

What we achieve together...



Durham University Social Engagement and Outreach



An independent report has found that Durham University generated **£1.9 billion Gross Value Added (GVA)*** for the UK and supported 17,320 jobs over a 12-month period (2020/21).

As a historic place of learning Durham University is **dedicated to sharing its knowledge, expertise, and passion to inspire others.**



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Widening participation

- The **multi-million pound Durham Inspired North East scholarship scheme** to support students from low-income backgrounds in the North East and encourage them to study at Durham University.
- Durham participates in the **Sutton Trust Summer School programme**, further supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds to achieve the necessary grades to study with them.
- The **Levelling Up: Aspire Higher programme** offers University tutoring and mentoring to Year 12 and 13 pupils studying A-level chemistry, physics, and maths.
- The University is also working in conjunction with the Durham Sixth Form Centre to open the **Durham Mathematics School**, to provide talented pupils across the North East with the opportunity to take post-16 mathematics education which they may not currently have.
- Since 2016 **the proportion of students from the lowest participation neighbourhoods** has almost doubled from **4.2% to 7.6%**. In 2020/21, **860 of the total 20,645 students** at Durham University were **from the County Durham area**.

Culture and Heritage Outreach

- Durham University's museums and libraries run an **extensive programme of school outreach work**, working with almost **26,200 pupils from almost 700 schools in 2018/19** (this number was lower during 2020/21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and stood at 9,800 pupils across more than 250 schools).
- As part of its schools' outreach work Durham University **hosts assemblies, interactive workshops and sessions tailored to key stage group**. There are also opportunities for pupils aged over 16 to undertake **work experience** with the University's heritage attractions.
- Many of the University's attractions are accessible across the year and **host events and activities for special interest groups**. The University also offers 'explore from home' experiences and online events for people to engage with.
- Durham's Archaeology Department has been undertaking work at **Auckland Castle**, in partnership with The Auckland Project, which has engaged visitors and volunteers. They have also been part of **The Big Dig**, getting school children involved in archaeological digs in Bishop Auckland.

Science outreach

- Durham University runs an exciting **science outreach and engagement programme** aimed at **stimulating engagement and interest** in science among young people, their teachers, and the wider community.
- A key part of this programme is the annual **Celebrate Science event**, a three-day science festival held during the October half-term aimed at 7-11-year-olds, which has attracted over **60,000 visitors since 2010**. In **2022 alone over 6,000 visitors attended**.
- During the Covid-19 pandemic the University developed '**Celebrate Science at Home**' with packs detailing experiments for pupils to try. In 2021 over **2,000 packs were distributed** to Key Stage 2 pupils across the North East.
- The University also developed the **Durham University Schools' Science Festival** aimed at 13-15-year-olds across the North East. Pupils can take part in hands-on workshops with staff and students to deepen their interest in science. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic the event in 2019 involved **more than 800 pupils from 26 secondary schools**. The festival is expected to return in 2023.

Placements, internships, and volunteering

- In **2020/21 over 600 Durham University students undertook placements** to help develop workplace skills. This included **435 school placements**, as part of education courses, strengthening the education offering in County Durham.
- The **Durham Internships and Collaborative Enterprise (DICE) project**, in partnership with Durham County Council, aims to support small business, encourage graduates to stay in the region and support graduate entrepreneurship.
- The **Intensive Industrial Innovation Programme (IIIP)** is a Durham University-led collaboration with Newcastle, Northumbria and Teesside universities to **support stipendiary costs of PhD students** enabling them to embed in regional SMEs for three years. The programme is **currently supporting circa 76 businesses** with research and development. It is part-funded by ERDF. See case studies from the programme here.
- Durham University staff and students are committed to sharing their time and skills to bring positive benefits to others. In **2020/21 they undertook over 10,000 hours of volunteering** in the community, enabling charities and organisations to deliver their services.

For more information, please visit durham.ac.uk/together

**Gross Added Value (GVA) measures the monetary contribution that an organisation adds to the economy through its operations.*