

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



Sussex in focus

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Sussex alumna prepares to become the UK's first ever female astronaut

[Read an exclusive interview with Dr Rosemay Coogan in Falmer magazine](#) on what it takes to be an astronaut - and what she'll miss most when she takes one giant leap into space.



Professor Ranajit Guha, radical historian

[Professor Guha, a renowned historian](#) and founding figure in the University's history, died in April, a month before he would have turned 100.



University boosts UK economy and supports 7,800 jobs

[Sussex contributes £495 million each year to the UK economy](#) and brings benefits to our local region - outlined in our latest Economic Impact Report.



Nominations open for Research Culture Awards

[Nominate yourself or a colleague by 27 June](#). These awards shine a light on those developing great ideas, and recognise, reward and celebrate contributions to our research culture. Open to everyone.



Meet the Turner Prize shortlist: Jesse Darling

[Meet Jesse Darling in the first edition of a series](#) featuring shortlisted artists. The Turner Prize is the world's leading prize for contemporary art and Sussex is the Education Partner this year.

Inclusive Sussex

Breaking barriers and inspiring change

[International Women in Engineering Day is tomorrow](#), 23 June, and the School of Engineering and Informatics is celebrating by highlighting the amazing work that women engineers do around the world. Take a look at

their inspirational wishing tree display which is in Chichester 1 foyer until early July.



Supporting refugees to access university

[Check out the video developed by the University's Widening Participation team](#) and Refugee Education UK featuring a Sussex student. Released to coincide with Refugee Week which runs from 19 June – 25 June, the video aims to support refugees and asylum seekers looking to apply to university.

Summer of Research

Sussex Beacons Series: explore our research and make new connections

[Come along to these bite-sized talks and find out more about great research from across the University](#) and the influence it is having locally, nationally and globally. You'll take away new ideas, even new connections, and enjoy a thought-provoking chat over coffee and cake! The Sussex Beacons Series is open to all, and everyone is welcome.

Sustainability research with impact

The Sussex Sustainability Research Programme (SSRP) community is hosting a series of inspiring and interactive events with sustainability experts covering a wide range of topics and formats, celebrating the impactful work of sustainability researchers solving real-world problems.

Don't miss out on SSRP Tedx talk: 'Rights of Nature, a legal rebellion to save our planet?' by Dr Jo Smallwood on 5 July. You can also view an SSRP audio-visual exhibition 'sustainability research around the world' in the Student Centre from now until 14 July.

Celebrating success



Sussex Professor ranked top 20 in UK for political science

Professor Peter Newell from the International Relations department in the School of Global Studies has been ranked 19th in the UK and 108 in the world in the field of political science by Research.com.

PhD researchers awarded for outstanding impact

Four outstanding Sussex postgraduate researchers have received Adam Weiler Awards which recognise those with the potential to make a lasting,

positive impact with their PhD work. The awards are supported by a generous donation to the University in memory of a former student.



Sussex Chaplain awarded for building solidarity across faiths

[Reverend Alan Green has won the Annemarie Schimmel Award](#) for Championing a Muslim Cause at the Muslim News Awards for Excellence, recognising his positive impact in the field of interfaith relationships.

Our community



Professional Services Celebration Day

[See highlights of the event that brought together Professional Services colleagues](#) from across the University, including videos and a photo gallery from the day.

Shaping the future of Degree Apprenticeships

[Colleagues from across the University got together in an interactive workshop](#) to help shape the launch of a new Degree Apprenticeships programme in 2024, part of our work within the Sussex and Surrey Institute of Technology to widen participation into higher education.

Interview on The Death Studies Podcast

[Listen to an interview with Professor Caroline Bennett](#) who answers important questions about the Cambodian genocide, with a particular focus on mass graves and their dead in contemporary Cambodia.

Join a script reading of Nuclear Safari

[Pinter Studio, Queen Mary University, London | Friday 23 June | 5pm](#)
Professor Raminder Kaur is working with a writer with autism, Grant Foxon, and other neurodivergent people to stage his first script. Join them for a reading of Nuclear Safari, a biting political satire.



A pod of 15 dolphins was sighted 500 metres south of the West Pier in Brighton on Sunday 18 June. Footage credit to the Sussex Dolphin Project.

Contact us

Sussex in focus is issued every other Thursday. If you would like to include something in the newsletter please submit this to internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk by 12 noon the preceding Tuesday. Our next edition will be on Thursday 6 July.

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