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Packed programme for the North East's largest cyber festival

#Cyberfest22, delivered by regional tech network Dynamo in partnership with us and others including Accenture and the Innovation SuperNetwork, will incorporate a series of events and workshops.



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Now in its fifth year #Cyberfest aims to highlight the breadth of talent in the regional cyber security sector. All this year's events are in-person at locations throughout the region including Durham, Darlington, Sedgefield, Hexham, Newcastle and Wallsend.

Phil Jackman, Dynamo Cyber Security Lead and one of the organisers of #CyberFest, said: "Cyber security continues to be an existential threat to businesses and grew during the Covid pandemic as so many more companies move activities online.

"But with challenges come opportunities and it's important for the region that we understand both in order to expand our expertise.

"#Cyberfest continues to grow and while last year was the biggest in terms of events and numbers of registrations, this year we're hosting a similar number of events but targeting specific audiences rather than volume."

Stewart Hogg, associate director – cyber at Waterstons added: "In an ever-changing digital world, cyber resilience has never been more important.

"Coming together to collaborate on Cyber best practice is key to helping businesses of all sectors across the North East and beyond understand the challenges and risks faced. But it also ensures they are equipped to protect, detect and respond to a potential cyber incident."

This year's opening event, BSide Newcastle, is an information security conference held at The Catalyst – Helix, Newcastle between September 1 and 3, as well as online. The last events will be a session on Staying Safe from Online Threats, held at Priors Hall, Hexham Abbey on Tuesday, September 27 (4.30pm to 6.30pm) and a Season Finale, a celebratory event to be held at a venue to be confirmed on Thursday, September 29 (6pm to 8pm).

All events are free to attend, and for more information check out the list below or [click here to book](#).

- **Innovation is The Best Form of Defence**

September 6, 10am to 3pm

Durham University Mathematics Sciences and Computer Science Building

Confirmed speakers include Phil Jackman; Michael Stirrup, CEO Waterstons; Igor Kotsiuba, Durham University; Stewart Hogg, Waterstons; Richard Snell, Celerity, and Dr Meera Sarma, Cystel.

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- **Online Fraud is a Crime**

September 8, 11am to 3pm

Centre for Professional and Executive Development, Teesside University, Darlington Campus

Confirmed speakers include Stewart Hogg of Waterstons, Martin Wilson, Head of Cyber and Innovation at North East Business Resilience Centre and Joe Cockcroft, NEBRC.

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- **Improving Patient Outcomes Through Secure HealthTech**

September 13, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

North East Futures UTC, Newcastle

Confirmed speakers include Hermina Ely, Dynamo North East and Alex Craig, Muckle.

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- **Developing the Cyber Security Innovation Delivery Partnership**

September 14, 11.30am to 1pm

Maritime House, Port of Tyne, Tyne Dock, South Shields

Speakers include Dinah Jackson, NELEP; Eldon Jobe, Melius Cyber; Debra Cairns, Net Defence and Annabel Berry, Sapphire.

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- **Protecting My Small Business in an Online World**

September 14, 4pm to 6pm

Aspire HQ, Pipewell Quay, Gateshead

Confirmed speakers include Reshma Begun, FSB and John Baty, Cheviot Insured.

Danielle Phillips from InsideOut Consulting will be leading a workshop.

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- **Managing Cyber Security Risk in The Space Market**

September 15, 9.30am to 11am

NetPark, Sedgfield

Speakers include Phil Jackman; Elaine Scott of Business Durham; Mark David of Business Durham; John Bone, RHEA Group and Ian Gemski, of Tekgem (UK).

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- **Simple Steps to Protect Your Business in an Online World**

September 20, 8.30am to 10.30am

Stellium Data Centre, Cobalt, Wallsend

Speakers include Andrew Fisk, Fisk Consulting; Danielle Phillips, InsideOut Consulting and Rachael Allen, of Stellium.

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- **Businesses Have an Ethical Responsibility to be Secure Online**

September 21, time TBC

Brewin Dolphin, Newcastle

Confirmed speakers include David Horn, CyberWhite; Gavin Clarke, Emmanuel College and Caroline Theobald, NIBE

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- **Cyber Security for Finance Directors: The Cost to Business**

September 22, 3pm to 5pm

Waterstons, Aykley Heads, Durham

This session's confirmed speakers include Michael Stirrup, Waterstons; David Stroud, Nanolock; Stewart Hogg, Waterstons; Edwin Bartlett, HIComply.

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- **Staying safe from online threats**

September 27, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Hexham Abbey

Using Lego to think about cyber risk, speakers include Phil Jackman, Lucy Evermore of Business Northumberland, Linz Phillips - former executive vice president of sage product delivery, and Claire Vandebroecke - force specialist cyber protect and prepare officer at Northumbria Police.

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