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Northern Health Futures Hub

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Public Showcase

11 June 2026 | Opening Plenary



Welcome

Prof. Abigail Durrant, Hub Director

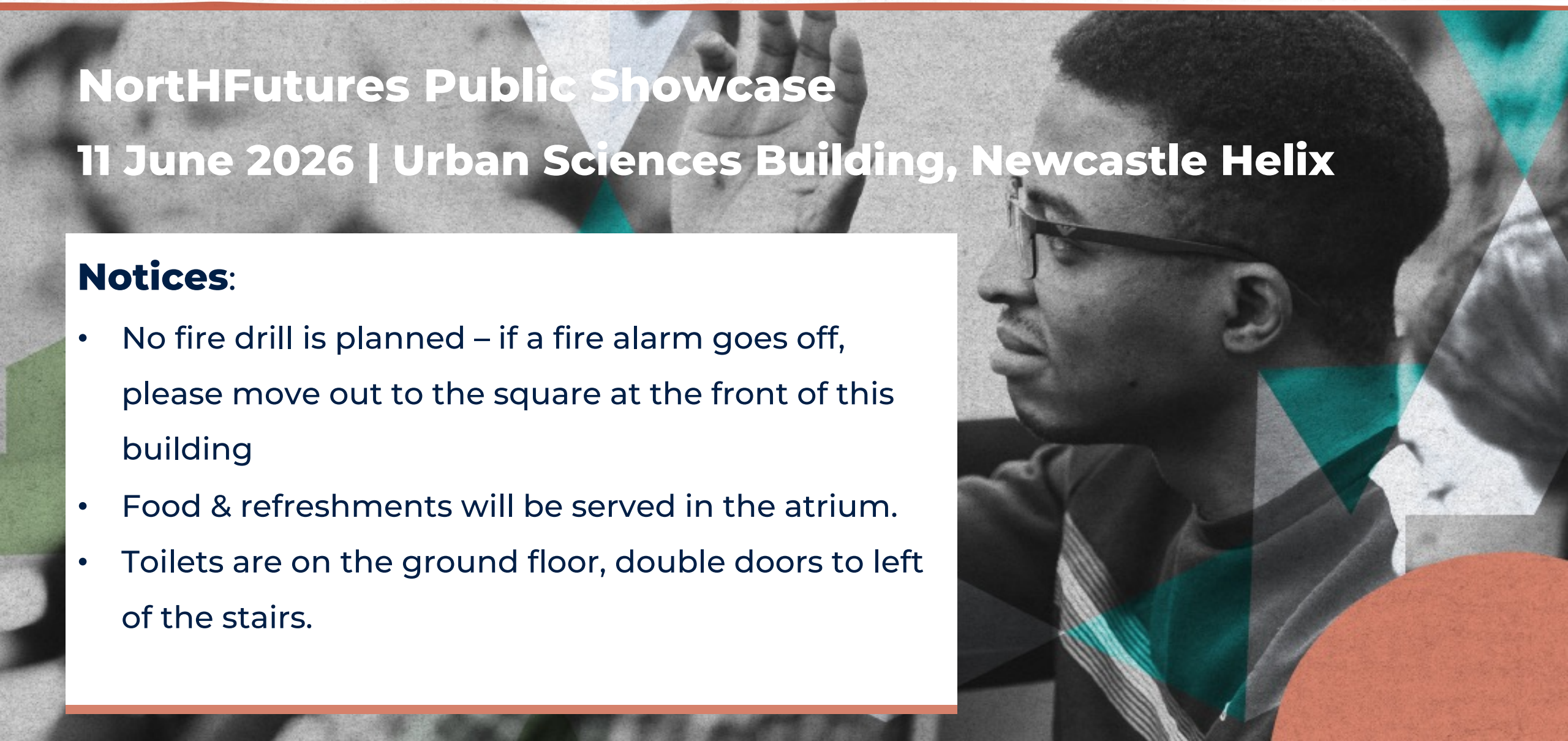
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11 June 2026 | Urban Sciences Building, Newcastle Helix



Notices:

- No fire drill is planned – if a fire alarm goes off, please move out to the square at the front of this building
- Food & refreshments will be served in the atrium.
- Toilets are on the ground floor, double doors to left of the stairs.

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- Our hub has awarded £1M+ funding to collaborative, cross-sector research projects and innovative training initiatives in and for our region.
- A core criterion was to diversity involvement especially from the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector.



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- Award process was guided by cross-sector funding boards including public members
- Aligned with themes – evidenced regional need
  - **Children & young people's health & nutrition**
  - **Community mental health & wellbeing**
  - **Supporting digital surgical pathways**
  - **Living well with multiple long-term conditions**



CYZ
An OnSide Youth Zone

Community-centred Digital health Innovation

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We have invited funded teams to present their work today – some projects are finished, some are in progress.

We open the showcase to our partners and to the public, for people to meet, talk about, and share reflections on the activities and their outcomes.

We hope the event can shape and guide decisions on how to make meaningful impact.



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- Opening Keynote talks from core partners
- Lightening talks – research and training initiatives
- Exhibition of posters, demos, and partner stands
- Invited provocation – and a national perspective
- Breakout sessions – discover new tools, insights
- Closing address – priorities now for our region



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A warm welcome to you all.

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Networking made relevant for in-person events



- See who is attending
- Discover shared interests
- Identify people worth meeting
- No app - No download - Just open the link

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Networking made relevant for in-person events



- Find someone with shared interests
- Meet in person … introduce yourself …. and please talk!
- Scan each other's QR code to exchange contact details

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Connect as easily as a business card exchange

- Only basic info is visible:
- Name • Organisation • Interests
- Other contact details remain private until you scan QR codes



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