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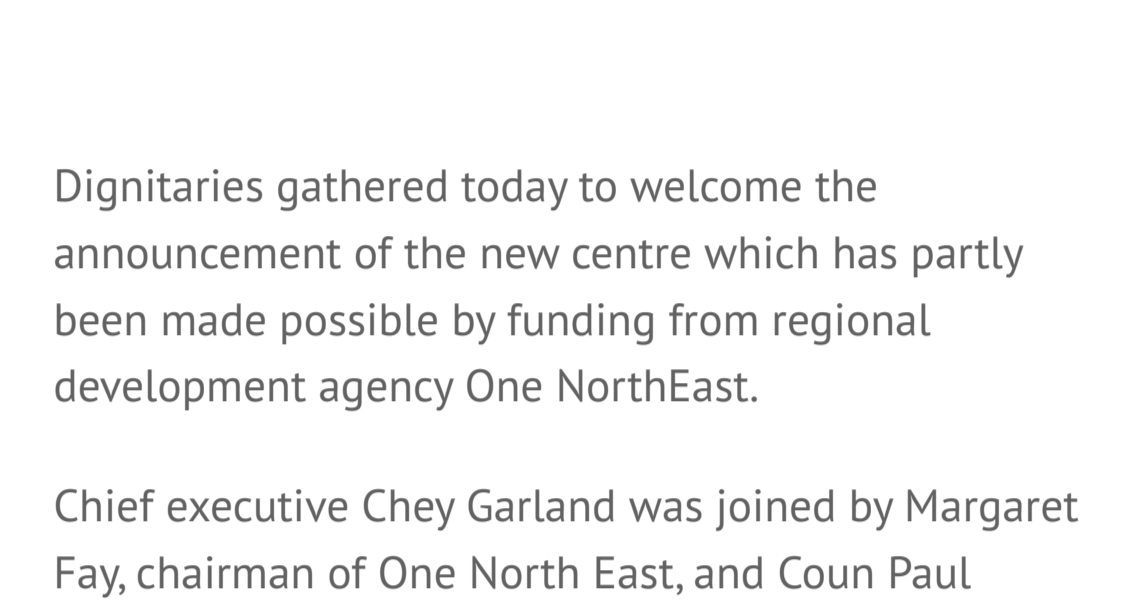
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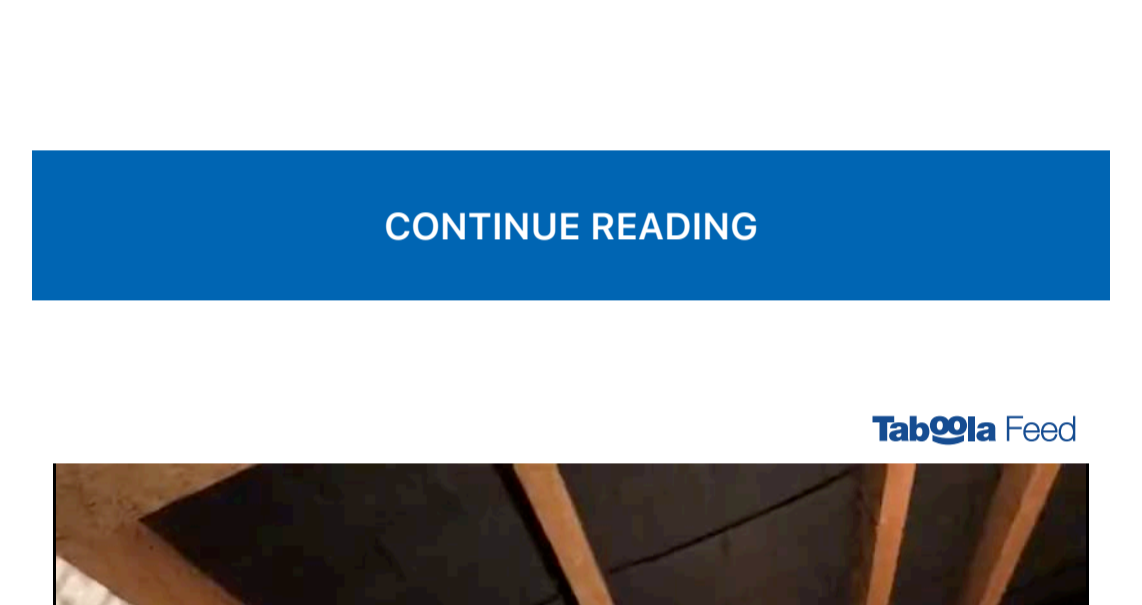
Plans were unveiled today by Garlands Call Centres, specialists in outsourcing call centre work, for a major new 800-seat call centre in South Shields.



The centre, which is expected to create between 800 and 1,000 jobs, will be built on a brownfield site off River Drive in South Shields' town centre.

A spokesman for Garlands called it a major announcement as part of the regeneration and jobs creation programme within South Shields. And South Shields MP David Miliband, said: "Creating new employment opportunities is a vital part of South Shields' regeneration."

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Dignitaries gathered today to welcome the announcement of the new centre which has partly been made possible by funding from regional development agency One NorthEast.

Chief executive Chey Garland was joined by Margaret Fay, chairman of One North East, and Coun Paul Waggott, leader of South Tyneside Council, for the unveiling of the plans.

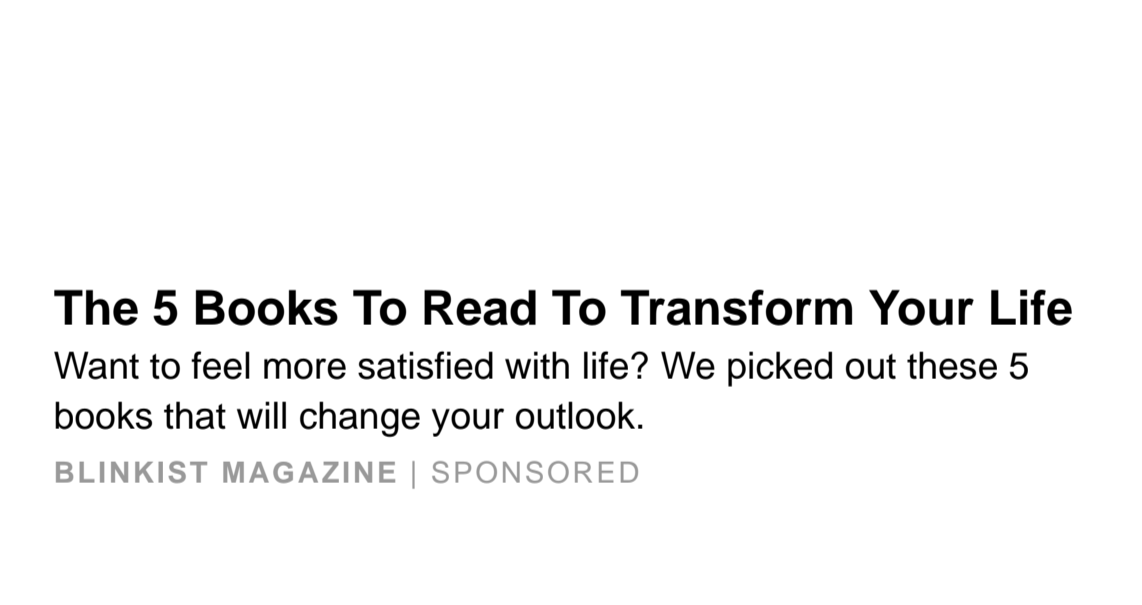


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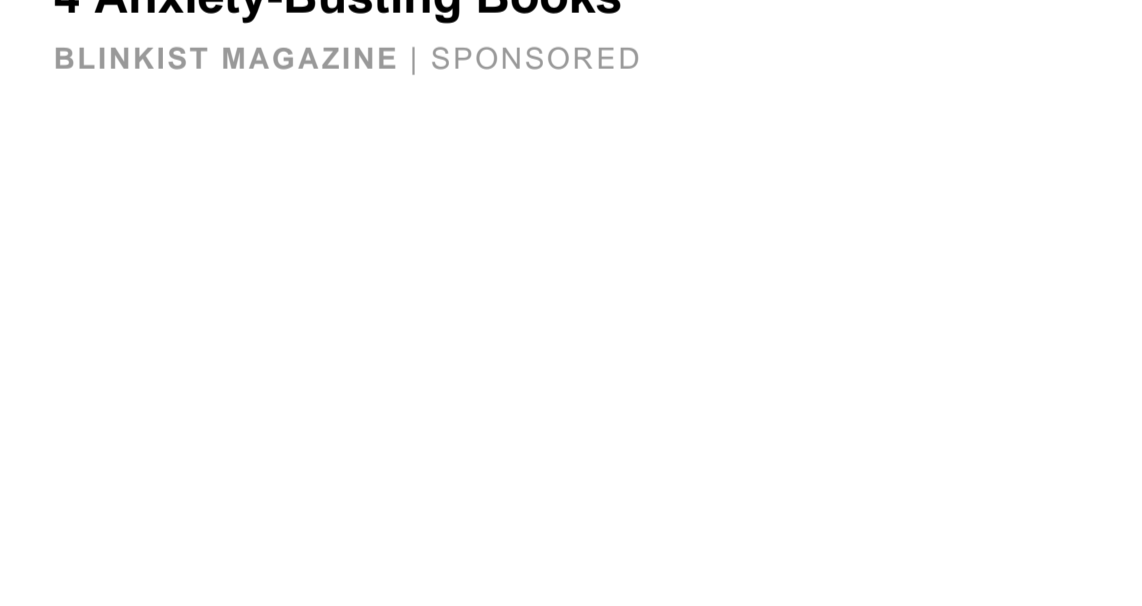
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