

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



This week at Sussex

Monday 19 June 2023



Sussex Professor awarded OBE in King's Birthday Honours list

[Professor Ivor Gaber has been awarded an OBE](#) for his services to media freedom around the world.



Sussex scientist receives Royal Society of Chemistry prize

[Professor Richard Layfield from the School of Life Sciences](#) has been awarded the 2023 Corday-Morgan Prize by the Royal Society of Chemistry.





Student update

The most recent student update includes the latest information about marking and assessments, Hardship Fund applications and more.

Industrial action



Update on finalists' results

Read the message from Keith Jones, Interim Provost and Chair of the Joint Negotiating Committee, about the results for our final year students.

Students - frequently asked questions

Students can find answers to the most commonly asked questions about the impact of current industrial action on their studies on the Student Hub.

Summer of Research (5 June - 14 July)

Celebrating Sussex research and impact

Find out all about the events happening as part of the Summer of Research celebrating the impact of the research and knowledge sharing happening at the University.

Music for girls

ACCA | Monday 19 June - Tuesday 20 June | 9am until 5.30pm

Join the Music for Girls conference which brings together music researchers and fans to reconsider popular music knowledge and gender.

From patients to petri dish: decoding dementia through African genetic diversity

Woodland 3, Student Centre | Wednesday 21 June | 12 noon until 1pm

Come along to this bite-sized talk, part of the Sussex Beacons series, to find out more about Dr Mahmoud Maina's research which aims to understand dementia and how to treat it by tapping into the rich genetic diversity of Africa.

Sussex Humanities Lab annual keynote

ACCA | Friday 23 June | 5pm until 6pm

Don't miss out on Jamie Pereira's *Anthropocene in C Major*, a visceral

experience of human impact on earth, felt through a live performance that turns data into sound and visuals.

Better campus



IT changes coming this summer

[Read the message from Jason Oliver](#), our Chief Transformation Officer, about improvements to our cyber security and infrastructure and find out what steps you need to take.

Network Replacement Programme

[Read about the works happening on campus](#) to provide a modern, fast, reliable, secure wired and wireless network across campus by 2025.

Summer works

[Keep up to date with the works to improve campus](#) over the summer months, including the West Slope development and various building improvement projects.

Brighton Book Festival (20 June - 25 June)

Explore Brighton Book Festival

[Don't miss out on the events happening across Brighton and online.](#)

Supported by the University, the Festival aims to inspire writers at every stage in their career, amplify a wide spectrum of voices and connect readers and authors.

Windrush 75th Anniversary Celebration

[Brighton Centre for Contemporary Arts | Thursday 22 June | 7.30pm until 10pm](#)

Join this event celebrating the creativity, fortitude and legacy of the Windrush generation and their descendants.

Boyz 2 Men

[Brighton Centre for the Contemporary Arts | Saturday 24 June | 8pm until 10pm](#)

Hear from a panel of authors about the inspirations and personal experiences behind their depictions of boys and men in literature at this event, delivered in partnership between the Centre for Life History and Life Writing Research and the Brighton Book Festival.

Family Festival

[Brighton Centre for the Contemporary Arts | Saturday 24 June | 10am until 12.30pm](#)

Bring your family to this event filled with creative activities including poetry-writing, author readings, competitions, giveaways and more.

Don't miss out

Call for contributions to celebrate Trans Pride at Sussex

Take part in the exhibition of the work and talents of our Trans and Non-Binary students, staff, alumni, and allies. Share your submissions by Monday 26 June.

Building trust and psychological safety in teams

Online | Wednesday 21 June | 10am until 11.30pm

Join this online workshop that explores how to create a safe and supportive working environment that fosters trust, inclusion, collaboration and wellbeing within teams.

Teacher Conference keynote speech

Campus | Friday 23 June | 12.30pm until 1.25pm

Hear Roma Agrawal delivering the keynote speech 'Women in STEM'. Roma is a diversity campaigner, author and award-winning structural engineer, best known for working on the foundations and spire of The Shard in London. Register for the conference to attend the keynote speech.

Sussexsport: Active Staff

Summer programme for staff

[Get active during your lunch break with the Active Staff programme.](#) For a small fee, you can enjoy your favourite sports and play new ones. All abilities welcome.

Sussex in the media

Key stories from the past week

- [North Atlantic temperature anomaly sparks concern among climate scientists](#) – Dr Melissa Lazenby from Global Studies shared her expertise on the record sea temperatures in the north Atlantic. *The Independent*, Wednesday 14 June
- [Ukraine dam collapse: what scientists are watching](#) – Dr Malte Jansen from the Business School was quoted in this Nature article discussing some of the environmental consequences attack on the Kakhovka dam in Ukraine. *Nature*, Friday 9 June.
- [Bees and hoverflies are key to growing more fruit and veg in cities](#) – new research from Dr Beth Nicholls from the School of Life Sciences has found that maintaining a diversity of insects in our cities is an important factor for growing our own food. *The Conversation*, Thursday 15 June.

Sussex on social



Sussex Day

Last Friday, 16 June, was Sussex Day which celebrates our local culture, community and stunning surroundings.

Other important news

Transport update

Read this week's transport update which includes information about works on the Southern Ring Road and on North South Road from Monday 19 June, car park closures and more.

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 by 2pm the preceding Thursday. Our next edition will be on Monday 26 June.

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