

Supporting Sussex



The 1964 Student Union executive

Sussex alumni help boost creativity

Over 100 Sussex alumni and friends from the media and creative industries joined together at a dinner in London in November 2009 to raise funds for the new Sussex Creativity Awards. The Awards will provide financial and professional support for individuals or groups of students to enable them to undertake creative projects outside of their academic courses. Many alumni describe how they found their voice while at Sussex, and the Awards aim to help current students to do the same, overseen by the newly founded Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts. Thanks to keen bidding on auction lots and a very popular raffle, over £15,000 was raised to inspire a new generation of Sussex creativity.

Focusing on our 50th anniversary

Sussex will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding in 2011-12, and a host of celebratory events are taking shape, including an exhibition about Sussex's famous architecture, alumni reunions, and a founder's day dinner. It is hoped that everyone in the Sussex will get involved in the celebrations. Watch this space!

Fundraising brings in £1.7 million

The latest annual report from the Development and Alumni Relations Office shows that it raised £1.7 million in gifts and pledges last year, its most successful to date.

Major gifts already secured include a large donation from the Mortimer and Theresa Sackler Foundation for a new research centre in neuroscience at Sussex. Another successful piece of fundraising focused on Professor Francis Ratnieks' work on the health of honey bees.

The Development Director, Dominic Tickell, said, 'As we look towards a future fundraising campaign, this is a welcome sign of how external support can make a real difference to the work of the University.'

Monies raised by the office also include funds that provide direct support to students, with the annual phonathon raising nearly £120,000 through smaller-scale donations from alumni and friends.