This is Sussex

Our news, our stories, our people

Friday 10 March 2023
Inclusive Sussex
Update from David Ruebain

Our community
Turning staff survey feedback into action

Our community
Neuroscientist Tom Baden appointed to the European Brain Council Board of Directors

Student experience
Your student update: tell us about the staff who inspire you

Sustainable Sussex
Sussex has come joint first in Sustainable Food and Education for Sustainable Development on the 2022/23 People & Planet University League, which ranks 153 UK universities based on their environmental and ethical performance.

Visit the Sussex Sustainability Research Programme (SSRP) exhibition to learn about past and ongoing interdisciplinary sustainability research projects at Sussex. This audio-visual experience is part of One World Week, 13-19 March | Student Centre Atrium

Come along to this insightful talk from Tony’s Chocolonely to learn how modern slavery is still prominent in the industry, what they are doing to end human rights abuses and what you can do to help. ACCA Café | Tuesday 14 March | 11am - 11:45am
This year's pay award has been announced and will take effect in the March payroll, backdated from 1 February. Read what the changes to pay scales mean for you.

Next week, industrial action is planned to take place on Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 and Friday 17 March. We ask colleagues to complete an industrial action declaration form to confirm any strike days taken. The payroll cut-off for March is 5pm today (10 March).
Thursday 9 March was University Mental Health Day. To mark this day we shared some *words of wisdom* from our alum Benjy Kusi, an inclusion and wellbeing consultant and online creator, on our social media channels. You can also read Benjy’s interview where he shared his experience at Sussex.

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**Neurodiversity Celebration Week** takes place between Monday 13 and Sunday 19 March. All staff are invited to learn more about neurodiversity on our online training platform Learnupon, or get in touch with the Neurodiversity Staff Support Network if you wish to join.

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**Sign Language Week** celebrates and raises awareness of British Sign Language (BSL). This year marks the 20th anniversary since it was acknowledged as a language in its own right. Read how to get
involved in the celebrations, and book your place on a BSL workshop run by the Department for Language Studies.

Brighton and Sussex Medical School

My Dead Body documentary, featuring Professor Claire Smith, has been nominated for a Royal Television Society Award in the Science and Natural World category. The award ceremony will take place in London on Tuesday 28 March.

Cost of living

Remember to check out the staff discounts and benefits available to you on our Reward pages, and take advantage of the daily main meals for £2 in Eat Central.
Your development

The Organisational Development team is running two networking sessions for new staff. You will meet colleagues from different teams, including HR, Educational Enhancement, the EDI Unit, the Research Staff Office and more.
Bramber House | Tuesday 14 March | 12pm to 1pm and 1pm to 2pm.

Don't miss out

From Thursday 4 May you'll be required to show a photo ID to vote in some elections and referendums. Check what elections are affected, if you have an accepted photo ID and how to apply for photo ID if you don't have it.
The first-ever Sussex Education Festival is now open for registrations. The Festival will take place at the ACCA and it's open to all staff and students. You can also submit proposals to present at the Festival. Book now | Thursday 4 May | 10am - 3pm

The Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) is hosting the Marie Jahoda (pictured) Annual Lecture. This year's lecture will be delivered by Sir James Bevan, CEO of the Environment Agency, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A. Book now | Monday 27 March | 4:15pm - 7:30pm

This week’s transport update includes a reminder that the transport office has moved to Richmond, and a recommendation to leave campus before 6pm on Wednesday 15 March
due to a scheduled football match at the Amex.

**Must-read research and other campus news**

Engage for change
VC joins our partner Amity University Annual Conference 2023

ACCA
Interior Design Masters filmed in ACCA Returns to BBC 1

Our community
University holds graduation ceremony in Qatar

Sussexsport
Friday spotlight: Isabella's story

**Coming up**

ACCA: The Talent by Action Hero and Deborah Pearson
14 March 2023 20:00

Sussex Forest Food Garden: Will you help us prepare the next stage?
15 March 2023 14:00 until 16:00

**Belong in Nature: Devil's Dyke Talk**
18 March 2023 11:00 until 13:00

**ACCA: Creep Show's concert - Tickets now available**
16 June 2023 20:00

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**Other staff events happening next week**
Morning commute through Woods Mill nature reserve, Henfield

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