

# Northcoders expands into North East by launching training hub in Newcastle

An award-winning company that helps people break into well-paying IT careers is to open a training hub in Newcastle.

Northcoders – which provides for software coding from its bases in Manchester and Leeds – has opened a training centre at the TusPark at Barclays Eagle Labs centre on Grainger Street.

The company says it has launched the hub as a result of an increase in demand for technology training in the North East. The centre will provide both inline and in person training.

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Founded in 2015, Northcoders is a market leading provider of coding and software development training to companies and individuals across the UK. It has helped around 1,000 people switch careers into tech, with average starting salaries of £25,500.



A Northcoders bootcamp

(Image: handout from Northcoders)

Chief executive officer Chris Hill said: “The TusPark site is a well-regarded centre of innovation and excellence, so we are excited to be part of this new and growing community. Newcastle, and the wider North East region, have growing tech sectors and the demand for digital skills and upskilling is increasing all the time.

“Our aim with the new Northcoders Newcastle hub is to ensure greater access to education and technology training that will directly benefit businesses, individuals and in turn the local economy by nurturing talent in the North East.”

Named Business of the Year at the Chamber Business Awards, Manchester’s Northcoders offers bootcamp courses to people wanting to work in IT as well as providing training for companies’ existing employees to improve their skills. It also

scholarship schemes and a deferred payment programme aimed at a number of minority groups.

TusPark opened in 2017 after a collaboration between Northern accelerator company Dotforge and Tus Holdings, which is the largest incubator network in China. Barclays moved its Eagle Labs accelerator to the offices the following year.

Colin Tan, director of operations at TusPark Newcastle Eagle Labs, said: “We are extremely pleased to welcome Northcoders to Tuspark Eagle Labs and into the rapidly growing tech community of Newcastle.

“Tech skills are vital for our industry’s problem-solving nature, and Northcoders will educate and equip this new generation with professional, not just academic, knowledge.

“We look forward to working together to help grow the Newcastle ecosystem.”

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