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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 Choccolonely](#) 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

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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](#).

Industrial action



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).

Inclusive Sussex



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.



[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.



[Sign Language Week](#) celebrates and raises awareness of British Sign Language (BSL). This year marks the 20th anniversary since it was acknowledge 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](#)

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[University holds graduation ceremony in Qatar](#)

Sussexsport

[Friday spotlight: Isabella's story](#)

[Other recent staff news](#)

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

[Other staff events happening next week](#)

Snapshot



Morning commute through [Woods Mill](#) nature reserve, Henfield

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