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**Monday 22 January 2024**



**Join the VC Open Forum  
from 12.30pm**

[Join Vice-Chancellor Sasha Roseneil](#) for today's Open Forum at 12.30pm. This will be an in-person event at the Attenborough Centre and livestreamed for a remote audience.



**Shape the new Digital HR  
programme**

[Share your views](#) to help shape the programme which will automate our processes to ensure consistency of experience for staff. The survey is open until 31 January.





## **Student update**

The most recent student update includes information about nominating inspiring people to receive an honorary degree or fellowship from Sussex, getting support for assessments and more.

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## **Cyber security: play your part in keeping the University secure**

Hear from Professor Michael Luck, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, about what cyber security is, why it matters and what you can do to help keep the University, yourself and others safe from cyber threats.

## **Sussex strategy 2035**

### **Spotlight: making our strategy count**

Kay Jones, Director of University Operations and Strategic Planning, talks about how we make our strategy real and measure the difference it makes.

## Share your views in strategy-themed events

Share your views on core themes for our future strategy:

- Global and Civic Engagement: Online | Monday 22 January, 3pm-4.30pm
- Research and Enterprise: Hybrid | Thursday 25 January | 11.30am-1pm

**Don't miss out**



### **Chris van Tulleken: how ultra-processed food took over the world**

Jubilee Lecture Theatre | Thursday 25 January | 12.30pm-1.15pm

Hear from Chris, an award-winning broadcaster, practicing NHS doctor and leading academic, who will talk about ultra-processed food and its impact on our health and weight.

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### **Building trust and psychological safety in teams**

Library Meeting Room 1 | Tuesday 23 January | 10am-11.45am

Book now for this workshop giving an introduction to psychological safety

and exploring how to create a safe and supportive working environment that fosters trust, inclusion, collaboration and wellbeing within teams.

## **Shape how we listen at Sussex**

[Online | Tuesday 23 January | 10.30am-11.30am](#)

Join the final focus group aiming to identify the best ways for staff to share feedback about working at Sussex between our staff surveys.

## **Staff apprenticeships drop-in**

[Online | Wednesday 24 January | 10am-12 noon](#)

Drop in and chat with Chris Hamilton, Staff Apprenticeships Officer, about how an apprenticeship could help you grow your career.

## **Our community**

## **Turnitin unavailable on Saturday 27 January**

[Turnitin will be unavailable on Saturday 27 January](#) from 4.30pm until 8.30pm due to maintenance.

## **Health and Safety newsletter**

[Discover how the Health and Safety team](#) is making the University safer in the first edition of their newsletter, which includes articles on wellbeing and how to report defects and incidents on campus.

## **Learn a new language at Sussex**

[Choose from a range of languages](#) and take a short course run by the

University. Courses are online or in-person and they run at lunch time or in the evening. Open to all.

## Coming up



### **Research with Impact forum: Research Culture**

[Online | Wednesday 31 January |  
2.30pm-3.30pm](#)

Find out about the importance of Research Culture, identifying our strengths, priorities and the challenges we face.

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### **LGBT+ History Month: In Conversation with Vaneet Mehta**

[Online | Thursday 1 February | 12 noon-1pm](#)

Join author, activist and public speaker Vaneet for this conversation about his new book, *Bisexual Men Exist: A Handbook for Bisexual, Pansexual and M-Spec Men*.

## Sussex in the media

## Key recent media stories

- [Professor Peter Newell and Freddie Daley \(Global Studies\)](#) wrote in *The Ecologist* about the final outcome text of COP28. Tuesday 16 January.
- [Professor Mika Peck \(Life Sciences\)](#) commented in the *New Scientist* that it can take many years for marine habitats to recover from bottom trawling, referencing a US study which estimates, for the first time, the CO2 emissions that the practice releases into the atmosphere. Thursday 18 January.
- [Professor Dave Goulson \(Life Sciences\)](#) spoke on *BBC Radio 4's Today Programme* about his research into neonicotinoid insecticides - 'Novichok for insects' - following the government's decision to allow farmers to use them as an emergency measure. Friday 19 January, starts at 01:32:00.

## Sussex on social



### Colourful Brighton

[Digital Media Creator Manasi](#)

presents all the colours Brighton has to offer in an effort to counter the January blues.

## Community conversations

Viva Engage is our University social platform where you can join communities, catch up on the latest news and works or just find out more about what interests you.

- [Veg bowl @Dhaba and Tortilla are back in action](#) - in the Food at Sussex community.
- [Let's kick off the year with another back-to-basics teaser](#) testing your knowledge on the Capital Programme - in the Transforming Sussex community.
- [Join the Sustainability Team to plant a new orchard](#) on campus and earn points along the way - in the Green Impact community.

Why not join a community and make your first post?

## Other important news

### **Changes to pedestrian routes on campus**

Find out about the [pedestrian route changes](#) on campus, including the route between central campus and Northfield and Lewes Court, Arts Path and Norwich House Road, and more.

### **Exceptional staff performance recognised through 2023 Discretionary Pay Review**

[Outcome letters for both successful and unsuccessful candidates](#) will be issued by their relevant School or Division from today, Monday 22 January.

## Transport update

[Find out about upcoming rail industrial action](#) that may impact on your commute to campus, a reminder to take extra care when driving in cold and ice and more.

[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 29 January 2024.

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