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



Thursday 28 September 2023



Turner Prize 2023 is now open at Towner Eastbourne

<u>The doors to the Turner Prize 2023 exhibition</u> are open to the public from today, Thursday 28 September. The University is this year's Education Partner for the prize, which is visiting the south coast for the first time. Visit free on Tuesdays to Sundays; events are also taking place on campus.



Nominate inspirational people for honorary degrees

Nominations are open ahead of winter graduation in early 2024. Submit your nominations by Monday 9 October.



Improving our employee offer

<u>Read about the progress</u> made since the 2022 agreement with UCU as we continue our journey to become an employer of choice.

Inclusive Sussex



Update from David Ruebain

Read the latest update from our Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Culture, Equality and Inclusion, who talks about our freedom of speech work, the Open Listening Programme, Black History Month and more.

Bi Visibility Day

Last Saturday, 23 September, marked Bi Visibility Day, which raises bi awareness and challenges bisexual and biromantic erasure. The day is part of Bisexual Awareness Week, and the Bi flag was flown over Sussex House to mark the occasion. Find out more about Bi Visibility Day and support available for staff and students.

National Coming Out Day event: 12 October

<u>Arcobaleno, Kemptown | Thursday 12 October | 6pm until 9.30pm</u> The Sussex LGBTQ+ and Trans and Non-Binary Networks invite you to come out and celebrate being part of the LGBTQIA+ community. The event is free and there will be an opportunity to meet network members from the University, and local organisations, in a confidential and safe space.

The Coast is Queer festival

Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts | 12-15 October Don't miss out on this celebration of queer lives and literature, which brings together writers, poets, performers, activists and academics for three days of in-conversation events, workshops, films and discussions.

Our community



Spotlight: Fire Safety team

Meet the Fire Safety team in this blog where they tell us about their work and the measures in place to help keep everyone safe at the University.

Global Summer School Programme success

<u>This year the University welcomed 300 students</u> from 17 countries around the world, including China, South Korea, Thailand and the US. The students took part in academic activities and social programmes led by Sussex students.

Radical Transparency: Reforming parole to increase public confidence

<u>The Law Society, London | Thursday 12 October | 6.30pm until 8.30pm</u> Join Professor Stephen Shute, the first British President of the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation, for this session exploring issues in criminal justice.



Exhibition: Practices of Hope and Solidarity in Brighton and Hove

Jubilee Library, Brighton | Available until Saturday 7 October Don't miss this photography exhibition run by Sussex academics, which highlights the work of nine communities and organisations in the city, photographed by Brightonbased photographer Natasa Leoni.

Surgery: Time for an inclusive and sustainable future?

<u>Chowen Lecture Theatre | Wednesday 4 October | 6.30pm until 9.30pm</u> Join Professor Mahmood Bhutta for this Brighton and Sussex Medical School lecture, where he will explore accessibility and sustainability in surgery.



Vice-Chancellor's advice to new students

<u>Read Professor Sasha Roseneil's</u> <u>advice</u> to new students and how the University is helping to make their transition smoother, in *The Argus* online.

Celebrating success



Sussex lecturer and former PhD candidate wins award

Dr Ashley Barr from the School of Media, Arts and Humanities, has won the British Association for Contemporary Literary Studies Postgraduate Essay Prize for their piece Re-scripting in the shower: a theory of the shower and creative practice.



Chief Digital Transformation Officer in top 100 tech leaders

Jason Oliver, Chief Digital <u>Transformation Officer</u>, has been ranked ninth in the UK's top 100 Chief Information Officers (CIOs) and is first in the education sector. The CIO 100 Awards recognise the best tech leaders in the UK and this was Jason's seventh consecutive year in the top 100.

Research



Meet ECR Dragon's Den runner-up Eleanor Jayawant

Eleanor, who is a Research Fellow in the Brighton and Sussex Medical School, talks about her scoping project to identify novel therapeutic targets in diffuse large B-cell lymphoma.



<u>The Safety Day on Thursday 5 October</u> on campus will offer a range of stalls and activities to help staff and students stay safe at the University.

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Our next edition will be on Thursday 12 October.

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