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This is Sussex

Our news, our stories, our people

Friday 31 March 2023

Our community

Celebrating five years of Sussex online distance learning

Research with impact

Grant awarded to solve drug resistance in cancer treatments
Research with impact
Moths are more efficient pollinators than bees

Sustainable Sussex
Students visit the Knepp Rewilding project

Our community

After a five-year term, Professor Kelly Coate's appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and Students ends this year and she will move to a full-time academic role at the School of Education and Social Work.

Inclusive Sussex
Trans Day of Visibility takes place every 31 March, celebrating and highlighting the achievements of trans and non-binary people, and raising awareness of discrimination faced by trans people worldwide. We are marking the day by flying the trans flag over Sussex House until Monday 3 April. Find out more about our confidential and fully inclusive Trans and Non-Binary Staff Network.

The University has recently reported the latest data on our gender, ethnicity and disability pay gaps. Our mean (average) gender pay gap for 2023 is 16.9%, a reduction of 1% from last year. Find out more about our pay gaps and how we are working to improve them.
This week is World Autism Acceptance Week; find out more and book for events and activities in April and May. There is an event exploring how the University could be more autism-friendly and a Brighton and Sussex Medical School talk on neurodiversity.

Your wellbeing

Report + Support is an online tool for staff and students to find assistance and support and to report unacceptable behaviour. Reports may be made anonymously or you can give your contact details if you would like to discuss your options.
Colin Stetson has been interviewed by The Quietus online magazine ahead of his concert at the Attenborough Centre on Saturday 29 April. Use your staff concession and book your ticket now.

Cost of living

Visit our reward and benefits page to find out about how to access discounts on leading brands, sports memberships, local hotels and guest houses, transport, bicycles, and eye care.

The first instalment of some new cost of living payments will be paid from 25 April to eligible households. MoneySavingExpert has provided a guide to help you understand who will receive the payment.
Register now for Learning at Work Week events and workshops from 15 to 21 May. These include Sussexsport taster sessions and using Lego to reflect and reimagine our future selves at work.

Read our weekly update on campus works impacting roads, access and transport, including a series of survey works on the Southern and Eastern Ring Roads. Join the Campus Travel and Transport group in Viva Engage for the latest updates.
The first visible works of our Network Replacement Programme will start on Monday 3 April. The programme will deliver a fast, modern and reliable secured wired and wireless connection across campus which will help to reduce our carbon footprint.

**Don't miss out**

Additional Achievement and Development Review (ADR) workshops have been scheduled in April to help academic and Professional Services staff prepare as reviewers or reviewees. [Book your place now](#).

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

Protecting our University
[Staff reminder about the National Security and Investment Act](#)

Research with impact
[All children are born mathematical](#)
Engage for change

Speak or run a workshop at TEDx University of Sussex 2023

Other recent staff news

Coming up

**Ageing of the mind and senses workshop**
4 April 2023 | 09:00 until 18:00 | Conference Centre, Bramber House

**Practice meditation with the Quaker Chaplain**
4 April 2023 | 13:00 until 13:30 | Online

Other staff events happening next week

Snapshot
The Seven Sisters cliffs run from the mouth of the River Cuckmere to Beachy Head near Eastbourne. From west to east, the cliff peaks and the dips (or swales) are named as follows:

- Haven Brow / Short Bottom
- Short Brow / Limekiln Bottom
- Rough Brow / Rough Bottom
- Brass Point / Gap Bottom
- Flagstaff Point / Flagstaff Bottom
- Flat Hill / Flathill Bottom
- Baily's Hill / Michel Dean

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The next edition of *This is Sussex* will be published on Friday 14 April. Have a happy Easter.

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