

This weekly email, sent to all University of Sussex staff, contains important news, as well as events and actions for the week ahead.



**Monday 12 June 2023**



**Newly appointed Pro-  
Vice-Chancellor and  
Head of School of  
Psychology**

Professor Robin Banerjee has been  
appointed as our first Pro-Vice-  
Chancellor for Global & Civic  
Engagement, and Professor Alison  
Pike will replace him as interim Head

of School from Friday 1 September 2023.



## **Update on services available today**

Skeleton PS services will be operating today as Professional Services (PS) colleagues come together to learn about each other's work and celebrate their achievements. Staff will continue to respond promptly to any emergencies.



## **Summer graduation update for final year students**

The most recent student update includes information on graduation for final year students in light of the national marking and assessment boycott.

## Industrial action

### **Senate takes steps to ensure the academic standard of degrees**

[The University Senate has voted to allow the use of interim regulations](#) to progress and graduate students without compromising academic standards.

### **Update on the marking and assessment boycott**

[Read the message sent to students with an update](#) on how the University is aiming to minimise impact on their studies.

## Summer of Research (5 June - 14 July)

### **Creativity and the Climate: Arts, Pedagogy, and Communicating Complexity**

[Sussex Humanities Lab | Monday 12 June | 4pm until 5.30pm](#)

Join this special workshop exploring strategies for addressing the uncertainties and complexities around sustainability and how the arts can help us to resolve recurring challenges around climate action.

### **Doing Women's Film and Television History VI: Changing Streams and Channels**

[Fulton | Wednesday 14 June until Friday 16 June | 9am until 6.45pm](#)

Don't miss out on this international conference hosted by the School of Media, Arts and Humanities exploring the history of the distribution, marketing and promotion of women's work.

## Volunteering

### **First Aid volunteers required for the Medical Emergency Response Team**

[Become part of the University Medical Emergency Response Team \(ERT\)](#)

and play a vital role by attending emergency First Aid callouts across campus during working hours.

## Our community

### **Screening of *(Dis)Appear***

[Institute of Contemporary Art, London | Saturday 17 June | 6pm until 7pm](#)

Don't miss out on the UK premiere of the new documentary film from Dr Piotr Cieplak from the School of Media, Arts and Humanities. The film is about the powerful relationship between photography and memory, and the forced disappearances and systemic murdered perpetrated by Argentina's most recent civic-military dictatorship.

### **Meditation for researchers, students and members of staff**

[Meeting House | Tuesday 13 June | 1.15pm until 1.45pm](#)

Join this meditation session that will help you to nurture some inner space and calm amid the challenges of study and work. These sessions take place every Tuesday until the end of June.

**Don't miss out**

## **Building Trust and Psychological Safety in Teams**

[Conference Centre | Thursday 15 June | 10am until 11.30am](#)

Join this workshop for an introduction to psychological safety and learn how to create a safe, supportive working environment that fosters trust, collaboration and wellbeing within teams. This workshop is open to all staff and will take place on campus. Open to all staff.

## **Coaching as a Manager**

[Library | Tuesday 13 June | 10am until 11.30am](#)

Register for this in-person workshop to learn how to utilise the coaching mindset and apply coaching skills to engage, inspire and support a team. This workshop is open to all academic and Professional Services staff with, or taking on, management/leadership responsibilities.

**Sussexsport**

## **Active Staff Volleyball**

[Hall 1, Sports Centre | Wednesday 14 June | 12 noon until 1pm](#)

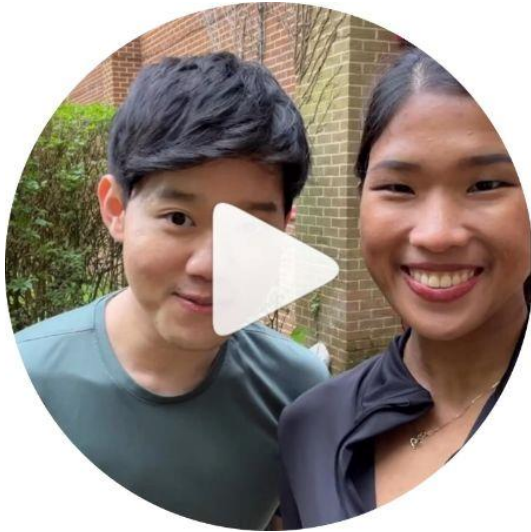
Come along and play volleyball in this Active Staff session. All abilities welcome.

## Sussex in the media

### Key stories from the past week

- [Could ultra-processed foods be harmful for us?](#) - Professor Erik Millstone, emeritus Professor from the Science Policy Research Unit, discusses the impact of the sweetener, aspartame, on our health. *Panorama*, *BBC News Online*, Monday 5 June - starts at 7 mins 3 secs
- [US regulator sues Binance and Coinbase](#) - Professor Carol Alexander from the Business School, speaks about how cryptocurrency platforms need to be properly regulated. *BBC World Business Report*, Tuesday 6 June - starts at 3 mins 25 secs
- [Robin Banerjee discusses the Screen Test](#) - Professor Robin Banerjee discusses the Screen Test, a citizen science collaboration with the Radio Times exploring why we choose to watch or listen to a programme. *BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey*, Monday 5 June - starts at 39 mins 59 secs

## Sussex on social



## Exploring Sussex

[Don't miss out on the next episode of Exploring Sussex](#) which sees Ping and Odwin, Sussex students and Digital Media Creators, taking a tour of Sussexsport facilities on campus.

## Other important news

### Zellis data breach - no impact for University

[Zellis, one of the major UK HR software suppliers, has suffered a data breach](#) - but has confirmed that the University is not one of the customers affected.

### Transport update

[Read this week's transport update](#) which includes information about the return of the Transport Office to Hastings from Monday 12 June, surveys and impacts to campus roads, cheap bus fares and more.

### Temporary Road Closure

[Part of Refectory Road will be closed on Tuesday 13 June between 8am and 6pm](#) to install cabling that will prepare campus for our West Slope development. This will impact vehicle access between Refectory Road and Northfield Lane.

## Contact us

*This week at Sussex* is issued at the start of every working week. If you would like to include something in the newsletter please submit this to [internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk) by 2pm the preceding Thursday. Our next edition will be on Monday 19 June.

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