

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



Thursday 8 June 2023



Be part of the 2023 Brighton Pride Parade

[Join our Brighton Pride Parade group](#) on Saturday 5 August, as we march for LGBTQ+ equality as part of the biggest event in the city's calendar.



"I love enabling others to be their best"

[June is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month](#) and we spend five minutes with Chris Derbyshire in Widening Participation to find out why he loves helping students from all backgrounds access higher education.



Could you help at summer graduation?

Professional Services colleagues are invited to be part of the celebration by [signing up to volunteer at summer graduation](#) which will take place from 17 - 21 July at the Brighton Centre.

Inclusive Sussex

In Conversation with Tom Shakespeare - event replay

[Watch the replay from the event on Wednesday 17 May](#) which featured Professor Tom Shakespeare and a panel of Sussex staff exploring disability inclusion, relationships, interdependence and more.

Prioritising accessible maintenance

We are making progress towards ensuring our campus is more accessible to everyone. Faults that impact accessibility have been upgraded and classified as urgent.

Meet the LGBTQ+ Staff Network committee

Fulton 103 | Monday 12 June | 11.30am – 4pm

The LGBTQ+ Staff Network thanks everyone who joined the picnic commemorating International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia on 17 May. All are welcome to come along and meet the committee in person at the LGBTQIA+ meet up on Monday next week - part of the PS Celebration Day.

Our community

Brighton Festival 2023 – that’s a wrap!

As Higher Education Partner for the festival, we have seen thousands of people Gather Round in an ambitious celebration of community, collaboration, and the joy of shared experiences. We invite you to Gather Round one last time as we look back at some highlights.

Southwest University visits Falmer campus

A delegation from Southwest University in China, a long-standing and prestigious partner, visited Sussex on Friday 19 May. Delegates met with our Vice-Chancellor Sasha Roseneil, and colleagues from a wide range of Schools to talk about post-pandemic priorities, strengths and agendas for internationalisation.

Sussex Education Festival 2023 highlights

The first ever Sussex Education Festival took place last month, with 46 colleagues taking part to discuss inclusive learning communities, assessment and feedback, communicating scholarship, co-creation and more.

Working during hot weather

A heat-health alert has been issued for southern England from 9am on Friday 9 June until 9am on Monday 12 June. Read our guidance for staff and managers about working during hot weather.

Exodus: Asia, Africa, Europe

Shoreditch, London | Sunday 18 June | 7.30pm

Professor Raminder Kaur (Anthropology, School of Global Studies) has written a play *Exodus: Asia, Africa, Europe* on the journeys of Indians to East Africa and then their expulsion from Uganda in 1972 to end up in Britain, based on oral histories. It will be performed at Rich Mix, Shoreditch, London E1 6LA.

Celebrating success



Michael Jonik awarded two fellowships

[Dr Michael Jonik, Reader in English and American Literature](#) from the School of Media, Arts and Humanities has been awarded a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship and a Leverhulme Research Fellowship for his project, '*Thoreau's Radical Ecologies: Philosophy, Politics, Collective Agency*'. (Thoreau illustrated).

Education and Innovation Award fund winners

[Three projects have been awarded up to £5,000](#) each through the latest rounds of awards from the Education and Innovation Fund, which aims to drive positive changes in how we deliver our teaching and learning experience.

Research

Transforming our region through a South Coast sustainability research system

Academics from the Sussex Sustainability Research Programme have [launched an interdisciplinary research project](#) in collaboration with Brighton &

Hove Food Partnership and the Wiston Estate. They are exploring how to support the transition to sustainable land use across the South Coast region.

Research with Impact Forum: a healthy research culture

[Online | Wednesday 28 June | 2.30pm until 4pm](#)

Join guest speaker James Parry, Chief Executive of the UK Research Integrity Office, who will explore the challenges in ensuring high quality and high ethical standards and what researchers and organisations can do to safeguard and enhance good research practice.



Staff and students recently took part in the annual Boundary Run. Together they walked, jogged and ran our 4km [cross-country course](#) around campus

as part of Sussexsport's Commit To Get Fit month, while raising money for Rockinghorse Children's Charity.

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