

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



**Thursday 23 November 2023**



### **Driving impactful sustainability research**

[The Sussex Sustainability Research Programme](#) is backing five new cutting-

edge research projects, providing funding to interdisciplinary initiatives that address critical global and local sustainability challenges.

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**Supporting our community**

[Read the Vice-Chancellor's](#)

latest message to staff on ways we are supporting staff and students during the conflict in Gaza and Israel.



**Global impact for a better world**

[Find out about the positive impact](#) of our global engagement and research in the latest Global Engagement Review 2021-2023.

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### **Sussex researchers in Highly Cited list**

Four Sussex professors are named amongst the most influential researchers across the globe



### **Have your say on our Sussex 2035 strategy**

Complete this survey and help us shape what Sussex stands for and what we contribute to the world.

**Inclusive Sussex**



### **Update from David Ruebain**

[Read the latest update](#) from our Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Culture, Equality and Inclusion. David talks about Transgender Day of Remembrance, Islamophobia Awareness Month, improving Library accessibility and more.

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### **Disability History Month**

[UK Disability History Month](#) continues until 16 December, aiming to celebrate the lives of disabled people, challenge ableism and achieve equality. Find out more about support, training and events at Sussex, including a [free screening of the award-winning documentary \*Crip Camp\*](#) on Wednesday 29 November.

## Your development

### **Share your views on the ADR process by 13 December**

[You are invited to share your thoughts](#) on the Achievement and Development Review (ADR) materials and resources in a short survey. Your feedback will help refine the process ahead of the next ADR cycle in 2024.

## Seasonal events and discounts



### **Christmas tree decoration and Carol Service**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to make festive decorations and decorate the Chaplaincy's Christmas tree on Wednesday 6 December, 1.30pm-4pm. The traditional Christmas Carol Service with the University's Chamber Choir is on Monday 11 December, from 5.30pm.

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### **Seasonal discounts for staff this weekend**

[Reward Gateway, the University's staff discount platform](#), is offering bigger discounts across a range of suppliers, including supermarkets, retailers and entertainment providers from Friday 24 November until Monday 27 November.

### **Sussexsports holiday kids' camps**

[Sussexsport is running kids' camps](#) with fully qualified instructors for basketball, netball, badminton, circus skills and squash from Monday 18 December to Thursday 21 December. All equipment is provided.

### **Christmas food and events on campus**

[The festive spirit has arrived at our eateries](#) with a series of Christmas menus and events over the coming weeks. With weekly specials at Eat Central, a Big Christmas Quiz, a traditional Christmas roast extravaganza and a call to all cheesecake enthusiasts to build your own at The Veg Bowl Café, there are lots of opportunities to celebrate.



### **Winter multi-sports tournament**

[Gather your team for the tournament](#) on Monday 18 December, 4pm-6pm, and take on the Sussexsport team in netball shooting, badminton, axe throwing, table tennis and more.

## **Celebrating success**



### **Apprenticeship success and Outstanding Contribution award**

[University staff were honoured at the Brighton & Hove Apprenticeship Graduation 2023 ceremony](#) on Tuesday 7 November. Joanna Dale, Student Advisor, won a special award for Outstanding Contribution by an Apprentice to an Employer.

## **Our community**



### **Memorial Service for Professor David Alan Mellor**

[Professor Mellor's memorial service](#) is taking place on Saturday 25 November, 3pm-4pm, at the Meeting House. It is open to staff, students, alumni and the wider community. David's family has requested no flowers but donations to Cats Protection are welcome.

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### **Quantum insights shared at Queen's Lecture**

[Watch the replay of the recent lecture](#) given in Berlin by Professor Winfried Hensinger, Director of the Centre for Quantum Technologies.

### **Sussex Founders podcast: Building a team to succeed**

[Don't miss out on the first episode of the Sussex Founders podcast](#) featuring Peter Lane speaking to Professor Tony Moore. The Sussex Founders series highlights the experiences of academic founders during their commercialisation journeys, exploring the challenges faced and milestones achieved.

### **Consultation on violence against women and girls strategy**

[Brighton & Hove City Council has launched a public consultation](#) on their Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2023-2026, which outlines their proposed approach to tackling violence against women and girls in the city. You can view and comment on the draft before Monday 1 January 2024.

## Creating a Better Campus

### **Upcoming changes to food at Sussex**

A number of exciting works are on their way to some of our eateries during the winter break. You can expect to see a new look for the Library Café, the café space at the Student Centre and Doctor's Orders, along with new food options.

### **You said, we did: hearing your views about catering**

Thanks to your feedback, our catering partners are introducing lots of changes to improve the offering on campus, including exciting new pop-ups, non-gluten menu choices, further food waste reduction and more.

## Research



**Join our next Research with Impact forum about Sussex AI**  
Taking place from 2.30pm-3.30pm on Wednesday 6 December, our next online Research with Impact forum will focus on language models, emotion AI and complex networks.





### **SSRP Research Symposium 2023**

The Sussex Sustainability Research Programme (SSRP) has unveiled five new interdisciplinary research projects for 2023/24. You can learn more and meet sustainability experts at the annual SSRP Symposium on Wednesday 29 November for a morning of research sharing and sustainability insights.

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### **Meet the Sussex Research Hive Scholars**

Vijay Kumar, Carla Douglas

Gonzalez and Rob Dickinson are the new Hive Scholars, and they will be running activities and events throughout the year for researchers.

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Whale or murmuration? [Professor John Spencer](#), Director of the Sussex Drug Discovery Centre, shared a recent photograph of the Brighton Pier on Viva Engage, the University's internal social media platform.

## Contact us

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Our next edition will be on Thursday 7 December.

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