

Community

Spring
2023

Come and see the Summer Showcase

We're busy transforming our studio spaces and workshops into galleries for Falmouth University's Summer Showcase 2023, a festival of creativity featuring our graduates' finest work.

Come along to our Falmouth and Penryn Campuses and be inspired. You might even spot a superstar in the making, as our students prepare to enter creative industries ranging from photography, film and fashion to fine art, architecture and interior design. Enjoy free entry to the exhibitions, from Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June, 10am-4pm.

Gaming fans are welcome at our Games Expo on Saturday 27 May – an unmissable opportunity to try the latest game creations from our talented tech students.

For more information: falmouth.ac.uk/local-community



FALMOUTH
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COMMUNITY DAY

OPENING UP OUR CAMPUS FOR EVERYONE

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 27 May
12-4pm

Join us at the Falmouth University Campus at Woodlane as we celebrate the summer season with our Community Day. Falmouth's fun-packed event will feature **FREE** family activities and entertainment, along with street food and music, plant and student art sales and tours of our beautiful sub-tropical grounds. Get hands-on with a range of arts and craft sessions, including screen printing and drawing, and create your very own masterpiece.



CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC ARTS & CRAFTS STREET FOOD LAWN GAMES
CREATIVE WORKSHOPS STUDENT ART SALES GARDEN TOURS PLANT SALES



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Celebrating Ten Years

As our Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI) turns ten, we are celebrating the incredible research our academics do to support natural systems for more sustainable futures. Here are some of the nature-positive projects they're involved in:

Working with the National Trust to protect our landscapes

Researchers, led by Professor Kevin Gaston our first ESI Director, have joined forces with the National Trust to help people and nature develop and thrive.

The project aims to renew our woodlands and wetlands by reimagining our relationship with the land and reconnecting people to nature and the habitats we need to survive. Using their combined expertise in biodiversity, conservation, climate and culture research, they aim to protect our green space and loved places by adapting to the changes ahead.

Visit: exeter.ac.uk/nationaltrust



Seed grass planting on the borders of an estuary.

Credit: Wildlife Trusts, Andy Jayes



The Beacon, Falmouth

Creating space for nature in Falmouth

Researchers in the ESI have been working with Cornwall Council to encourage nature and wildlife in urban areas. Spaces across Cornwall have been transformed from green deserts into wildlife-friendly places our community can enjoy.

The Beacon, Lambs Lane estate, Swanvale open space in Boslowick and Tregonigge Woodland have all benefited from gardening sessions to clear invasive plants and trees and create a haven for bees, butterflies, birds and hedgehogs. The project won the Landscape Institute Awards 2022 in the "Excellence in Biodiversity, Conservation and Enhancement" category.

Make a pledge for nature

Cornwall is a beautiful place rich in wildlife, but we're losing that wildlife faster than ever before due to climate change and habitats being degraded, polluted and destroyed. Currently only a fifth of our land and less than a tenth of our inshore seabed is well managed for nature and only a quarter of our rivers are healthy.

The ESI is working with the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership to support its ambitious vision for 30% of our land and sea to be well managed for nature by 2030, so we can protect the natural processes that are vital for keeping us fed, healthy, prosperous and safe.

Visit naturecios.org.uk to join the groups, businesses and individuals making a pledge for nature.



Local teens learn from industry experts

Teenagers across Cornwall are enjoying a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the creative industries through the National Saturday Clubs held at our Penryn Campus.

Open to 13-16-year-olds of all abilities, these free, practical sessions offer a unique opportunity to learn new skills, discover talents and explore career options in areas including photography, fashion and art. Highlights this spring have included a virtual masterclass with world-renowned fashion label Alexander McQueen Studios and an in-person workshop with BAFTA award-winning animation director Jim Le Fevre.

Find out more about joining the Saturday Club at our Open Day on Saturday 9 September.

falmouth.ac.uk/saturday-clubs-open-day



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Falmouth graduate works with broadcasting legend

“My most recent ‘pinch me’ moment was being asked to capture Sir David Attenborough for the opening shots of *Wild Isles*,” says wildlife cameraman Sam Stewart, a graduate of Falmouth’s Marine & Natural History Photography BA, recalling his time behind the lens for the recent BBC TV series. “It was a dream come true. Working with him in the field has been my biggest goal since I set out on this path.”



From little acorns...

Sessile oak and wild cherry were among native tree species planted at Trefusis Estate in Flushing in spring by Falmouth’s Sustainability team, in partnership with not-for-profit woodland creation company Plant One Cornwall, to boost biodiversity and regenerate habitat.

Thanks to an investment from the University, staff and students were able to plant 500 saplings. The trees will be registered as part of ‘Forest for Cornwall’, a flagship project of Cornwall Council’s Climate Change Action Plan which aims to help the county achieve its 2030 carbon neutrality target.



Memories of Kneehigh

The rich history of Cornwall’s Kneehigh Theatre has been preserved by Falmouth University’s Archive team, following funding from digital commissioning partner TheSpace.org. The site thisiskneehigh.co.uk, which features digitised content such as scripts, interviews, photographs and programmes, documents 40 years of anarchic and inventive performance and includes work from founder Mike Shepherd, former artistic director and Falmouth Honorary Fellow Emma Rice and Kneehigh associates and practitioners. The wider Kneehigh Archive can be viewed in person by appointment at Penryn Campus Library.

Contact: archives@fxplus.ac.uk

Exeter leaves a legacy for Cornwall's business community

Since 2014, projects led by the University of Exeter have supported over 900 businesses in the Duchy by providing access to grants, business development resources and funding for innovative technologies.

This support enabled the delivery of the world's first energy independent farm, drove rapid innovations in Cornwall's renewable energy sectors and helped hundreds of businesses to reduce their waste and adopt carbon-neutral business models.

Kim Conchie, CEO of Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, said: "The close relationships that local businesses now have with the University of Exeter and Falmouth University have made such an incredible impact on Cornwall's workforce, business confidence and future prospects. That legacy will continue long into the future."



The Arca team supports businesses to transition to the circular economy.

Fresh air and fitness

Have you tried the Penryn Parkrun?

Track your fitness at this free, fun and friendly 5km event, which takes place at the Penryn Campus every Saturday at 9am. Or aim for a more leisurely pace and enjoy our beautiful campus in bloom as you walk, jog, spectate or volunteer. Find out more at: parkrun.org.uk/penryncampus



Spring clean with a car boot sale

Sell your unwanted items or find a few treasures at our Saturday car boot sales, which are back for summer at Penryn Campus.

Sellers pay £8 for a car and £9 for an estate or 4x4, with queuing from 12 noon for a 2pm start. Buyers pay just £1 admission (children 15 and under go free). For more details visit: carbootscornwall.co.uk

Interested in studying in Cornwall?

Falmouth University:

Take a virtual tour, book a virtual event or visit us in person for a taste of student life at Falmouth.

Next Campus Open Day:

Sat 27 May 10am-4pm

falmouth.ac.uk/experience

University of Exeter:

We offer virtual and in-person opportunities to find out more about studying here and our courses.

Penryn Campus Open Day:

for undergraduates and postgraduates
Wed 31 May 9am-3.30pm

exeter.ac.uk/studying

