**University of Sussex**

**ESRC Festival of Social Science events**

**2019**

[**Community Empowerment in the Aftermath of the Grenfell Tower Fire**](https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/festival-events/events-in-south-east-england/community-empowerment-in-the-aftermath-of-the-grenfell-tower-fire/)

**Date**: Saturday, 2 November 2019

**Time**: 14:00-17:00

**Venue**: South Wing Meeting Room (Community Base), 113 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

**Register**: email Selin Tekin Guven, [S.Tekin-Guven@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:S.Tekin-Guven@sussex.ac.uk)

**Description:**

Grenfell Tower fire is one of the biggest and deadliest disasters in UK history; 72 people lost their lives and over 200 families were made homeless. The tragedy is of extreme political significance, as gentrification and numerous regeneration projects in the area over the years are thought to have played a role in the fire. At this event, we will present new research on community empowerment as a means to getting justice, with lessons for other affected groups. The format of the event will be interactive, and will include:

• Two brief presentations from community members

• A documentary screening

• A research presentation and questions

• A public discussion.

[**Rethinking Digital Innovation Strategies: Learning from the Grassroots**](https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/festival-events/events-in-south-east-england/rethinking-digital-innovation-strategies-learning-from-the-grassroots/)

**Date**: Monday, 4 November 2019

**Time**: 18:00 – 20:30

**Venue**: The FuseBox, New England House, Brighton BN1 4GH

**Register**: via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rethinking-digital-innovation-strategies-learning-from-the-grassroots-tickets-64419366058)

**Description**:

Researchers from the University of Sussex Science Policy Innovation Unit, the FuseBox Innovation hub and Nesta join forces for this special event, which both questions and suggests alternatives to the dominant Silicon Valley model of innovation.

[**Portraits of protectors: violence and frontline environmental defenders**](https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/festival-events/events-in-south-east-england/portraits-of-protectors-violence-and-frontline-environmental-defenders/)

**Date:** Monday, 4 November 2019 until Wednesday, 6 November 2019

**Time**: exhibition: 12:00 - 18:00 each day; talk: Wed, 6 Nov from 19:00-21:30

**Venue**: ONCA Gallery, Brighton

**Register:** via the [ONCA website](https://onca.org.uk/event/atmospheres-of-violence/) (register for the 6 Nov talk via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/atmospheres-of-violence-panel-discussion-tickets-75458371019))

**Description**:

Environmental defenders are understood by the UN to be the subset of human rights defenders currently most at risk from violence. From 4-7 November, Brighton's ONCA will host an exhibition of artworks by, and portraits of, environmental defenders. Alongside this exhibition, we will be hosting an evening discussion with defenders and third sector organisations working with those at risk of violence, asking how we can best support and understand the experiences of defenders in a range of contexts

[**Intergalactic superheroism across the globe**](https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/festival-events/events-in-london/intergalactic-superheroism-across-the-globe/)

**Date**: Thursday, 7 November 2019

**Time**: 12:30 - 14:00

**Venue**: [RSA](https://www.thersa.org/), The Steps venue at the RSA, 8 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6EZ

**Register**: via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intergalactic-superheroism-across-the-globe-film-premiere-and-discussion-tickets-73938966439)

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**Date**: Friday, 8 November 2019

**Time**: 16:30-18:00

**Venue**: Pinter Studio, Department of English and Drama, QMUL, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS

**Register**: via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talk-intergalactic-super-heroism-across-the-globe-by-raminder-kaur-tickets-72308024247)

**Description**:

The word ‘superheroes’ brings to mind caped crusaders like Superman, Batman or Captain America. The more gender-attuned might think of Wonderwoman among other avatars. Those looking eastwards might highlight Japanese characters from Manga. But what about other cultural repertoires of intergalactic superhero/ines? How do other young people engage with illustrations, storytelling and imaginaries of superheroism? This event draws upon anthropological and comic studies research that informs our book, Adventure Comics and Youth Cultures in India (by Raminder Kaur and Saif Eqbal).It will include a film on adventure/superhero comics and youth cultures in India, and a panel discussion with experts on superhero/ine comics across the globe.

[**Future of Work in Greater Brighton CoLab**](https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/festival-events/events-in-south-east-england/future-of-work-in-greater-brighton-colab/)

**Date:** Thursday, 7 November 2019

**Time:** 17:00-19:30

**Venue:** Brighthelm Centre Auditorium, North Road, Brighton, BN1 1YD

**Register**: by emailing Elizabeth Kellingley at [bsre@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:bsre@sussex.ac.uk)

**Description:**

What will the future of work look like in Greater Brighton? How can academic research support local employers, NGOs, policymakers, communities and residents to realise the promises and avoid the pitfalls of the radical changes that await the organisation of workplaces and the experiences of workers? This event will facilitate a collective discussion between the University of Sussex’s Business School Future of Work Hub researchers, and a wide range of local stakeholders. Kicking off with five "provocation" statements, it will introduce the research expertise of the Hub members to the Greater Brighton community, and help identify concrete avenues for collaboration.

[**Grassroots-humanitarianism: should-you-get-involved?**](https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/festival-events/events-in-south-east-england/grassroots-humanitarianism-should-you-get-involved/)

**Date**: Thursday, 7 November 2019

**Time**: 18:00 - 19:00

**Venue**: Friends Meeting House, Ship St, Brighton BN1 1AF

**Registration:** email Anne-Meike Fechter, e: [a.fechter@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:a.fechter@sussex.ac.uk)

**Description**:

Who are we responsible for? When should we intervene? What are the problems and risks of individual and grassroots activities? And what difference do ‘small acts’ make, when the problems we face are so much bigger? These are some of the questions which this workshop will seek to answer. More than ever, ordinary citizens – both locally and internationally - are taking matters into their own hands to help others. But is this always the right thing to do?

[**Life after Brexit**](https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/festival-events/events-in-south-east-england/life-after-brexit/)

**Date**: Thursday, 7 November 2019

**Time**: 17:00 - 20:00

**Venue**: Grand Central Pub, 29-30 Surrey St, Brighton BN1 3PA

**Registration:** email Tina Perrett, [uktpo@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:uktpo@sussex.ac.uk)

**Description**:

Not sure what Brexit means for you? Come and have a glass of wine and some nibbles, and ask international trade policy experts the questions you’ve never quite had answers to - be it about the cost of living, jobs or the environment. We'll be upstairs at the Grand Central between 17:00 and 20:00.

[**#MeToo: A journey towards a harassment-free workplace**](https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/festival-events/events-in-south-east-england/metoo-a-journey-towards-a-harassment-free-workplace/)

**Date**: Friday, 8 November 2019

**Time**: 14:00 - 16:00

**Venue**: Brighton Jubilee Library Conference Hall, Jubilee St, Brighton BN1 1GE

**Registration:** via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/metoo-a-journey-towards-a-harassment-free-workplace-tickets-64165811670)

**Description**:

A panel of experts will meet in Brighton to debate the difference the #MeToo movement is making to working practices and reporting mechanisms. Panellists from the Survivors’ Network, Sussex Police, Vault Platform, HR Works Consultancy, The Pensions Regulator and the Fawcett Society will discuss whether a harassment free workplace is an achievable reality. Representatives of local and national employers, as well as a local MP, have also been invited to join the debate. Participants will be informed about new practices, regulatory initiatives and misconduct reporting software, and will receive a best practice guide on preventing harassment in the workplace.