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Vice-Chancellor's Forum

Tuesday 17 October 2017, 12.30–1.30pm, Elgar Concert Hall, The Bramall. As the new academic year begins, the Vice-Chancellor will provide an update on the key issues and developments for the University and the Higher Education sector.

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Birmingham Professional Forum

Thursday 26 October 2017, 11.00am–12noon, Elgar Concert Hall, The Bramall. The Forum is introduced by the Registrar and Secretary, Lee Sanders. The agenda will follow.

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Stonewall Survey 2018

All staff are invited to complete a short Stonewall questionnaire about their perspectives on LGBT equality at the University. Please help us by taking the survey using our unique code: **1672**.

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Race Equality Conference

Monday 30 October, 10.15am–3.30pm. The Universities of Nottingham and Birmingham are delighted to invite you to a joint conference: 'Race Equality in Higher Education – what's it got to do with me?'

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Preventing sexual assault

19 September, 11.30am, WG12 Aston Webb Building. We welcome Dr Emily Rothman to the University to give a talk about a very important and timely topic – the prevention of sexual assault and dating abuse on campus.

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Week of Wellbeing

Taking place from 9–13 October, Week of Wellbeing will be themed on the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing', with events and activities for staff and students. Keep an eye on the intranet page for details.

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New Welcome toolkit

The new Welcome toolkit has been updated with a range of useful information for staff about Welcome and related activity. Find out what is happening and what you need to know.

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Research Conference

Due to a busy schedule and a meeting in Europe, Professor Walport is unable to join us for the Research Conference. We are pleased to announce Professor Thompson will now be making the keynote address.

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BUAFTA charity 2018

This year's BUAFTAs are supporting transplant research and we need you! Have you been the recipient or donor of a transplant and are you willing to tell your story to help our charity fundraising? Contact the team for details.

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BUAFTA nominations open soon!

Nominations for this year's BUAFTAs open on 2 October with new categories based on your feedback! Don't miss your chance to nominate outstanding Birmingham Professional colleagues for an award. Read about last year's winners on the intranet.

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Arts & Science Festival

Arts & Science Festival returns 12–18 March 2018, themed Stop/Start. The festival is inviting proposals for events. [Email](#) to request an event submission form.

The Big Sleuth

You only have ten days left to find our 'beary' exciting Big Sleuth visitors on campus. Get involved before it's too late and enter our selfie competitions.

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LGBT Allies seminar

Join Pete Mercer (Stonewall) to find out how Allies can support LGBT colleagues in creating an inclusive workplace culture in a seminar introduced by Robin Mason, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International).

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Grant Writing Workshop

To support people with the Innovate UK application process the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN), in partnership with Research Support Services (RSS) are organising a half-day workshop on writing a successful grant application.

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Embodying Geographies

What is feminist glaciology? How might cities be homophobic? Are forests racist? Discover why Geography, Earth and Environmental Science have long lacked diversity and what we are doing to challenge this.

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Knowledge Transfer Funding

Innovate UK fund around 300 Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs) per annum. They have just received funding to support an additional 200 KTPs. If you are interested in a KTP please contact [Kate Jermey](#).

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Secret Severn Art Trail

The Secret Severn Art Trail runs from 8–17 September 2017, showcasing the work of over 30 artists. To find out more about the artists, venues and workshops, follow the link or email info@secretsevern.co.uk.

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EEF bidding open

Staff who are interested in running an Educational Enhancement project to improve student educational experience are invited to submit an outline proposal by Monday 25 September 2017.

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Sustainability workshop

Want to learn how to upcycle your old furniture, or get a free bike check? Come along to the safety and sustainability exhibition on Tuesday 3 October in Welcome marquee 3, from 12noon to 4.00pm.

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Cycle to Work Day

Wednesday 13 September is national Cycle to Work day, so why not pledge to ride to work and join one of our brilliant led commuter rides to campus?

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