

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



Sussex in focus

Thursday 18 January 2024



Professor Elizabeth (Buzz) Harrison appointed Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Experience)

[Professor Harrison joins fellow Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellors Professor Claire Smith \(Education and Innovation\) and Professor Graeme Pedlingham \(Student Experience\) in delivering our Education and Students work, with a focus on the Curriculum Reimagined Project.](#)



[VC Open Forum on Monday 22 January](#)

[Join Vice-Chancellor Professor Sasha Roseneil](#) at the next Open Forum for an update on recent developments at Sussex and in the sector. This in-person event will also be livestreamed. Please [let us know](#) if you have any access requirements.



[Staff survey: How MAH is helping to bridge the gap between colleagues](#)

[Find out how the School of Media, Arts and Humanities](#) is making changes to improve staff experience as a result of feedback from previous staff surveys.





Shape how we listen at Sussex

[Join this online focus group](#) on Tuesday 23 January at 10.30am, to help identify the best ways for staff to share feedback between our staff surveys.



Feed back on our communications for a chance to win a voucher

[Share your views](#) on our internal communications by Friday 2 February for a chance to win a £10 Munch Money card.

Inclusive Sussex

[In Conversation event to focus on intergenerational justice and equality](#)
[Student Centre | Wednesday 28 February | 5.30pm-7pm](#)

Hear from Dame Nicola Dandridge OBE, an equalities lawyer, and Dr Omar Khan, Chair of Trust for London, at our next In Conversation event. They will be joined by Professor David Ruebain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Culture, Equality and Inclusion), with Dr Emily Danvers and Professor Louise Gazeley from the School of Education and Social Work.

[Equality and Inclusion Calendar 2024](#)

[The 2024 Equality and Inclusion Calendar](#) is now available, highlighting key faith days and important diversity awareness dates and events, a number of which are marked and celebrated by the University throughout the year.

Your development

[New senior leadership apprenticeship programmes](#)

[Three apprenticeship options are now available](#) to help staff progress their career and gain Level 7 qualifications in Leadership and Management. The qualifications are work-based and offer accreditation upon completion.

Our community



Dr Emma Russell explains how to master your inbox

Emma was interviewed on the *Instant Genius Podcast* about her recent research on how people deal with work emails and how this affects wellbeing and performance. Emma identifies four key areas that will help you keep on top of your email.

Nominate inspirational people for honorary degrees and fellowships

Nominations are open ahead of summer graduation in July 2024. Honorary degrees and fellowships recognise excellence in an academic field and those who have played an important role in society. Nominate by Friday 26 January.



Chris van Tulleken: how ultra-processed food took over the world

Hear from Chris, an award-winning broadcaster, practicing NHS doctor and leading academic, who will give a talk on ultra-processed food and its impact on our health and weight - on campus on Thursday 25 January.

Have your say on transport in East Sussex

[Take part in East Sussex County Council's consultation](#) on the local transport plan, which sets out their aims to decarbonise transport, develop healthy places and conserve the local environment. Open until Sunday 25 February.



"If we upset the natural balance...it's not good for the species that make up this fabulous planet"

[Matthew Bird, the Mayor of Lewes and Sussex alum](#), tells us about his experience at the University, his involvement in the rights of rivers and working with Business School students and faculty.

The trailblazing Annie Nightingale

[Annie Nightingale, the former BBC Radio One presenter](#) and former Brighton resident, who died last week, was interviewed as part of the *BBC 100 voices project*, an oral history collection curated by Sussex academics that tells the inside story of the *BBC*.

Celebrating success



**University of Sussex Business
School professor wins top award**

Professor Radu Tunaru received the annual prestigious Peter L. Bernstein Award for his paper which shows how investors can use dividend and volatility derivatives to hedge against market risks and exploit market opportunities.

Business School Dean celebrates innovators at prestigious education awards

The 2023 QS Reimagine Education Awards and Conference recognised pioneering pedagogical approaches and effective methods of teaching sustainability. Professor Steven McGuire was a featured speaker and joined 900 judges who assessed over 1,200 award submissions across 17 categories.

Research



Cancer treatment technology developed at Sussex to start preclinical tests

[Stingray Bio, a University spin-out launched in 2021](#) by Professors Georgios Giamas and John Spencer, has entered into an evaluation agreement with life science company ValiRx.

SSRP workshop: equitable research partnerships

[Terrace Room, Conference Centre | Thursday 29 February | 1pm-4pm](#)

Equitable partnerships are at the heart of impactful sustainability research and this Sussex Sustainability Research Programme workshop aims to discuss their definition, key requirements for setting them up and barriers to be overcome.

AI for a better world?

[Read the key highlights from the research forum and networking event](#) co-hosted by Sussex Digital Humanities Lab, Sussex Sustainability Research Programme, and Sussex AI. The event featured lightning talks on existing and emerging work at interfaces of AI and sustainability, and attendees were invited to consider how recent advances in AI can be applied to local and global sustainability challenges.



[A waxwing eating a berry in Ridgewood, Uckfield.](#)

Photo credit: Professor John Spencer, Director of Chemistry at the Sussex Drug Discovery Centre.

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