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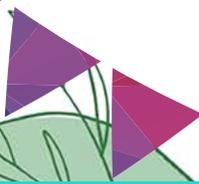
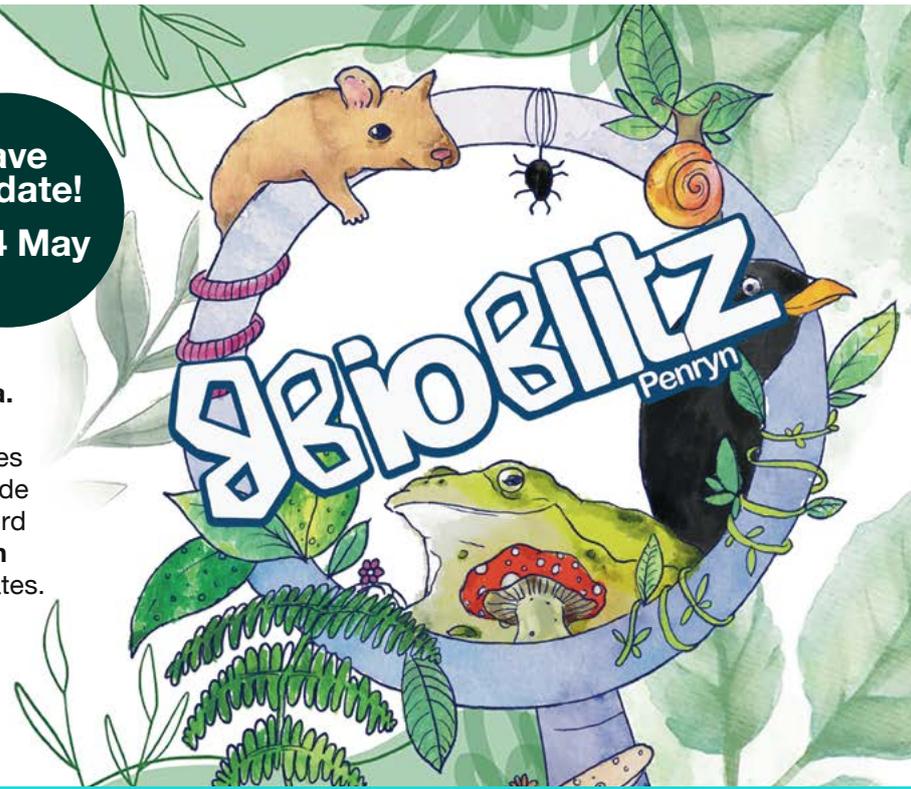
Spring 2024

## Bioblitz Penryn returns to campus

Join the University of Exeter's fun-filled, free family day of interactive wildlife activities on Saturday 4 May at Penryn Campus and help us survey the incredible biodiversity we have here by counting all the different flora and fauna.

Last year, 458 species were recorded! Activities start at 7am, run throughout the day and include insect and mammal tracking, pond dipping, bird walks and a bat walk. Follow @bioblitzpenryn on Instagram and X (formerly Twitter) for updates.

Save the date!  
Sat 4 May



## Enjoy our Community Day

Sat 1 June  
10am-4pm

We're opening up our Falmouth University Campus at Woodlane for our Community Day, featuring FREE family activities and entertainment – along with street food, music, plant and student art sales and tours of our stunning sub-tropical gardens. Try our arts and crafts workshops to create your very own masterpiece.

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



## See the Summer Showcase

Be inspired by the finest work from Falmouth University's graduating classes at our Summer Showcase 2024.

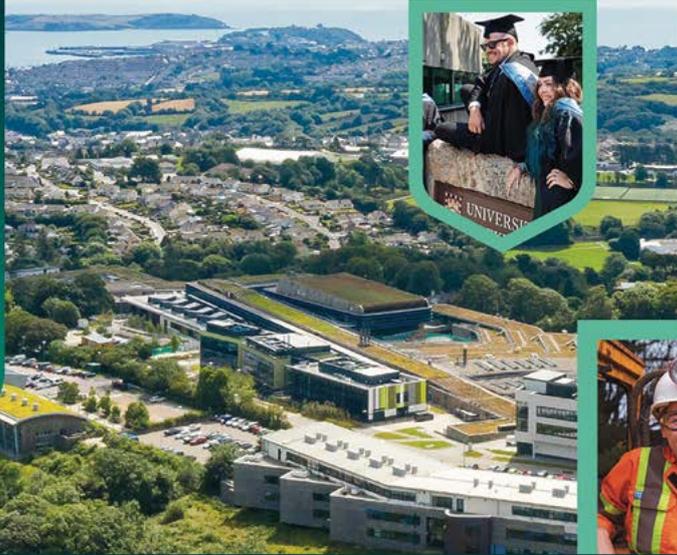
Visit the exhibitions at our Penryn and Falmouth Campuses, where you can spot the stars of tomorrow in creative disciplines ranging from photography and film to fine art, architecture and interior design. Entry is free, every day from Saturday 25 May to Saturday 1 June, 9am-4pm. Book your tickets for a live catwalk show featuring the best of Falmouth's fashion talent, on Friday 24 May.

[falmouth.ac.uk/local-community](http://falmouth.ac.uk/local-community)





# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS Penryn Campus 2004-2024



## It's our 20th anniversary of offering higher education in Cornwall

We're celebrating 20 years of the University of Exeter, Cornwall. Back in 2004 we had a mission to diversify higher education in Cornwall, improve social mobility and reverse the trend of talented people leaving the area.

Over the past two decades, Penryn has gone from strength to strength. We've built world-class research centres, top teaching facilities and programmes that connect with local businesses and communities. Today, around 2,500 of the students at Penryn Campus are from the University of Exeter. We're really proud of what we've achieved so far at our Cornwall campuses, but we're excited for the next 20 years too. With our expertise in areas like renewable energy, ecology and sustainability, we want to keep driving positive change in Cornwall and beyond.

If you have memories about the Penryn Campus you'd like to share, from its early days as a campus or before, please do get in touch with any stories or photographs. Email: [cornwallcomms@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:cornwallcomms@exeter.ac.uk)

Visit: [exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/20years](http://exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/20years)

## Ancient seaweed bed helping in fight against climate change

Scientists have discovered that the Fal and Helford Estuary Special Area of Conservation supports a vast seabed of maerl, a rare and ancient seaweed, equivalent to the size of nearly 900 rugby pitches.

The research project, commissioned by Cornwall Council, has found that the ancient seaweed is extremely efficient at storing carbon at an estimated rate of 841 tonnes of CO2 annually. University of Exeter is working with the Council and other partners such as Falmouth Harbour Commissioners and Ocean Conservation Trust to protect the valuable ecosystem from threats such as anchor damage, swing moorings, nutrient discharge and sea surface temperature increases from climate change.

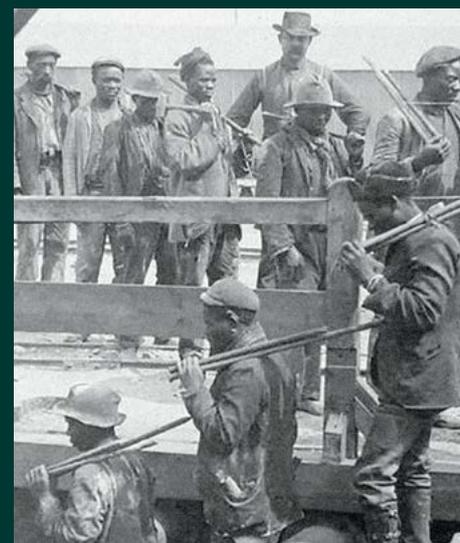
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## Exhibition explores impact of colonial-era mining in Africa

This archive photograph of Robinson Deep Gold Mine, Witwatersrand, South Africa (1900s) is a starting point for a new creative project by Madeline R Young (Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter) and photographer Guy Martin (Institute of Photography, Falmouth University).

Their collaboration blends archival evidence, visual arts and sensitive storytelling to explore how colonial-era mining in Africa has impacted landscapes, human relationships and local communities – topics which resonate with Cornwall's history and leadership in the global mining industry. This and other projects will be on display at Gray's Wharf Gallery in Penryn throughout July. Follow @artsandcultureex on instagram or visit [artsandcultureexeter.co.uk](http://artsandcultureexeter.co.uk) for updates.





## University secures record research funding award

**New creative possibilities are on the horizon following an unprecedented £7 million funding award for a Falmouth University research programme.**

The Expanding Excellence in England (E3) funds from Research England will support the development of our new Centre for Blended Realities, where innovation in the arts combined with cutting-edge computer science could revolutionise creative endeavour.

“This development will have a long lasting and far-reaching impact,” said Falmouth’s Professor Lee Miller, who explained that blending the real world with the virtual could lead to entirely new art forms and a level of user immersion previously only imagined. University Vice-Chancellor Emma Hunt added: “We’re proud that Falmouth is recognised as being at the forefront in this emerging field, where creativity meets technology.”



## Capturing the reality of Cornish womanhood

**Fran Rowse, a Falmouth Fashion Photography BA graduate born and raised in Cornwall, is giving a voice to the lives and aspirations of young women growing up in the county through her project *Cornish Maids*.**

After exhibiting a series of photographs in London and Bristol and at Cornwall’s Newlyn Art Gallery, and publishing an award-winning book, Fran is creating a Cornish contemporary archive of related images, texts and objects up to the year 2000. [franrowse.com](http://franrowse.com)

## Creative short courses – coming soon

Immerse yourself in your chosen subject with a week-long course at Falmouth University this summer, where you’ll be guided by technical specialists to develop your creative practice in our well-equipped studios and workshops. Learn from our experts, explore different materials and processes and grow your creative confidence on one of our new five-day campus-based courses – taking your skills to the next level.

Visit [falmouth.ac.uk](http://falmouth.ac.uk) for updates.

- Drawing
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Colour etching
- Sustainable textiles



Artwork by Hildigunnur Sigvaldadottir



## Interested in a career in games or computing?

**One of the UK’s biggest and best-equipped student game-making facilities, Falmouth University’s Games Academy is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a spectacular Expo – showcasing its achievements over a decade of gaming excellence.**

Local games fans are invited to join alumni and industry experts for live demos, interactive experiences and the chance to try the latest game creations from our talented tech students. Visit for free on Fri 24 - Sat 25 May for a fascinating insight into our games and computing degree courses, which range from robotics and Esports to game art, animation and development.

Find out more: [falmouth.ac.uk/local-community](http://falmouth.ac.uk/local-community)

## Over £1,200 raised for Save the Children

Students from the Raise and Donate Society (RAD) ran a 24-hour Bikeathon for Save the Children in March at the Sports Centre at Penryn Campus. More than 50 students and staff got involved, with Zachary Shaw doing the longest ride – over five hours.

Ruairi Duignan of the RAD Committee said: “It was an amazing event. We’re happy to have raised more than £1,200, but we aim to increase this – our goal is £2,500! We’re incredibly grateful to everyone who donated, cycled or cheered on their friends, and to the sports centre staff.”



### Empowering the South West

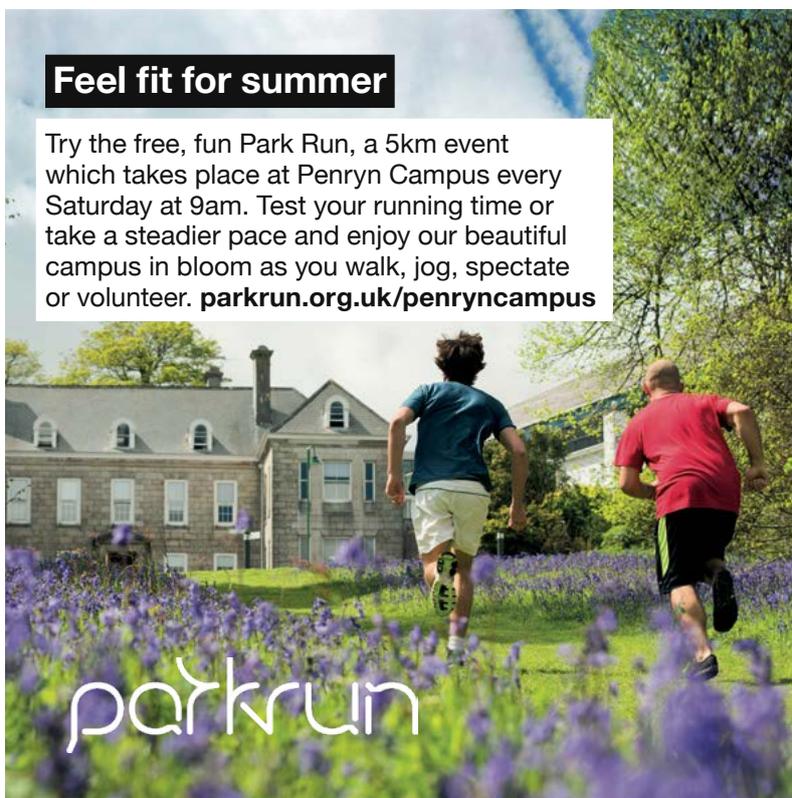
The universities of Exeter, Falmouth and Plymouth have joined forces to launch a new initiative that will harness the region’s academic and research expertise to improve people’s lives, empower communities and drive the economy across the peninsula and beyond.

The South West Think Tank will draw upon the universities’ highly regarded experts, working across a range of disciplines, to produce policy alternatives and bold proposals to address key issues facing Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.



### Feel fit for summer

Try the free, fun Park Run, a 5km event which takes place at Penryn Campus every Saturday at 9am. Test your running time or take a steadier pace and enjoy our beautiful campus in bloom as you walk, jog, spectate or volunteer. [parkrun.org.uk/penryncampus](https://parkrun.org.uk/penryncampus)



### Interested in studying in Cornwall?

#### Falmouth University

Take a virtual tour, book a virtual event or visit us in person to see our creative courses and facilities.

#### Next Campus Open Days:

Sat 25 May 10.30am-4.30pm

Sat 5 Oct 10.30am-4.30pm

[falmouth.ac.uk/experience](https://falmouth.ac.uk/experience)

#### University of Exeter

You can book virtual and in-person opportunities to find out more about studying here and our courses.

#### Penryn Campus Open Days:

Weds 29 May 9.30am-3.30pm

Sat 12 Oct 9.30am-3.30pm

[exeter.ac.uk/study](https://exeter.ac.uk/study)

### Campus works at

#### Falmouth University

We’re making improvements to the library building at the Falmouth University Campus at Woodlane. While pedestrian access through the grounds will remain open during the works (from the end of May to September 2024), diversions may be in place.

### And finally...

We’d love to hear your thoughts about this newsletter. Tell us what you’d like the Universities to share with you and the topics you enjoy reading about, by emailing [cornwallcomms@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:cornwallcomms@exeter.ac.uk)



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