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Monday 15 January 2024



Sussex joins Eastern Arc research consortium

[Sussex joins the universities of East Anglia, Essex and Kent in a consortium which fosters collaboration and cooperation.](#)



Honorary degrees and fellowships for inspirational people

[Nominations are open ahead of summer graduation in July 2024.](#)
Submit your nominations by Friday 26 January.





Student update

The most recent student update includes information about how the University performed in the Teaching Excellence Framework, support for student assessments and more.



Join the National Student Survey briefing session

Our promotion of the NSS to final year students will start soon. Whatever your role, your support will be crucial to the success of our campaign to engage students in the survey.

Sussex 2035 strategy

Spotlight: separating strategy from strategic plan

Kay Jones, Director of University Operations and Strategic Planning, talks with independent consultant Dr Mike Baxter about how the Sussex 2035 strategy differs from a strategic plan.

Share your views in strategy-themed events

Share your views on three core themes for our future strategy:

- Education and Student Life: Hybrid | Thursday 18 January | 3pm-4.30pm
- Global and Civic Engagement: Online | Monday 22 January, 3pm-4.30pm
- Research and Enterprise: Hybrid | Thursday 25 January | 11.30am-1pm

Don't miss out

Staff apprenticeships drop-in

Online | Wednesday 17 January | 10am-12 noon

Drop in and chat with Chris Hamilton, Staff Apprenticeships Officer, about how an apprenticeship could help you grow your career.

Effective skills for mentors

Online | Wednesday 17 January | 10am-12 noon

Explore the core skills involved in mentoring and how to develop an effective mentoring approach. There will also be an overview of the Staff Mentoring Scheme at Sussex and the benefits of being a mentor. Open to all.

Why menopause matters: raising awareness of the menopause in the workplace

Online | Thursday 18 January | 10.30am-12 noon

Find out more about the menopause and why staff and line managers need to talk about it. Open to all.

Tackle the Issues: the health crisis

[Ropetackle Arts Centre, Shoreham | Thursday 18 January | 7:30pm-9pm](#)

Join Professor Malcolm Reed, Dean of the Brighton and Sussex Medical School, for a new Tackle the Issues event, organised by the University, Ropetackle and Shoreham Wordfest.

Our community

Sussexsport: Try January

[Get active this January with Sussexsport's bitesize challenges](#) and send in your pictures for a chance to win Sussexsport merch.



Obituary: Rickie Dammann

[Rickie Dammann, who joined Sussex in 1968](#) and taught for more than 30 years in the School of European Studies, has died.

Shape how we listen at Sussex

Online | Monday 15 January | 1.30pm-2.30pm

Join the second of three focus groups aiming to identify the best ways for staff to share feedback about working at Sussex between our staff surveys.

Menopause Café

Online | Thursday 18 January | 12 noon-1pm

A safe, friendly space to discuss all things menopause. We encourage people of all ages and genders to come along, even if you are not experiencing symptoms yourself.

Coming up



VC Open Forum

Attenborough Centre | Monday 22

January | 12.30pm-2pm

Join Vice-Chancellor Sasha Roseneil for her next Open Forum. This will be an in-person event livestreamed for a remote audience. There will be time for questions. Please [let us know](#) if you have any access requirements.

Sussex in the media

Key recent media stories

- [Dr James Williams \(Education & Social Work\)](#) was interviewed on *BBC Radio Sussex* discussing the debate around whether parents should be able to take their children out of school during term time. Friday 5 January, from 03:10:00.
- [Professor Aleks Szczerbiak \(Law, Politics & Sociology\)](#) was quoted in an article talking about the situation in Poland involving the state media organisation which faced liquidation after the Prime Minister refused its funding. *Yahoo! Via Euro News*, Monday 8 January.
- [Professor Richard de Visser \(Brighton & Sussex Medical School\)](#) was interviewed as part of an article on Dry January, which explored whether people should take regular breaks from drinking alcohol throughout the year. *Patient*, Thursday 11 January.

Sussex on social



Discover Sussexsport with Tania

[Tania, Digital Media Creator, shows us the amazing facilities, activities and experiences you can try out with Sussexsport.](#)

Community conversations

Viva Engage is our University social platform where you can join communities, catch up on the latest news and works or just find out more about what interests you.

- [Due to local roadworks, buses onto campus will be suspended overnight](#) on Monday 15 January - in the Campus Travel and Transport community.
- [Find out about the works currently taking place in Bramber House](#) and how they are impacting the Ground Floor entrance and Floor 4 - in the Creating a Better Campus community.
- [Stay up to date with all things Green Impact](#) and join the coffee morning - in the Green Impact community.

Why not join a community and make your first post?

Other important news

Transport update

[Find out about overnight suspension of buses](#) coming onto campus tonight, and a reminder to use alternative car parks when campus is busy.

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 by 2pm the preceding Thursday. Our next edition will be on Monday 22 January 2024.

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