

NCL Europe Festival, October 2021

Why?

To mark the launch of **NCL Europe**, the first formal Regional Interest Group, which will enable NU to capitalise on, develop and publicise our work on, in and with Europe. The work of NCL Europe is divided into several workstreams to which this event will contribute, namely:

Internal Connectivity and Funding

- ✓ To celebrate NU's successes in Horizon 2020.
- ✓ To highlight the launch of Horizon Europe in order to encourage engagement with the scheme and increase the number of applications.
- ✓ To promote internal networking among staff and students who are involved in or interested in European work.
- ✓ To foreground information and networks relating to forthcoming European grants, events and opportunities.

Visibility

- ✓ To showcase the excellent work on, in and with Europe—whether research, teaching, or engagement and impact—already taking place at NU.
- ✓ To celebrate and bolster our European staff and students during a difficult time.
- ✓ To make a strong and visible statement of NU's continuing commitment to its identity as a European (as well as global) university for external stakeholders such as potential partner universities.

What?

A festival celebrating all things Europe, which might encompass talks, workshops, demonstrations, seminars... Events already planned or under discussion for the festival include:

- ✓ A visit by a representative from UKRO Brussels on 12-13 October, arranged by the EU/International Research & Development team. This will involve:
 - 12 October, pm: An introduction to Horizon Europe (particularly pillar 2), and an overview of the successes of Horizon 2020. To be followed by a university-wide Q&A
 - 13 October, am: Workshop for research administrators/PS staff for post-award support
 - 13 October, pm: Lunch/interactive event with more senior management - theme tbc
- ✓ A welcome event for incoming Marie Curie Fellows and applicants, 12 October
- ✓ A high-profile, public seminar series, featuring academics presenting on a theme relating to Europe, or in conversation with a European figure
- ✓ A sandpit workshop on the theme of 'Engaging with EU Policy, Post-Brexit', potentially in tandem with the Policy Academy
- ✓ An introduction to the British School at Rome (details tbc)
- ✓ The Farrell Centre and Europe (details tbc)

Also welcome would be additional ideas of events (whether new, or already scheduled) that could be incorporated under the banner of the festival. These events could be organised by:

- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Business, Development & Enterprise
- ✓ NUCoREs and research groups
- ✓ NUSU Societies
- ✓ The Language Resource Centre
- ✓ Advancement
- ✓ Careers
- ✓ Regional contacts, such as Honorary Consuls, International Newcastle, etc.

When?

Throughout the autumn term, but to be launched in the week beginning Monday 11 October 2021.

Where?

Currently planned as a mixture of online and in-person (campus-based) events.

Who?

Staff and students from across NU are welcome to contribute to and join in the Festival, as well as external partners where events are designed for a broader audience.

For more information on any aspect of the Europe Festival, please contact International Relations and Partnerships Manager [Alison Clarke](#) (International Office).