This is Sussex

Our news, our stories, our people

Friday 17 March 2023

David Ruebain on UUK podcast on freedom of speech
Our community
Sussex shortlisted for national Cost of Living Award for £2 meal initiative

Our community
Last few events of One World Week

Our community
Public launch of the Sussex Centre for Research on Kindness

Student experience
Your student update: How to enhance your CV while making new friends

Industrial action
Next week, industrial action is planned to take place on Monday 20, Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March. We ask colleagues to complete an industrial action declaration form to confirm any strike days taken.

Creating a better campus

We will start moving more IT services, for example Sussex Direct, into Okta, our Single Sign On software. Read the steps you need to take, including downloading Okta, to access these applications in the future.

Watch a short (3min) update on IT projects from Jason Oliver, our Chief Digital Transformation Officer. The projects will improve connectivity on campus, strengthen our infrastructure and boost cyber security.
The LGBTQ+ Self-Assessment Team defines the priorities and monitors the progress of the University’s LGBTQ+ Inclusion Action Plan. Read the team’s priorities for 2023 and find out how you can get involved.

Next Wednesday, 22 March, marks the first night of the holy month of Ramadan. Read about the initiatives available for those who are observing it, and guidance for managers. Ramadan Kareem to all our Muslim staff and students and to the wider Muslim community across Brighton and Hove.
Join the fun and frank Conversation About Periods for Every Body event run by the Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS). There will be a conversation about the menstrual cycle, how periods relate to everybody and ongoing BSMS research. All welcome | Book now | Thursday 30 March | Meeting House | 1pm - 2pm

Sustainable Sussex

Join our new community platform WarpIt to save money, reduce waste and help others by donating or claiming pre-loved items.

Take part in events marking Sustainable Sussex Month: watch the Plastic Warriors documentary; become a Sustainability Champion; and hear from CEO of the Environment Agency, Sir James
The documentary 'I Still Want', produced by Vincent Du, lecturer at the School of Media, Arts and Humanities, has been awarded the International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam Bertha Fund Classic Category. The documentary features Yu Xiuhua - China's most famous disabled poet.

Monday 19 March marks International Day of Happiness. Action for Happiness invites us to take a moment to reflect on the importance of happiness and spend some time focusing on what makes us and others happy.
Curriculum Reimagined

The Curriculum Reimagined project, which aims to improve our curriculum so we can provide the best learning community for our students and staff, is hosting some more open meetings on Monday 27 March and Tuesday 25 April.

Cost of living

A single adult fare with Brighton & Hove Buses will now remain at £2 until 30 June, offering big savings on some longer routes. On routes where return fares are available, these will be reduced to a maximum of £4.
In April, the Government’s £66/£67 a month energy support is ending. What you pay will depend on your usage, where you live and your payment method. Use the Money Saving Expert calculator to work out the impact on your bills.

Your development

You can access a variety of apprenticeships as part of your professional development, and the process can start at any time of your employment. See the options available to develop your leadership and management skills.

Transport

Sussex House Car Park (P4) is closed all day on Monday 20 March whilst urgent tree maintenance takes place. Please use alternative parking.
Read our weekly update on campus works impacting roads, access and transport, including a further car park closure scheduled on Friday 24 March.

Must-read research and other campus news

Research with Impact
New Policy Brief demands action on food security, capacity and peace-building in Syria

Data protection
Protecting our information

Other recent staff news

Coming up

Train to teach with Sussex, live online Q&A
22 March 2023 17:30 until 18:00
Accessible presentations
23 March 2023 10:00 until 11:00

Authentic Lebanese street food visits Library Square
24 March 2023 12:00 until 17:00

Trade Union Travellings - your next life writing challenge
24 March 2023 14:00 until 16:30

Other staff events happening next week
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