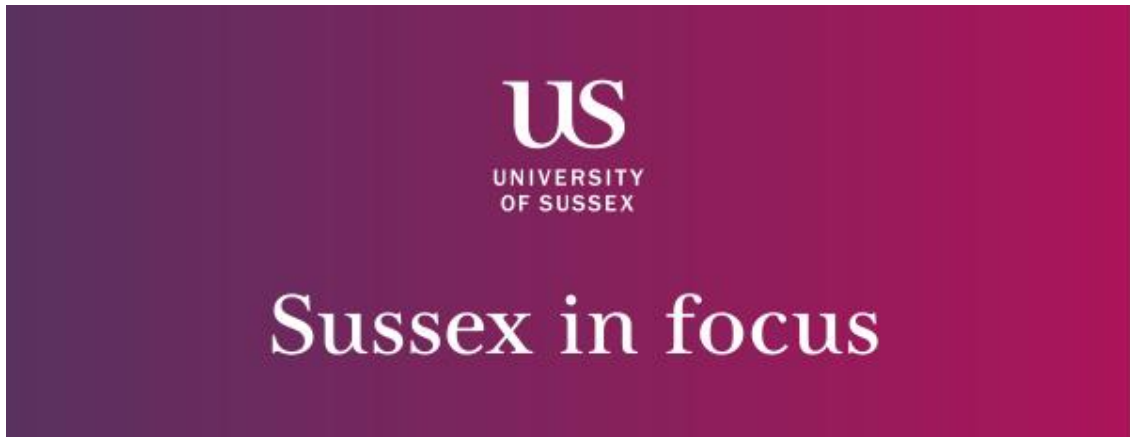


This fortnightly email, sent to all University of Sussex staff, shares updates about our Sussex community.



**Thursday 25 May 2023**



## **New staff volunteering policy**

We are supporting staff to make a positive impact in our local community by taking time to volunteer in one of the 10 charities chosen by staff. The new staff

volunteering policy gives you the chance to volunteer up to two days per year (pro rata).



## **Obituary: Professor Rod Kedward**

[Professor Kedward, a pioneering contemporary historian](#) and founding member who helped to establish History at the University, died on 29 April 2023.



## **Long serving staff meet for lunch**

[See the gallery of images of the special lunch](#) hosted to celebrate colleagues who have worked at the University for 20, 30 and 40 years.

## **Inclusive Sussex**



## **Update from David Ruebain**

[Read the latest update from our Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Culture, Equality and Inclusion, David Ruebain](#), who talks about our actions to mark International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, discounted tickets

to Brighton & Hove Albion women's team matches and more.

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## **In Conversation with Tom Shakespeare event focuses on relationships and interdependence**

[Take a look at the highlights and photos from the In Conversation event](#) which took place on Wednesday 17 May. Professor Tom Shakespeare joined a panel of Sussex staff to explore the current picture of disability inclusion and the next steps in disability liberation and equality.

## **Outside/rs 2023 postgraduate and community conference**

[Don't miss out on the Outside/rs 2023 postgraduate-led conference](#) which will take place from 9-11 June at Sussex. The theme of this year's conference, funded by the School of Media, Arts and Humanities and the University of Brighton, is '*Solidarity With/In the Community*'.

## **Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History month**

[June marks Gypsy, Roma and Traveller \(GRT\) History month](#) which aims to tackle prejudice, challenge myths and amplify the voices of GRT people in wider society. We will be hosting events and sharing updates about our work with the community inside and outside the University. You can also now book your place at our '[Engaging Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Students in the Higher Education Curriculum](#)' event on 28 June. Keep an eye out for further information coming soon on the Staff Hub.

**Your development**



**"ADRs prioritise a supportive, coaching approach to career development"**

Professor Kate O'Riordan reflects on how Achievement and Development Reviews (ADRs) support career development and how they aim to benefit all our staff.

**Our community**



**BSMS students involved in project teaching Ukrainian medics**

Three BSMS students have been involved in a project creating phantoms for training medics in Ukraine. The medical imaging phantoms are objects used as stand-ins for human tissue to ensure that systems and methods for imaging the human body are operating correctly.



## **Free tickets for Brighton Festival event today!**

[Brighton Dome Concert Hall | 25 May | 7.30pm](#)

Don't miss the chance to get free tickets to the Brighton Festival concert *The Seven Ages of Men* taking place in the Brighton Dome Concert Hall **tonight**, Thursday 25 May, at 7.30pm.

## **Pushing the boundaries of knowledge: Summer of Research 2023**

[Join Summer of Research 2023, the new festival organised by the University](#), happening 5 June - 14 July. The festival will spotlight the amazing and world-changing research that we do at Sussex. Bringing together researchers across disciplines, the festival aims to inspire new conversations and ways of working, as well as celebrate new initiatives in the Research, Knowledge Exchange and Impact Awards.

## **Festival of Active Learning**

[The third annual Global Festival of Active Learning on 24-28 April](#) was a great success, with people from across five continents taking part. Workshops and activities encouraged participants to try out new ideas, share good practice and have fun with active pedagogical approaches.

## **Creating a better campus**

[Read how our campus has evolved from the 1960s until today](#), and the steps the University is taking to create a thriving campus that promotes academic success, personal growth, and a positive experience for everyone.

**Celebrating success**

## WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2023

The University has improved in most of the Whatuni Student Choice Awards rankings in 2023, and we were shortlisted in the Cost of Living category for our £2 meal deals - well done to everyone involved.

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### **NIGCOMSAT award**

The Nigerian Communications Satellite, a project supported by the University of Sussex which addresses issues of low literacy and language barriers in remote health care delivery, has been awarded The Institution of Engineering and Technology's 2023 Impact in Society Award for Healthy Lives.

## Rewards and benefits

### **Halfords becomes our second provider in cycle to work scheme**

Halfords joins Cycle Solutions in providing the cycle to work scheme, and you can now access more bikes than ever before, including e-bikes and accessories, as part of the University's cycle to work scheme.

## Sustainability

## **Sussex joins coalition urging investment managers to halt support for fossil fuels**

[Read the letter issued by the University, as part of a coalition](#), to the asset management industry urging them to halt support for the expansion of fossil fuel and to comply with the COP26 Asset Owner Climate Expectations.

## **Meet George, our sustainability pest control hawk**

[George and local falconer Gary Railton help the University](#) every spring to keep pests under control in a sustainable and non-harmful manner. George, who has a disability, is unable to hunt but his presence discourages seagulls without causing any harm to our wildlife.

**Did you know?**

## **Temporary closure ORBS room booking system**

[The online room booking system \(ORBS\) will be unavailable](#) between Saturday 27 May until Sunday 24 September. If you wish to make a new room booking or amend an existing one, please [contact the Conference team](#).





[Angela Barnes, a Sussex alum and stand-up comedian](#), shared her reasons for choosing the Meeting House as her favourite listed building as part of Historic England's Missing Pieces 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](mailto:internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk) by 12 noon the preceding Tuesday.

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Visit the Staff Hub for more news, events and useful information





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