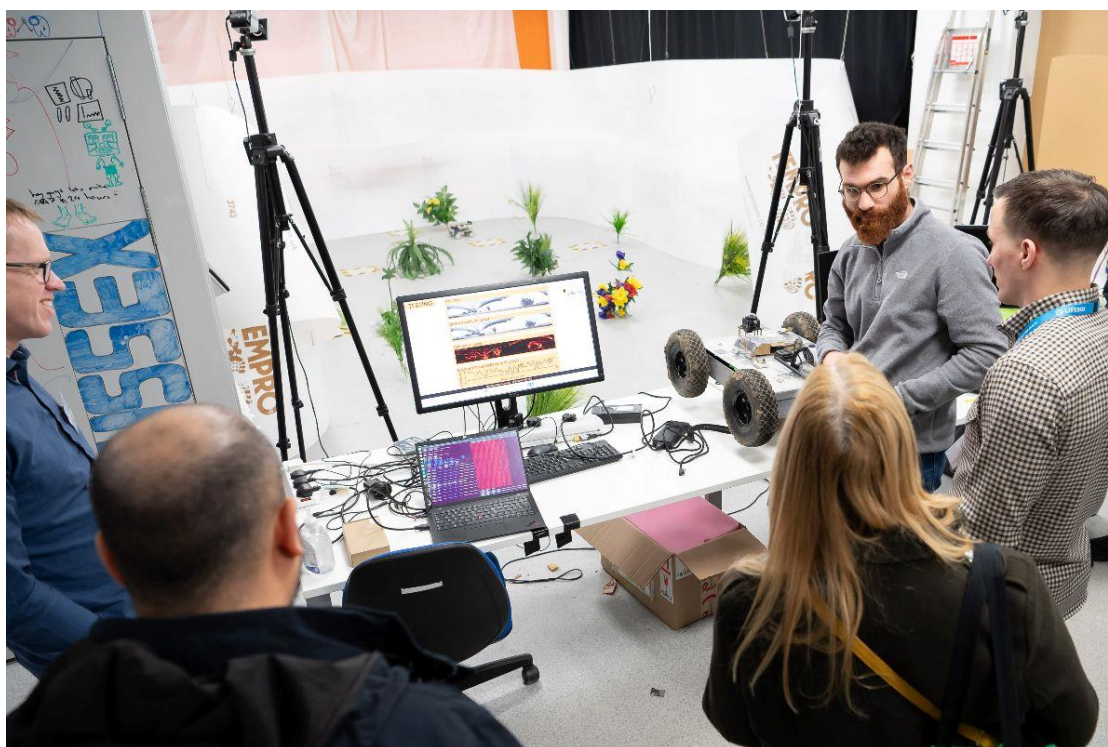


This fortnightly email, sent to all University of Sussex staff and postgraduate researchers, shares updates about our Sussex community.



**Thursday 15 February 2024**



## **Sussex AI launch showcases excellence**

Sussex AI, one of the University's Centres of Excellence, launched on Thursday 1 February with a series of talks, demonstrations and posters

highlighting the centre's diverse range of research. Take a look at photos of the event, which was attended by over 250 people including Vice-Chancellor Sasha Roseneil and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Michael Luck, as well as staff, postgraduate researchers and businesses.

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### **Sussex and Brighton Festival partner again**

[The University is the Higher Education Partner for Brighton Festival 2024](#), continuing to put education at the heart of the festival. With a series of events, led by our School of Media, Arts and Humanities, we invite you to listen to bird song, think like a witch, and feel the magic with Turner Prize winner and Sussex alum, Jeremy Deller.

### **Sussex Universe: The Making of *My Dead Body***

[Fulton A Lecture Theatre | Tuesday 20 February | 6pm-7.15pm](#)

Take a look behind the scenes of the Channel 4 documentary *My Dead Body* with Professor Claire Smith. Part of the [Sussex Universe public lecture series](#), the talk will reflect on how the deceased can teach the living.

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## **Listening to staff – share your ideas**

In January colleagues joined online focus groups to explore the best ways for staff views to be shared and heard in between full staff surveys. Read their ideas and add your own thoughts to our online Padlet board by Friday 8 March.



## **Introducing the Sussex Researcher School**

Meet colleagues working at the Sussex Researcher School (SRS), formerly known as the Doctoral School, and find out how they support emerging researchers.

## Inclusive Sussex



### **Deemed Dirty: exploring representations of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities**

An upcoming symposium will focus on the work of Professor Roberta Piazza (School of Media, Arts and Humanities) and Romany artist, journalist and activist Jake Bowers. *Priscilla, the Queen of the South* (pictured) by Jake Bowers will be temporarily displayed outside the Jubilee building from Friday 23 February.

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### **Important voices join In Conversation on intergenerational justice and equality**

Bramber House, Level 3 | Wednesday 28 February | 5.30pm-7pm

Book your place at our upcoming event, where we will be welcoming Dame Nicola Dandridge DBE, former Chief Executive of Universities UK and the first Chief Executive of the Office for Students, and Dr Omar Khan, Chief Executive of TASO and former Director of the Runnymede Trust. Also on the panel will be David Ruebain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Culture, Equality and Inclusion), with Dr Emily Danvers, Professor Janet Boddy and postgraduate researcher Matt Johnson from the School of Education and Social Work.

## Our community



### **The transformative role of the Educational Enhancement coordinator**

Hear from colleagues about how the role shaped them, providing skills and experience to support their onward career journeys at Sussex. The blog, which features several colleagues sharing their thoughts, can also be listened to as a podcast.

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### **Webinar: could you become a school governor?**

Online | Wednesday 28 February | 11am-12 noon

If you are looking for a new way to give back to the community and use your Sussex volunteering time, join this webinar to explore school governance and find out how your skills can help improve school standards across the UK.

### **Clinton Global Initiative Fellowships**

Find out about the fellowship for students, which offers an opportunity for 25 emerging entrepreneurs to address urgent global challenges including the climate crisis, global health inequity, and humanitarian crises. Encourage eligible students to apply by Friday 15 March.

## Celebrating success



### **Education Awards to spotlight positive impact**

[Take a look back at some of the Education Award winners](#) from 2023 and hear how they made a difference to students at Sussex. [Nominate for this year's awards](#) by 8 March.

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### **Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption awarded major grant**

[The £3.4 million grant from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office](#) will fund new global corruption research at the University. The programme will also award research grants to teams from around the world to build a body of research that provides evidence for anti-corruption policy-making.

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## **"Fostering kindness and wellbeing is an ongoing process"**

Alumna Helen Rimmer, who was recently awarded in the first *Small Business Sunday* of 2024 for her efforts to promote kindness and wellbeing in the workplace, shares how her studies at Sussex, and her professional experience in libraries and higher education leadership, continue to shape her practice today.

## **Research**

### **Vending machines offering convenient STI testing could revolutionise sexual health**

A ground-breaking study from Brighton and Sussex Medical School and others has proved that vending machines dispensing self-test kits for sexually transmitted infections are an effective way of reaching those who rarely or never get tested. The results of the year-long pilot programme suggest the machines should be integrated into the digital landscape of sexual health services.

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[Artwork from students and staff across the University](#) can be seen on bright and cheerful hoardings bordering the perimeter of the West Slope development adjoining Refectory Road. The artwork, which showcases photography, sketches, paintings and more, is a proud display of the fantastic range of creative talent at Sussex.

## Contact us

*Sussex in focus* is issued every other Thursday. You can [view an infographic about the types of content featured](#), and if you would like to include something in the newsletter please submit this to [internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk) by 12 noon the preceding Tuesday.

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