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The Implications of Brexit for the Future of Devolution in the North East of England and for the Northern Powerhouse

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Newcastle Business School, City Campus East
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It is widely recognised that the implications of the decision taken on 23rd June 2016 by the UK to leave the European Union will be profound. Whilst discussions of the consequences for the UK as a whole have been extensive, there has been, as yet, little debate on the implications at a regional and local level especially in Northern England. The likelihood of a second Scottish independence referendum - in late 2018 or early 2019 - also confirms the significance of these developments and their ongoing ramifications for cross-border relationships.

Within this context, the Universities of Northumbria, Heriot-Watt and Cumbria are hosting a series of one-day seminars in 2017 to look at the implications of Brexit for the regions that adjoin the Anglo-Scottish Border. The third and final event of the series, organised by Newcastle Business School, brings together a range of experts from academia, industry, trade unions, local and central government, and the voluntary and community sector in the North East to debate:

- The potential implications of Brexit for economic development in the North East of England
- The impact of Brexit on options for regional devolution and the future of the Northern Powerhouse
- The challenges of, and opportunities for, cross-border collaboration with Scotland

Speakers and Panel Members include:

- Richard Baker (North East Local Enterprise Partnership)
- Jonathan Blackie (Former Director - Government Office for the North East)
- Cllr David Falkner (Newcastle City Council)
- Beth Farhat (Director - Northern TUC)
- Antonella Forganni (The EU-Asia Institute, ESSCA Ecole de Management)
- Sarah Green (Former Regional Director - CBI)
- Janice Rose (Northumberland County Council)
- Anna Round (IPPR North)
- Ross Smith (North East England Chamber of Commerce)
- Tom Smyth (Department for Business, Energy & Innovation Strategy)
- Rob Williamson (Tyne and Wear Community Foundation)
- Keith Wilson (Tees Valley Combined Authority)

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Why attend?

The issues surrounding Brexit are without precedent. The process is hugely complex and outcomes are uncertain in a fast-changing policy environment. Consequently, there is considerable need for extensive debate to gather opinion and different perspectives from public, private, voluntary and community sectors. The purpose of attending might be:

- To increase understanding of the consequences of Brexit for the North East of England
- To listen to, and challenge, expert opinion from a range of academics, industrialists and policymakers
- To expose thinking to others who may have different ideas on how to interpret and manage the regional effects of Brexit.
- To improve understanding of the possible effects of Brexit on different sectors of the economy.
- To participate in an open debate about issues of regional devolution that is likely to have a profound effect on the North of England and Scotland in future.

Who should attend?

The UK in a Changing Europe Initiative aims to encourage debate that is easily accessible to a wide range of organisations, actors and members of the public who are interested in the UK's relationship with the EU. We would therefore welcome participation from:

- Academics and Researchers
- Managers of large and small businesses
- Leaders of business support agencies
- Executives of development agencies
- Local Government Officers and Elected Members
- Journalists and representatives of the media
- Leaders of non-governmental organisations
- Heads of educational institutions
- Representatives from community and voluntary groups

Event Organisers:

Professor Ignazio Cabras and Professor Keith Shaw, Northumbria University

The event is FREE to attend. Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be provided.

**For further information about this event, or to book a place, please contact:
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