

Learning & Teaching @ Newcastle Podcast **Welcome episode**

Hello and welcome to Episode 1 of The Learning and Teaching @Newcastle University podcast.

My name's Ben Steel and I'm from the Learning and Teaching Development Service here at Newcastle University. In this short first episode, we will hear from our new Pro-Vice Chancellor of Education Tom Ward, who is going to introduce you to the new podcast and what to expect. So over to Tom.

Hello everyone. I'm very happy to welcome you to our new podcast, Learning and Teaching at Newcastle University. We're going to explore a wide range of subjects and features relating to education at the university over the coming weeks. And I hope we're going to hear from a great diversity of voices. The format will vary. Some episodes will be long form conversations, some episodes will be a more magazine style, and some will look at specific themes in more depth. Podcasts are part of the huge new world that many of us have been pitched into over the last 18 months. And it's another channel through which we can communicate to each other and communicate to our students. And it's part of the expanded toolbox that we now have following the experience of the pandemic.

The first episode is a brief welcome to this new podcast, episode two is already available and is a fascinating conversation between Paul Fleet from our School of Arts and Cultures and chair of the Academic Practice Board of Studies and Michael Atkinson from our Faculty of Medical Sciences, who will talk about mental health and mental wellness. Future episodes will be released fortnightly on a Wednesday. So remember to download, like and subscribe. Finally, wherever you're listening from. We hope you enjoy this dip into learning and teaching at Newcastle University. Plus, perhaps feel inspired to contribute yourselves. We look forward to hearing from you with thoughts, ideas, comments. So do please get in touch at the ltds@ncl.ac.uk email address.

Thank you very much for downloading episode one of our new podcast. Episode two will be in your feed right now, as Tom mentioned, and a great conversation between Paul Fleet and Michael Atkinson about mental wellbeing and mental wellness. So be sure to head to your feed now and download. Episode 3 will be available in two weeks time. So until then, or if you're going to download Episode 2 now, see you soon.