLY ENJOYED
THE PLAN FOR THE DAY AND THOUGHT IT WAS
EXTREMELY WELL ORGANISED."**

TEACHER, MONKSEATON

WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Lycetts Insurance



09:30 – 12:00



Bank House



20 Spaces



KS4 & 5

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in working in a professional services sector
- ✓ Who would like to work in the business world
- ✓ Keen to learn about professional services

Operating from their prestigious Newcastle head office, Lycetts offer comprehensive insurance, risk management and financial advice to a broad cross-section of commercial and private clients. Trusted advisors across the business community, Lycetts offer fantastic career opportunities and invite students in to learn all about the services and employment opportunities which they provide.

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Radiography



14:00 – 16:00



Freeman Hospital



8 Spaces



KS5

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in Radiography
- ✓ Keen to see a working hospital environment
- ✓ Intrigued to get up close with diagnostic machines

The Radiography Department at the Freeman Hospital are inviting us behind the scenes to understand what Radiographers do, what you need to become one and to physically see some of the diagnostic machines in action. A truly unique event, we encourage only students who have a genuine interest in the profession to express interest in attending.



THE BEST BIT WAS REALISING HOW MANY DIFFERENT JOBS THERE ARE THAT I WAS UNAWARE OF."

STUDENT, ST THOMAS MOORE

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Entrepreneurial Insights

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Studying business
- ✓ Considering studying business as an option
- ✓ Wishing to learn from successful entrepreneurs



09:15 – 12:00



KS4 & 5



The Catalyst, Newcastle University



173 Spaces

Bringing together four successful North East based entrepreneurs, students will hear the personal business journeys of the speakers as they delve into successes, failures and how they created their own business from scratch. Confirmed speakers include Jane Meynell, founder of Olive & Bean and Steve Rawlingson, CEO of the Samuel Knight Group with operations in the UK and USA, with additional speakers to be confirmed.

In addition, students have the opportunity to join some of our speakers on-site at their business premise for follow-up events, please see information below.

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

Samuel Knight Group



10:00 – 11:30



Waterloo Square



10 Spaces

Join Steve at the Samuel Knight Group Newcastle HQ for a tour of the business and to see how it works on a day-to-day basis.

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Olive & Bean



13:00 – 15:00



Clayton Street



5 Spaces

Join Jane for lunch as we see the business in operation, experience the customer journey and chat through the day-to-day running of the café around a table.

THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Deloitte; Accountancy



09:30 – 12:00



One Trinity Gardens



20 Spaces



KS4

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in accountancy
- ✓ Interested in business
- ✓ Keen to learn about professional services

An event with Deloitte focusing on careers within accountancy and financial support. Challenging the 'must be good at maths' stereotype, we will meet employees with varied backgrounds and education history who are currently employed in the firm.

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER & THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Rathbones; Finance



09:30 – 12:00



75-85 Grey Street



12 Spaces



KS5

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Considering a career in finance
- ✓ Keen to speak to people working in the sector
- ✓ Looking to understand different product lines within financial services

Visiting Rathbones in the heart of the city's commerce district, we will take 12 students who wish to learn more about the finance sector across two events. Each event will focus on a different area of the sector, financial planning and investment management, giving them the opportunity to gain knowledge of both.

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Nursing



09:15 – 12:00



Drill Hall, Northumbria University



120 Spaces



KS3, 4 & 5

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in a vocational career
- ✓ Who would like the opportunity to learn from real nursing staff

Partnering with Newcastle Hospitals Trust, this is a rare opportunity for students to speak with a minimum of 12 nurses, all fulfilling different roles within nursing. A busy morning crucial to assisting students in making informed decisions about their own futures and one of our most popular events.



THE BEST BIT OF THE DAY WAS LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT CAREERS NURSES HAVE. I HAD SUCH A GOOD TIME, LOVE HOW EVERYONE HAD TIME FOR US!"

STUDENT, KENTON SCHOOL

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY

NE1 CAN Architecture



09:30 – 12:00



The Great North Museum: Hancock



60 Spaces



KS4 & 5

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in a career within architecture
- ✓ Keen to hear from different types of architect firms
- ✓ Studying creative subjects

Our annual architecture event brings together a minimum of three different firms to provide an overview of the different types of projects and clients architects can work with. This a great opportunity for students to gain insight into the different types of architecture available before committing to a higher education course to become an architect, with MawsonKerr and Ryder Architecture already confirmed.

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY

Ryder Architecture



09:30 – 11:00



Westgate Road



20 Spaces

Join us at Ryder Architecture for an on-site visit and tour of the business, meet some of the staff and see visuals on current live projects.

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

MawsonKerr



09:30 – 11:00



1 Charlotte Square



12 Spaces

Join us at MawsonKerr for an on-site visit and tour of the business, meet some of the staff and see visuals on current live projects.

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY

Theatre Royal



09:30 – 11:00



Grey Street



20 Spaces



KS4 & 5

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Studying drama
- ✓ Considering a career within the arts
- ✓ Who are hands-on

A behind-the-scenes tour at the Theatre Royal to see what life is like behind and on the stage. With many career opportunities available within the theatre and the arts in general, we will learn about the wider team who put everything together to ensure that the show must go on! Please note that this is suitable for students wishing to work widely within the sector rather than those wishing to be actors.

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Nissan Safari



10:00 – 11:30



13:00 – 14:30



Nissan, Sunderland



30 Spaces

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in manufacturing
- ✓ Interested in engineering
- ✓ Keen to work for a global firm

A global company employing around 6,000 people at their Sunderland plant, Nissan have a vast number of employment opportunities available across all academic and skill levels.

We have two 'safari' sessions taking place across the day enabling students to take part in a behind-the-scenes tour of this huge manufacturing plant.



THE BEST BIT OF THE DAY WAS HEARING SO MANY DIFFERENT CAREER PATHS AND DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ALL OF THE JOBS."

STUDENT, DAME ALLANS

Cohort Opportunities

A series of sector specific events taking small cohorts of young people to a number of events exploring careers within their chosen area of interest.

In-line with updated Gatsby Benchmarks, applicants will gain access to a higher number of meaningful employer encounters and be required to commit to several event dates across each cohort group.

All students must be KS5 and able to attend independently or supported, as appropriate, by members of staff. Cohorts will run across outlined months and dates will be released on expressions of interest.

“

THE NE1 CAN EVENT HAS HELPED ME IN PLANNING A CAREER AS I NOW KNOW ABOUT MORE JOBS I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT BEFORE. I WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND AN NE1 CAN EVENT TO A FRIEND.”

STUDENT

Cohort Events

23RD SEPTEMBER, 21ST OCTOBER, 25TH NOVEMBER & 20TH JANUARY

Chef Cohort: Blackfriars, Scream for Pizza and Wagamama



4 Events



12 Spaces

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Who want to become a chef
- ✓ Wishing to understand different commercial food offerings

Working with three city centre restaurants; Blackfriars, Scream for Pizza and Wagamama, we will have on-site learning visits at each before taking part in a cook-off event where the cohort will have the opportunity to put learnings into practice. A great event for any CV!

OCTOBER – FEBRUARY

Construction Cohort: Bowmer + Kirkland



3 Events



15 Spaces

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in construction within a huge firm
- ✓ Keen to find out about the variety of roles available

Bowmer + Kirkland are one of the largest privately owned construction firms operating in the UK. Delivering for clients in the public and private sector, they are responsible for some of the biggest construction projects within Newcastle city centre in a generation including Bank House and Pilgrim Quarter. We will work alongside the company to deliver three construction insight events to a small cohort of interested students, including an event looking at degree level apprenticeships.

30TH SEPTEMBER, 7TH OCTOBER & 15TH OCTOBER

Northumbria Police Cohort



3 Events



20 Spaces

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Wishing to become a Police Officer
- ✓ Hoping to identify which route is best for them

Joining the police force continues to be a popular choice for young people when thinking about a future career but, with changing entry requirements, it can be confusing to understand exactly what is required in order to apply. In partnership with Northumbria Police, the cohort will spend a session on each current entry route to fully understand what is required and which option is best for them.

NOVEMBER – FEBRUARY

Law Cohort



3 Events



20 Spaces

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in a career in law
- ✓ Keen to discover different areas of law

Students will visit two Newcastle based law firms varying in size, culture, people and product lines. On the third event, the group will visit Northumbria University to learn more about studying the subject of law and experience a mock court room. Degree level apprenticeships will also be explored.

25TH NOVEMBER – JANUARY

Retail Management Cohort: Primark



3 Events



20 Spaces

Suitable for students:

- ✓ Interested in international business
- ✓ Interested in management

Primark employ over 800,000 staff members across 17 countries with 460 stores worldwide and an ambitious expansion plan. Debunking the myth that retail is just 'a job you do whilst you are looking for a job', join us for a retail management cohort which specifically focuses on long-term careers as a retail manager whilst highlighting the huge career opportunity for growth within it.

Hosted in training rooms above the Newcastle store, three events will cover specific areas of management. One for ambitious business students, this will be led by the Newcastle's general manager.



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