Sussex Research Staff Representatives

Who are they? What do they do? What’s in it for you?

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Research Staff Reps

• Started Research Staff Reps Group in Feb 2014 (3 members!)

• To ensure ‘Researcher Voice’ within University structures

• Voluntary/Self-nomination or recommendations from Schools – open to all

• Spread of schools and disciplines

• In 2016, 15 reps from 7 different schools
Research Staff Reps

- Represent views of researchers:
  - Termly reps meetings
  - Research Staff Working Group meetings
  - School Research Committees

- Influence and provide feedback on School and University support, policy, processes for researchers

- Share best practice

- Act as a communications link
Since 2014 reps have been instrumental in:

• Enhanced appraisal process for researchers

• Increased induction support for new starters

• Improved information for international researchers

• New policies and guidance for researchers and their managers

• Informing the programme of events for researchers
We always welcome new members to the Research Staff Reps group

Particularly seeking reps from the following Schools:

• Education and Social Work
• Law, Politics and Sociology
• English
• Global Studies
• Media, Film and Music

Speak to me today or email me if you’re interested: N.A.James@sussex.ac.uk
Research Staff Reps: What’s in it for you?

Hear it from the reps themselves......

Rep role attracts successful people:

• 3 have secured permanent academic posts
• Others have secured promotion
• Independent fellowships, funding successes, PhD supervisors, high profile conference presentations and publications and more....
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Find out more....

Go to http://www.sussex.ac.uk/staff/research/researchstaff and click ‘Representing Researchers’