

This weekly email, sent to all University of Sussex staff, contains important news, as well as events and actions for the week ahead.



**Monday 10 July 2023**



### **Sussex pays tribute to Dr Essop Pahad**

[Dr Essop Pahad, Sussex alum and an important anti-apartheid figure in South Africa, died on Thursday 6 July aged 84.](#)



### **Celebrating Trans Pride at Sussex**

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

Staff and students are welcome to join an event marking the 10-year anniversary of Trans Pride Brighton.





## **Student update**

The most recent student update includes the latest news about the marking and assessment boycott, the future of catering on campus, the Community Ambassador scheme and more.

## **Summer of Research**

### **On why technology needs feminism(s)**

Woodland 3, Student Centre | Monday 10 July | 2pm until 3pm

Don't miss out on this bite-sized talk from Dr Sharon Webb exploring why computational or digital technology needs feminism(s).

## **Sustainable Sussex**

### **Carbon emissions cost the world's economies four times as much as they did 10 years ago – new research**

Recently published research from the Business School, which analysed 5,900 estimates from 207 papers published over four decades, found that every

tonne of carbon is four times more damaging to the world now than it was 10 years ago.

## **Sussex sustainability research around the world**

[Student Centre Atrium | 10 July - 14 July](#)

This audio-visual exhibition features some of the most impactful work funded by the Sussex Sustainability Research Programme, including artwork, photography, insightful podcast recordings, short films and more.

**Don't miss out**

## **Buddycheck: a new peer evaluation tool**

[Online | Monday 10 July | 1pm until 1.30pm](#)

Come along to this briefing on Buddycheck, a new peer evaluation and feedback tool that can help make group work fairer and more transparent, and reduce workloads. Buddycheck will be integrated to Canvas from August.

## **Networking session for staff**

[Woodland 2 and 3, Student Centre | Thursday 13 July | 12 noon until 2pm](#)

Don't miss out on this chance to meet colleagues from across the University and learn about the opportunities and resources available for you.

## **Learn British Sign Language at Sussex**

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

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

## SussexFood

### **This week's £2 meals**

[Check out this week's £2 meals menu](#) available at the Botanical Cafe in the Jubilee Building.

### **Where to eat and drink on campus this summer**

[Find out more about opening times and closures](#) on our food and drink outlets during the summer.

## Sussex in the media

### **Key stories from the past week**

- [Professor Erik Millstone, from the Science Policy Research Unit, continued to be quoted](#) widely this week in relation to reports that the World Health Organisation will reclassify aspartame as a carcinogenic. *Mail on Sunday*, Saturday 1 July.
- [Professor Sambit Bhattacharyya, from the Business School](#), commented to the *Daily Express* that the Bank of England should have moderated

the amount of money it printed before various geopolitical crises ensued, Wednesday 5 July.

- [Professor John Drury, from the School of Psychology](#), spoke to *BBC Radio Sussex & Surrey* about the recent unusual behaviour from fans at gigs, discussing how the industry lost a lot of skilled staff during the pandemic who could deal with issues inside venues.

Starts at 03:21:52, Thursday 6 July.

## Sussex on social



### **The University is now on Threads!**

[Sussex has created a profile on the new Instagram app](#), but will be using the next few weeks as a trial period to determine how the platform functions, and how it can help us connect with our audiences. If you've joined, give us a follow!

## Community conversations

There are several '[Viva Engage](#)' communities at Sussex, which all staff can join and follow.

Viva Engage (formerly Yammer) is an internal social network - a bit like Facebook - and it brings together people in communities of interest. It's focused on community building and knowledge sharing across the University, whereas Microsoft Teams is more focused on real-time communication and collaboration within teams.

Here are some of the conversations that have been happening on Viva Engage this week – why not take a look, and if a topic interests you, join the group:

- [Where to eat and drink this summer](#) – in the [Food at Sussex](#) community
- [Demolition of Park Village](#) – in the [Creating a Better Campus](#) community
- [Your change personality](#) – take the quiz – in the [PS Places](#) community

[Keep everything in one place - add the Viva Engage app to Teams](#)

## Other important news

### **Update on the Network Replacement Programme**

[Works to introduce a new internet network on campus](#) will be completed in their current location on the North-South Road on Monday 10 July and new works will start in the middle of the Southern Ring Road for approximately 12 weeks. Roads will remain open but will be reduced to a single lane around each worksite.

### **Transport update**

[Read this week's transport update](#) which includes an update on rail strikes,

extension to cheaper bus fares, and the Transport reception having returned to Hastings building.

## Contact us

*This week at Sussex* is issued at the start of every working week - [view an infographic about the types of content featured](#). If you would like to include something in the newsletter please submit this to [internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk) by 2pm the preceding Thursday.

Our next edition will be on Monday 17 July.

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