

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



This week at Sussex

Monday 3 July 2023



Sussex rises in QS World University rankings

Ranked 218 out of 1,500 leading institutions globally, the result sees Sussex climb 22 places on last year.



Future of campus catering: preferred bidder announced

Chartwells have been confirmed as our preferred bidder for the new catering contract following a robust procurement process.





Student update

The most recent student update includes the latest news about discovering sustainability research through art, Okta single sign-on, podcasts and more.

Industrial action



Update on the marking and assessment boycott

Read the [latest message from Keith Jones](#) on the marking and assessment boycott. For more information view [our industrial action FAQs](#), [a student update](#) ahead of next week's results for progressing students, and see the [latest guidance for students on the Student Hub](#).

Sustainable Sussex

Business School to renew efforts against climate change

The Business School has received a [major donation](#) to establish the Bennett

Institute for Innovation and Policy Acceleration to address urgently needed solutions to some of society's greatest challenges. Its primary focus will be on climate change and it will also, in time, tackle other issues including health, security, immigration, and trade.

10% discount on Beryl Bikes

[Beryl Bikes have taken over the BTN Bikeshare scheme](#) and Sussex staff and students are eligible for a 10% discount on any Beryl Minute Bundle, valid until 31 December 2023. For the discount code, please refer to the [Reward and Benefit webpages](#).

Coming up

Sussex Beacons Series: Is free trade dead?

[Woodland 3, Student Centre | Monday 3 July | 2pm until 3pm](#)

Don't miss out on this talk from Professor Michel Gasiorek exploring current challenges to free trade and its implications for Britain's current trade deal policy.

Sussex Beacons Series: Rights of Nature, a legal rebellion to save our planet?

Woodland 2, Student Centre | Wednesday 5 July | 1pm until 2pm

Come along to this TEDx-style talk delivered by Dr Jo Smallwood who will explore the opportunities and challenges of using the rights of nature to achieve harmony between humans and nature.

Sussex Beacons Series: Fixing Quantum Mistakes

Woodland 3, Student Centre | Tuesday 4 July | 12 noon until 1pm

Join Dr Samuel Hile for this session exploring to what extent quantum computers' imperfections can be minimised, and what works when fixing quantum mistakes.

Early Career Researcher Symposium

Woodland 2 and 3, Student Centre | Thursday 6 July | 9.30am until 5pm

Join this symposium and celebrate the work that our research staff undertake at the University and explore the different ways researchers navigate their careers.

Don't miss out

Celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Trans Pride

[Meeting House | 12 - 3pm | Tuesday 11 July 2023](#)

We invite colleagues and students to commemorate the monumental 10-year anniversary of Trans Pride Brighton. A small exhibition showcasing artwork by Trans and Non-Binary students, staff, alumni and allies along with free food & drink will be offered.

Active Staff Runch

[Falmer Sports Complex | 6 July 2023 12:00 until 13:00](#)

Join Sussexsport for a gentle run in our scenic local area of natural beauty. No distance, no pace, just getting outside. All running abilities are welcome.

Focusing (Gendlin) meditation

[Meeting House, Chapel | 6 July 2023 13:00 until 13:30](#)

Facilitated in an atmosphere of serenity, this meditation is based on a tried and tested wisdom. Drop in whenever suits you or just when you feel like it. To join, email Quaker Chaplain Jason Evans on jke24@sussex.ac.uk.

'Sussex sustainability research around the world'

[The Student Centre Atrium, Refectory Road | 11 July 2023](#)

This audio-visual exhibition will feature some of the impactful SSRP-funded work; open to staff, students and anyone interested in sustainability. Displaying beautiful artwork, photography taken during international fieldwork, insightful recordings and SDG animations

Introduction to BSL and Deaf Awareness Workshop

[17 July 2023 09:30 until 17:00](#)

This one-day workshop is an introduction to the world of deaf people and their lived experiences, exploring Deaf history, culture and evolutions in technology and gaining insight into how everyday normalised behaviours can be disabling. Price: £80 (full fee). Open to staff and students as well as members of the public.

Wellbeing support available to you

[We recently marked World Wellbeing Week](#) (26 until 30 June) by highlighting the wide range of wellbeing support, information and training available to staff at Sussex. Take a look at what's available to you, including the Employee Assistance Programme, the Mental Health First Aid network and more.

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Catch up on the 28 June Research with Impact forum

[For the latest Research with Impact forum](#) we were joined by James Parry, Chief Executive of the UK Research Integrity Office, to explore the concept of good research practice and a healthy research culture. Watch his presentation online.

Education and Innovation Fund

[Don't miss out on the next round of funding](#) from the Education and Innovation Fund. Apply by Friday 14 July.

Menopause Café drop-in

[Meeting House | Thursday 6 July | 12.30pm until 1.30pm](#)

A safe, friendly space to discuss all things menopause. We encourage all ages and genders to come along, even if you are not experiencing symptoms yourself.

Challenges to Democracy: Power, Protest and Identity

[Brighton | Thursday 6 July | 5pm until 6.30pm](#)

Join this session - moderated by Professor Ivor Gaber - where a panel of experts discuss the challenges faced by developing countries and the world's most powerful democracies alike.

Sussex in the media

Key stories from the past week

- [Professor Erik Millstone \(Business School\) was quoted](#) in the Mail Online about the supposed decision by the WHO to reclassify the artificial sweetener aspartame as carcinogenic.
- [Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sasha Roseneil spoke](#) on a BBC Radio 4 programme analysing the position of single people in society. She explained how women's and LGBTQI+ movements have driven forward legal, political and cultural progress in the societies of four different European countries.
- [The University's resident seagull expert, Professor Paul Graham](#) (Life Sciences), provided comment to The Guardian on a recent video of a seagull swallowing a squirrel whole.

Sussex on social



"It's not too late..."

Professor Dave Goulson (School of Life Sciences) explains in this BBC Ideas video why insects are so crucial to life on Earth – and what we can do to protect them.

Other important news



Pedestrian diversion around Bramber House

The north end of the Arts Path, where it meets Norwich House Road, will be closed to pedestrians from Tuesday 4 July. Signage will be in place to divert all pedestrians.



Curriculum reimagined update

Find out the latest information on the updated Curriculum Framework which will be launched and shared for the start of 2023/24 academic year.

Limited rail service

Southern is [running an amended timetable this week](#) - for more information about how it might affect your journey to campus check out their website.

Cheap bus fares extended until October

[Brighton & Hove Buses are offering cheaper fares](#) to local residents, capped at £2 on all single fare bus journeys, extended until the end of October.

Transport update

[Read this week's transport update](#) which includes an update on rail strikes and impacts to roads entering campus next week.

[Contact us](#)

This week at Sussex is issued at the start of every working week. If you would like to include something in the newsletter please submit this to internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk by 2pm the preceding Thursday. Our next edition will be on Monday 10 July.

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