

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



Thursday 6 July 2023



Community ambassador scheme returns

The Student Community Ambassadors will return in September to provide

local advice to student residents and help them settle into their new neighbourhoods.



Professor Rod Bond, statistical analysis expert

Rod Bond, Emeritus Reader in Social Psychology and one of our longest serving colleagues, died on 10 May, aged 75.



Sussex psychologist receives prestigious award

Ayşe K. Üskül, Professor of Social and Cultural Psychology, has been awarded the 2023 Mid-Career Award from the European Association of Social Psychology.



Meet Phillippa Groome, Adam Weiler Award winner

In her research, Philippa Groome, from the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) in the Business School, explores how organisations can promote equality, diversity and inclusion in the UK construction sector.



Meet the Turner Prize shortlist: Ghislaine Leung

Meet Ghislaine Leung in the second 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



Update from David Ruebain

[Read the latest update from our Pro-Vice-Chancellor](#) for Culture, Equality and Inclusion who talks about Pride month, our pledge to students from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, accessibility on campus and more.

Celebrating Trans Pride at Sussex

[Meeting House | Tuesday 11 July | 12 noon until 3pm](#)

Hosted by the LGBTQ+ Network, Trans and Non-Binary (TNB) Staff Network, Student TNB Society, and Student LGBTQ+ Society, this event marks the 10-year anniversary of Trans Pride Brighton. There will be free food and drinks and a small exhibition of the talents of Trans and Non-Binary students, staff, alumni and allies. Atusa Jasmin, who works as a Brain Imaging Researcher at the University, will perform a 15-minute live spoken word poetry set at the event.

British Sign Language workshop

[Campus | Monday 17 July | 9.30am until 5pm](#)

Learn about Deaf culture and British Sign Language (BSL) in this introductory workshop. You will gain insight into how everyday normalised behaviours can be disabling and introduced to the basics of BSL and effective engagement.

Celebrating success



Sussex neuroscientist elected member of the European Molecular Biology Organisation

Professor Tom Baden, from the School of Life Sciences, has been elected a new member of the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) for his contributions exploring the function and evolution of neuronal circuits in early vertebrate vision.

Sussex Lecturers awarded for their contributions to American Studies

Dr Katharina Rietzler, Senior Lecturer in American History and Subject Head for American Studies, and Dr Charlie Jeffries, Lecturer in American and Media Studies, have been awarded prizes at this year's British Association of American Studies Awards for their research.



Spirit of Sussex Awards

[See highlights from the annual Spirit of Sussex Awards event](#), which celebrate students' community spirit and collaboration. The event, which provided networking opportunities for students, welcomed 510 undergraduate final year students into the Award community.

Your development

Find out how apprenticeships can support skills and career development

[Supporting training and career progression](#) is a key aspect of of Achievement and Development Reviews - find out how an apprenticeships can help with your professional development and also boost skills within your team.

Our community



Crawley Town Football Club to train on campus

[Crawley Town will be training at Falmer Sports Complex](#) throughout the upcoming 2023-24 season. The partnership between Crawley Town FC and the University brings benefits for students and staff, including internships and placements, and access to new gym equipment.

Sussex scholar publishes second book

[Don't miss out on Dr Lisa Peck's second book](#), which explores the theatre-making of Emma Rice, British actor, director and writer. The book is available free online until 10 July.

Networking session for staff

[Student Centre | Thursday 13 July | 12 noon until 2pm](#)

Come along to this session and learn about services and opportunities available for staff. You will meet colleagues from a variety of departments including Organisational Development, Reward and Benefits, Sussexsport and more. Open to all but booking is required.

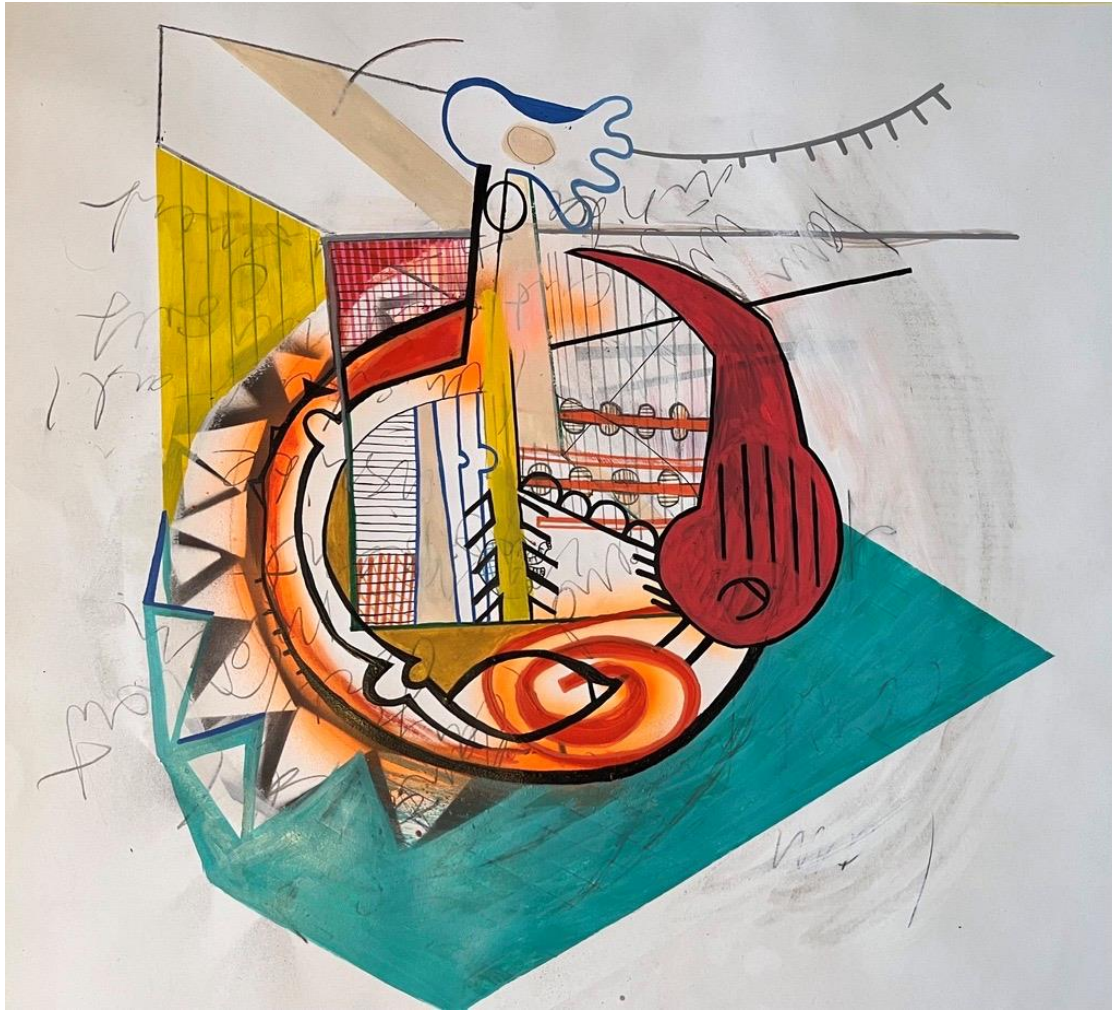
Research

Sussex Impact Days 2023

[Don't miss out on the events happening as part of Sussex Impact Days](#) and the Summer of Research between Tuesday 11 July and Thursday 13 July. The events, which include panel sessions, workshops, coffee with the University leaders and key impact professionals, and the Research Impact Awards reception, aim to celebrate, showcase, and develop the real-world impact of Sussex research.

Using virtual reality to navigate difficult conversations

[Professor Dame Lesley Fallowfield, Professor of Psycho Oncology at Sussex Health Outcomes Research & Education in Cancer](#) at Brighton and Sussex Medical School, has contributed to a pioneering initiative to develop AI software that could help doctors in navigating difficult conversations with patients.



Eaten by Water, mixed media on heavyweight paper (26" x 24") by Vik Winter, Student Experience Coordinator in the School of Engineering and Informatics. [Vik's work is part of the Summer of 23 Paperworks exhibition in the Benjamin Rhodes Arts in London](#) which is open to the public between 6 July and 23 September.

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