

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

Our next edition of *Sussex in focus* will be on Thursday 14 September.



Thursday 20 July 2023



Sussex launches 12 new Centres of Excellence

[Our new Centres of Excellence](#) will tackle research which is 'impossible until

it's done', accelerating progress in areas of existing research strengths and addressing areas of global importance.



Centres of Excellence: Parliamentary launch

[Our Parliamentary reception on Tuesday 11 July](#) welcomed politicians and policy makers including Government ministers, MPs and peers.



Video: Research at Sussex

[Watch our short video about research at Sussex](#) - research that will drive progress and make an important contribution to the planet and its people.



Council approves the move to faculty model

[Read the update from Rosemary Martin, Chair of Council](#), following the recent Council meeting, including approval of the change to a faculty model.



Meet Sam Harrold, Adam Weiler Award winner

[In her research, Sam Harrold](#), from the School of Media, Arts and Humanities, explores how art and music can support people who are living with memory loss.

Inclusive Sussex



Non-Binary People's Day

Friday 14 July was Non-Binary People's Day, celebrating the wide range of people worldwide who identify as non-binary. We hear from James Ward-Lee (they/he), Chair of the Trans and Non-Binary Staff Network, who shares their experiences.

Trans Pride celebrations

This year marked 10 years of Trans Pride in Brighton, a community-led event and the longest-running Trans Pride event in the UK. A creative showcase, featuring art, poetry and live performance from some of our trans and non-binary staff and students, was hosted by the LGBTQ+ and Trans and Non-Binary staff networks.

EDI Champions supporting traveller communities

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Champions explored misconception, representation and the barriers to education facing students with Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showman and Boater heritage at a recent awareness session.

Race Equity Advocates host picnic to foster community

Race Equity Advocates from the School of Media, Arts and Humanities recently hosted a pizza picnic for students to get to know their peers, share

their experiences and discuss ways to promote inclusivity and representation throughout the School.

Your development

Achievement and Development Review training replay

[You can now access a recorded version of the training on LearnUpon](#) which will help all academic and Professional Services staff prepare, whether you are a reviewer or reviewee. Once you've logged in to LearnUpon, simply select the training on your dashboard. [View further information and guidance](#) about Achievement and Development Reviews, including deadlines for academic and Professional Services colleagues.

Free online qualifications to develop your skills

[Explore the range of free online qualifications available from East Sussex College](#) which can help to develop and enhance your skills. The courses are accredited and fully funded for adults aged 19 or over and eligible to study in the UK.

Our community

Summer graduation 2023

[This week is summer graduation at the Brighton Centre.](#) Hear from our Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and Students who thanks those staff volunteering their time to help celebrate the achievements of our students.

Follow #SussexGrad on the social media platform of your choice or [check the University's Instagram](#) for regular updates and stage highlights. You can also watch the [livestreamed ceremonies on our website](#).



Meet the Turner Prize shortlist: Rory Pilgrim

[Meet Rory Pilgrim in the third edition](#) of a series featuring shortlisted artists. Sussex is this year's Education Partner for the Turner Prize, the world's leading prize for contemporary art.

Sussex partners with local drug development company

[The University is working in partnership with local drug development company, 113 Botanicals](#), to develop cannabinoid-based pharmaceutical products that will allow doctors to accurately prescribe a safer and more effective treatment to mitigate some of the side effects of chronic illnesses such as Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.



Explore our Sussex alumni library

Don't miss out on the variety of interesting podcast and books created by our Sussex alumni, available at the virtual alumni library.

Research

Sussex to lead new £15 million centre focused on how to reduce the UK's energy demand

The University of Sussex has received £15 million from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to establish a new Energy Demand Research Centre. Led by the Universities of Sussex and Newcastle, the centre will investigate how domestic, industrial and transport energy demands can be reduced across the UK.

Building a sustainable campus

Taking a sustainable approach to catering

Our Sustainable Sussex strategy includes a number of sustainable food

[commitments](#). Find out about our aim to reduce demand for meat on campus, pilot net zero cafés, ensure 80% of our fresh produce comes from British and local suppliers, and support the redistribution of surplus food.

Sussex wins award for supporting local bees

[The University has won the Bees' Needs Champion Award](#) for the fifth year running recognising our dedication to supporting pollinating insects on campus. The award is presented by the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) and acknowledges exceptional efforts to help local bee populations as part of grounds management.



[A women's rugby training session at the University was filmed for the recently released Netflix documentary *Game On: The Unstoppable Rise of Women's Sport*](#). The documentary follows elite female athletes and is co-

directed and co-produced by Sue Anstiss, founder of Fearless Women, an activism group driving change in women's sport. Sue's daughter was a Sussex student and a member of the women's rugby team.

Contact us

Sussex in focus is issued every other Thursday – but will be taking a short break over August. *This week at Sussex* will continue throughout the summer.

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 by 12 noon the preceding Tuesday.

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