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Cluster Manager

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The North East of England is rapidly emerging as a significant player in the global space industry. Recognising this potential, Space North East England was established to unlock the vast opportunities within the regional space sector.

This collaborative initiative brings together businesses, academia, and institutions to create a thriving space activity and growth ecosystem.

Business Durham has been at the forefront of this since 2014, when it managed the North East Satellite Applications Centre of Excellence. We have been pivotal in establishing and working with the North East Space Leadership Group to drive the vision and strategy for the region.

Four key areas guide Space North East England's activities:

- Building a strong regional space cluster
- Supporting business growth
- Developing a skilled workforce
- Promoting the North East as a leading space destination

An opportunity to lead this work has arisen with the role of Cluster Manager who will stimulate and grow the space and satellite applications cluster in the North East.

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Size and Health Report 2024 – North East

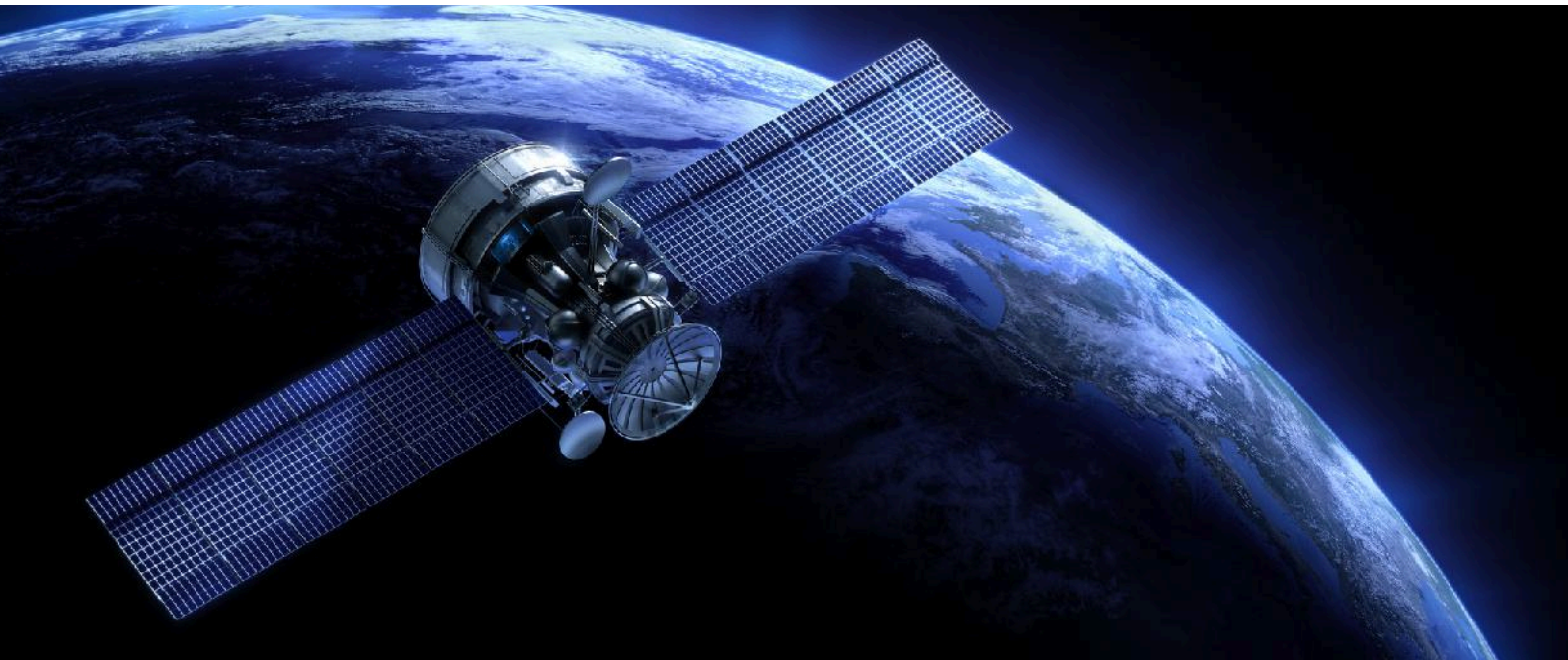
The North East's space sector is soaring, with the number of innovative organisations rising from 77 to 81 in just the past year.

Today, the region powers around 1,340 high-value jobs in cutting-edge space activities — and that number continues to climb.

With world-class strengths in satellite communications, data applications and advanced manufacturing, the North East is fast becoming a powerhouse for space innovation.

Backed by exceptional universities and research partners, the region offers a dynamic ecosystem where pioneering ideas take flight and global opportunities are within reach.

The North East is one of the few regions in the UK showing growth in organisations, jobs, and income at the same time.



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Grade 13
Salary £47,181 to £51,356

On behalf of the North East region, Business Durham leads Space North East England, the space cluster in the North East region, funded by and working closely with the UK Space Agency, the Satellite Applications Catapult, the five regional universities and a range of industry partners. The role of the cluster is to stimulate and grow the space and satellite applications economy in the North East region, as one of a network of regional space clusters.

This work builds on momentum achieved by the North East Satellite Applications Centre of Excellence, which was led by the Satellite Applications Catapult and hosted by Business Durham since 2014.

The role of the Cluster Manager is to provide strategic direction to Space North East England, growing the capability of the sector by engaging with the space community and working with organisations across industry, academia and government to build a strong and coherent ecosystem in order to deliver tangible outcomes for the benefit of the region.

The aim is that the North East is recognised as a leading region within the UK for the space sector, and as a significant location for businesses to start-up and grow in this emerging sector.

For more information about Space North East England please visit:
www.spacenortheastengland.com

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Business Durham, the business support service

Business Durham is the business support service of Durham County Council.

As part of the Regeneration, Economy and Growth Directorate our mission is to enable business growth and deliver more and better jobs and a strong competitive economy for Durham.

To support the delivery of the County Durham Inclusive Economic Strategy we have four strategic aims we are working towards:

1. Communicating Durham's powerful value proposition to attract and support business investment and growth.

2. Strong financial performance enabling sustainable investment in the property portfolio and business services to unlock economic growth.

3. Delivering integrated support to businesses at all stages, from early stage to subsequent growth and expansion, to support sustainability and accelerate growth.

4. Enhancing the existing enterprise and innovation ecosystem, leveraging the strengths of major employment and key opportunity sectors to create a thriving economy.

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Business Durham Team Structure

Managing Director

Business Property

Capital Projects
BD Finance
NETPark
Property Central
Property North
Property South

Business Growth

Inward Investment
Sector Development
Space North East England
Account Management
Business Engagement
Finance Durham Fund
Productivity & Growth Support

Enterprise

Enterprising Durham - Durham Start-Ups
Durham City Incubator
Project Support & Monitoring
Marketing & Communications
Business Events & Networks

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No Ordinary County

Durham is the geographic and economic heart of the North East, its largest economy and we are determined to continue to drive growth and opportunities in the region.

A county rich in the heritage of industry and home to world-leading companies like GSK, Caterpillar, NSK, Hitachi Rail, and II-VI.

A hotbed for innovation, with significant growth in Advanced Manufacturing; Digital and Fintech; Electrification; Life Sciences and Healthcare, and Space and Satellite Applications.

With a population of more than half a million, including 18,800 students, Durham is growing its £9 billion economy through a focus on innovation and its expanding hi-tech and space sectors.

The future with ambitious growth plans to add to the existing 14,565 businesses and 100,000-plus highly skilled jobs already on offer, the future is exciting and now is the time to join our ambition.





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Living In Durham

Quality of life

There’s a huge variety of things to see and do in Durham and the wider North East region:

- Visit historic museums or medieval castles
- Explore the colourful and dramatic landscape of Durham’s heritage coast
- Take advantage of the county’s busy events programme
- Make the most of Durham City’s vibrant retail and hospitality offering
- Participate in or spectate at a diverse choice of sporting activities

Housing to suit all tastes and budgets

Durham boasts a fantastic range of housing options to suit all tastes. It has high-quality, new-build developments including stunning executive homes and more traditional period properties in an unrivalled choice of rural, coastal and urban locations. House prices are, on average, the least expensive in the UK at £144,935 – around 43% cheaper than the national average.

High performing schools

More than 87% of primary and secondary schools in County Durham are rated “good” or “outstanding” by Ofsted – the third highest percentage of any English region.

In terms of independent schools, there are five primary schools, six secondary schools and three sixth form colleges – so plenty of choice.







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Rewards and benefits

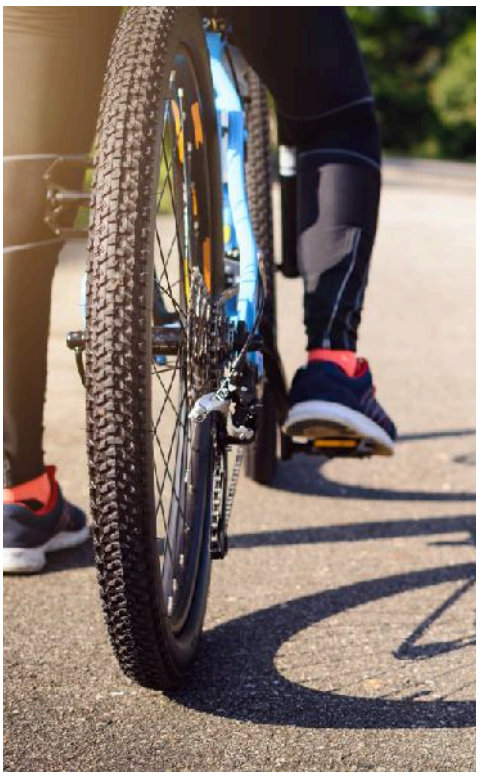
We want to be sure that every member of staff feels valued and rewarded for their individual contribution. As an employee of Durham County Council you will have access to a variety of rewards and benefits.

Our benefits package is comprehensive and includes flexible working arrangements to support the wellbeing of our people.



The package

- 27 days holidays per year increasing to 32 after five years continuous local government service
- Option to purchase up to 10 additional days annual leave per year through our salary sacrifice scheme
- Bank holidays
- Flexible working hours (core hours, minimum working day, credit / debit arrangements, up to 13 additional flexi days per year)
- Contributory career average salary pension scheme
- Discounted gym membership
- Employee Assist Scheme
- Hybrid working
- Trade Union membership
- Car salary sacrifice scheme
- Cycle-to-work scheme
- Discounted gym membership
- Retail discounts
- Travel loan scheme



Health & wellbeing

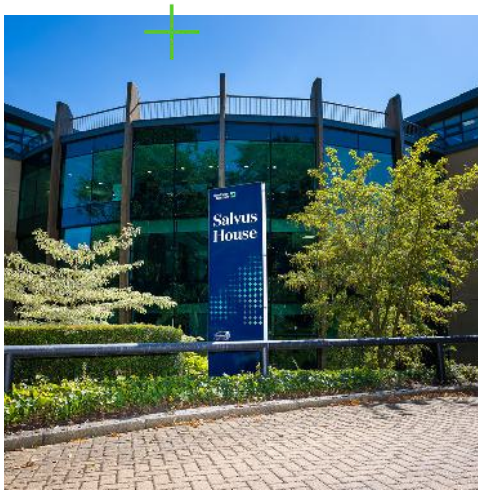
Wellbeing is defined as feeling good and functioning well physically, mentally, and socially. We all experience a sense of wellbeing differently and as an employer, we want to support every member of staff to feel and function at their best.

Rewards and benefits

Health and wellbeing (continued)

Our package of initiatives and opportunities includes:

- Employee Assistance Programme
- Eye tests for VDU users
- Mental Health First Aiders
- Occupational Health Services
- Wellbeing Portal with information, advice and support on a wide range of health topics



Inclusion and diversity

We have established several groups to enable our employees and their allies to meet, share ideas and raise awareness. These include:

- Disability and allies' staff network
- LGBT+ and allies' staff network
- Working carers peer support group
- Black and minority ethnic workers staff network



Learning and development

An excellent and broad range of learning and development opportunities are available to all staff to ensure your personal and professional development is supported. You can expect:

- Access to e-learning
- Access to professional qualifications
- An annual performance appraisal
- Coaching and mentoring
- Comprehensive induction