

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



**Monday 24 July 2023**



### **New Interim Head of School of Life Sciences**

Professor Michelle West has been appointed as Interim Head of School from 1 September, following Professor Sarah Guthrie's decision to step down.



### **Student Centre recognised at Sussex Heritage Awards**

The Student Centre has been Highly Commended in the awards, which recognise the good design of newly built buildings.





## **Student update**

The most recent student update includes the latest news about the newly appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students), the marking and assessment boycott, growing money and financial skills and more.

**Don't miss out**

## **Celebrating participatory research at Sussex**

Bramber House | Tuesday 25 July | 2pm until 3.30pm

Session showcasing Sussex examples of participatory research and the significant impacts the projects have achieved.

## **Poetry book launch: Mark Hyatt's *So Much for Life***

Swedenborg House, London | Wednesday 26 July | 7pm until 8pm

Public launch of Mark Hyatt's poetry book *So Much for Life*. Co-edited by Dr Sam Ladkin from the School of Media, Arts and Humanities, the book is the first comprehensive edition of Mark's poems.

**Food at Sussex**

## **This week's £2 meals**

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

## **Our new catering contract: time to eat less meat?**

[In response to your feedback in our consultation](#) on the future of campus, half of the menus on offer will be meat-free as part of the new catering contract.

## **Sussex in the media**

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

- [Professor Erik Millstone was quoted](#) in relation to the recent classification of aspartame as carcinogenic by the World Health Organisation. *Daily Express*, Sunday 16 July
- [Dr Melissa Lazenby was quoted in relation to the extreme temperatures](#) we are seeing in Europe. *Lonely Planet*, Monday 17 July
- [Dr Jo Lindsay Walton commented](#) that it may be good if AI replaces menial tasks, explaining that workers will be able to focus not only on more essential expertise, but also more meaningful and satisfying work that can make them feel good about themselves. *BBC News*, Monday 17 July

## **Sussex on social**



## Ending graduation week on a high note

Watch Sussex finalist Oscar Bowen-Hill's performance at graduation last week.

## Community conversations

Head on over to Viva Engage and join in some of the current conversations underway:

- HR colleagues have been doing a summer clear out, ready for the new academic year. Could your team benefit from having one? - in the PS Places community
- Find out why Pavilion Road was closed earlier this week - in the Campus Travel and Transport community
- Take the poll: how many species of bees do you think have been found on campus? - in the All Company community

Why not join a community and make your first post today?

Keep everything in one place - add the Viva Engage app to Teams

## Other important news

### **Sussex wins Green Flag Award**

[For the seventh year in a row the University has won the Green Flag Award](#) for its green spaces and commitment to maintaining cohesion with the surrounding South Downs ecosystem.

### **Social media policy and guidance**

[Read the University's new social media policy](#) which covers any social media activity where, as a member of staff, you directly or indirectly represent Sussex online.

### **Transport update**

[Read this week's transport update](#) which includes information about roadworks on campus and rail strikes.

### **Tusker confirmed as Sustainable Sussex Car Benefit scheme provider**

From Monday 31 July, eligible University staff seeking a lower carbon commute will be able to offset some of their salary before it gets taxed in exchange for a new electric or plug-in hybrid car. The cars will be provided by Tusker, a carbon neutral company with over 20 years' experience providing an award-winning salary sacrifice scheme. More information will be available in next week's newsletter.

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Our next edition will be on Monday 31 July.

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