

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



**Monday 14 August 2023**



**Universities must play their part in nature's recovery**

[Read Vice-Chancellor Sasha Roseneil's Times Higher Education article](#) about the role that universities must play to end the decline of biodiversity.



**Find out about changes coming to campus**

[Hear Nigel Rippon, Head of Capital Projects](#), talk about exciting improvements to our campus environment in this short video.





## **Student update**

[The most recent student update](#) celebrates Pride and our local community, and shares information for students taking resits.

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## **National Student Survey results**

[Find out the results from the 2023 National Student Survey](#), which were released last week.

## **Industrial action**

### **Industrial action this week**

[UNISON has announced two days of strike action](#) taking place on Wednesday 16

and Thursday 17 August. We ask colleagues to complete an industrial action declaration form to confirm any strike days taken by Friday 25 August.

## Our community

### Early Career Researchers: Dragons' Den winners

[Find out who won funding](#) to support the next steps in their research.

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### Register now for the next VC Open Forum

[Attenborough Centre | Thursday 5](#)

[October | 1.30pm - 3pm](#)

Join Sasha for the first open forum of the new academic year.

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### Nearly 700 bags of items donated

[The University has donated nearly 700 bags of abandoned or donated items](#) to the local British Heart Foundation branch, saving them from landfill.

## Don't miss out

### **ERC and Postgraduate image competition**

Take a look at image galleries from recent [Early Career Researcher](#) and [Postgraduate Researcher](#) image competitions.

## Creating a better campus

### **Second submission to HESA completed**

The [HESA \(Higher Education Statistics Agency\)](#) Data Futures project team has successfully delivered the second interim submission of student data.

## Sussex in the media

### **Key stories from the past week**

- [Professor Winfried Hensinger discusses how quantum computers work and how will they change the world.](#) *IFL Science*, Friday 4 August
- [Professor Jeremy Niven's research into light sources causing difficulties for bioluminescent creatures, such as glow worms, has reached international audiences.](#) *PBS*, Tuesday 8 August
- [Dr Jenna Macciochi was quoted in regards to a piece of research](#) which shows a positive association between nut intake and a lower risk of depression. *The Independent*, Wednesday 9 August

## Sussex on social



### **Brighton & Hove Pride Parade 2023**

[Thank you to everyone who joined us](#) for the city's 50th anniversary Pride celebrations, our sixth year as an official sponsor.

## Community conversations

Head over to Viva Engage and join the conversations happening this week:

- [Find out how to help shape the future of libraries and study spaces](#) by joining an advisory group - in the Transforming Sussex community
- [Follow the progress of the Student Information System](#) project - in the Developing better ways of working community
- [Take a look at the gallery capturing the latest West Slope development work](#) - in the Transforming Sussex community

Just click on any group to join the conversations or make your first post.

[Keep everything in one place - add the Viva Engage app to Teams](#)

## Other important news

### Staff receive pay uplift in August

From 1 August, staff on all grades received a pay uplift, which will bring the overall award this year for all staff to at least 5%.

### Transport update

Read this week's transport update, which includes information about getting or renewing your parking permit, roadworks on and off campus, and rail strikes during August.

## Contact us

*This week at Sussex* is issued at the start of every working week – [view an infographic about the types of content featured](#).

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 21 August.

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