

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



**Tuesday 29 August 2023**



## **Obituary: Robert Benewick**

[Professor Benewick taught Politics](#) at the University from 1972 to 1997 and is best remembered for his work on China.



## **National Security and Investment (NSI) Act**

[A reminder to familiarise yourself](#) with the 17 sensitive areas listed in the NSI Act. Guidance, resources and training are available.

## Industrial action

### **A reminder to declare participation in the marking and assessment boycott**

We ask colleagues to complete an industrial action declaration form to confirm participation in the marking and assessment boycott during the A3 (resit) assessment period as soon as possible, and no later than Friday 1 September 2023.

## Don't miss out



### **Staff volleyball tournament**

Yellowwave, Brighton | Friday 1

September | 5pm until 7pm

Take part and play against colleagues from other divisions in this fun tournament.

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### **Course Leadership Programme**

Online | Tuesday 12 September | 2pm until 4pm

Learn about key information and support available to carry out your responsibilities as Course Leader, including making changes to courses.

## Sussex in the media

### Key stories from the past week

- [Professor Anil Seth](#) posits that, though many researchers say that AI systems aren't yet at the point of consciousness, how would we know if they were? *Nature*, Thursday 24 August
- [Professor Alan Stewart](#) comments on a Lewes river channel project which will restore its natural flow and create a public wetland. *The Guardian*, Thursday 24 August
- [Professor Gillian Sandstrom](#) explains University research which shows that just two in 10 people acknowledge their bus driver when boarding the bus. *BBC News*, Thursday 24 August

## Sussex on social



## What springs to mind when you think about the 1980s?

[Professor Lucy Robinson talks about her new book \*Now That's What I Call the Eighties\* on BBC Radio Sussex and notes the similarities between the decade's social upheaval and the present day.](#)

## Community conversations

Did you know you can join a number of University communities on Viva Engage, and find out more about what interests you? Some of the chat this week has included:

- [Join our foodie forums and tell us what you like, don't like and want more of at Sussex - in the Food at Sussex community.](#)
- [A reminder about our Employee Assistance Programme \(EAP\) and all the useful benefits available to you - in the All Company community.](#)
- [Bramber House roof works and temporary changes to building access arrangements](#) - in the Creating a Better Campus community.

Why not join a community and make your first post?

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

## Other important news

### Transport update

[Read this week's transport update](#), which includes information about obtaining or renewing your parking permit, roadworks on and off campus, and rail strikes during August and September.

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Anglers fishing off the coast of Brighton this week accidentally hooked this young Porbeagle shark as it attempted to pinch their catch when it was being landed. The shark was quickly unhooked and photographed before swimming strongly away. Porbeagles are not known to be aggressive to humans and are a rare sight in Sussex waters. Photo: [Brigand Charters](#)

## Contact us

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