

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



Monday 26 June 2023



Director of Finance to stand down in 2024

Allan Spencer, who has led the Finance Division for 18 years, is stepping down from his role at the start of 2024.



Research with Impact forum: a healthy research culture

Register now to hear about research ethics, integrity and culture from James Parry, Chief Executive of the UK Research Integrity Office, on Wednesday 28 June at 2.30pm.



Student update

The most recent student update includes the latest information about the marking and assessment boycott, how to sign up to 'Okta' and more.

Take part

Digital Infrastructure Programme – staff survey

As we work to develop and introduce new ways of working (such as using Teams for making telephone calls), we want to make sure we're meeting your needs. Tell us how we're doing by answering nine quick customer satisfaction questions.

Win free tickets to Stanmer Park concerts

Enter a prize draw to win free tickets to see Nile Rodgers and Chic, N-Dubz, Paolo Nutini or Tom Jones performing between 5 - 9 July. Enter by 9am on Monday 3 July.

Coming up

Summer of Research

Don't miss out on the events happening across campus during June and July celebrating great research, knowledge exchange and impact at Sussex.

Science, visual culture and museums

Hybrid | Monday 26 June | 1pm until 5pm

Join the digital launch of *Science, Humanism and the Making of Modern India* by the Centre for World Environment History.

Engaging Gypsy, Roma and Traveller students in the higher education curriculum

Online | Wednesday 28 June | 12 noon until 1pm

Join this event exploring inclusive pedagogy and how Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities can be included in teaching practice.

Can we learn from the brain to make artificial intelligence more energy-efficient?

Woodland 3, Student Centre | Monday 3 July | 12 noon until 1pm

Learn about brain-inspired methods – event-based neural networks – that could make AI more energy-efficient.

Don't miss out



Vice-Chancellor's take on British singles

Sasha Roseneil talks about her research in a BBC radio programme looking at whether life in Britain is stacked against single people. The programme is on Radio 4 tonight (26 May) at 8.30pm, then available on BBC Sounds.

New round of funding from Sussex Sustainability Research Programme (SSRP)

Researchers can apply for the next SSRP funding round by Wednesday 27 September to help tackle global and local sustainability challenges by strengthening partnerships with impact.

Apply for arts and humanities research impact funding

Apply by Friday 7 July for the Impact Builder Fund. The scheme, which awards up to £10,000, is aimed at supporting established arts and humanities research impact projects and partnerships.

Annual leave purchase scheme

A new window to purchase additional leave will be open from Saturday 1 July

until Thursday 31 August. Any additional leave purchased can be used from the start of the next leave year, which starts on Sunday 1 October.

Sussexsports

Football social session

[Sports Centre | Monday 26 June | 12 noon until 1pm](#)

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

Sussex in the media

Key stories from the past week

- [The Science of Sound](#) - Dr Alice Eldridge discusses her Wilding Radio project. *Inside Science*, BBC Radio 4, Thursday 22 June - starts at 11 mins 28 secs.
- [Seven wild animal facts discovered in 2023](#) - find out about scientific discoveries made about animals, including Sussex research that moths are more effective pollinators than bees. *The Week*, Wednesday 21 June.
- [Ukraine has the tools to fight corruption](#) - Professor Robert Barrington from the School of Law, Politics and Sociology discusses whether Ukraine has the tools to fight corruption. *The Guardian*, Sunday 18 June.

Sussex on social



International Women in Engineering Day

Hear Sussex alumna Sana Sibghatullah

challenging misconceptions about engineering and hear her top tips for those looking for a career in the field.

Other important news

Transport update

Read this week's transport update which includes an update on current campus works, upcoming rail strikes in July and cheap bus fares.

Where to eat and drink this summer on campus

Find out more about opening times and closures at our food and drink outlets during the summer. From today, Monday 26 June, you can find the £2 meal deal at the Botanical Cafe in the Jubilee building.

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 3 July.

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