

Community

Autumn
2023

Join in a free weekend celebration of science, arts, mayhem and music

The University of Exeter will bring a **Pop-Up Curiosity Shop of Science and Culture** to The Cornish Bank in Falmouth on 30 September and 1 October, 10am-4pm.

The weekend aims to bring bonkers discovery and intriguing ideas to curious minds and will be a great chance to meet local scientists, artists, musicians, historians, doctors, mathematicians and more. There will be guided walks, demonstrations, talks and workshops that will give life to the brilliant work that happens at the University of Exeter and beyond.

This free event is suitable for all ages, and accessible for neurodivergent families with a guaranteed quiet space to decompress – for any questions about accessibility and to preregister for an accessibility guide, please contact El (Efb211@exeter.ac.uk) who will be happy to help.

For more information, visit agile-rabbit.com



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FUN, FREE
EVENT!
30 SEPT -
1 OCT

Universities sign Civic Agreement

Falmouth University and the University of Exeter have signed a **Civic Agreement with Cornwall Council, the Council of the Isles of Scilly and the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board (ICB).**

This civic strategy brings the two universities together with the Council and the ICB to work in collaboration to support Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly's growth and prosperity, using the universities' facilities and specialist resources, teaching and skills, and research and knowledge exchange. The agreement identifies four priority areas for action, aligned with Together We Can: The Cornwall Plan 2020-50, which was shaped with the input of thousands of local residents.

The priorities are:

- Green futures
- Fair futures
- Healthy futures
- Creative futures

The classes of 2023

This summer's graduates had every reason to celebrate; many of them started their degree during tough times, as the country navigated the uncertainty of the pandemic and the challenge of ongoing lockdowns.



A total of 778 students from the University of Exeter attended graduation ceremonies at Penryn Campus in July, and 1,456 from Falmouth University – among them Cornish siblings Ysy Lees, who graduated from Falmouth's Professional Writing MA, and her brother Archie (English & Creative Writing BA).

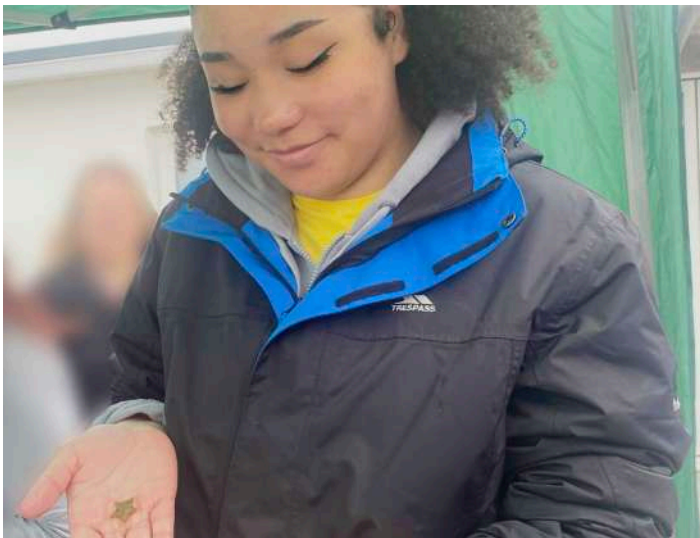


Students complete work placements locally

Did you know that University of Exeter students often undertake work placements in the local area? They give up their time to help with a wide range of activities, from teaching primary school children to working with vulnerable adults.

Emily, a Marine Biology student (pictured), volunteered with the Rock Pool Project in Falmouth, helping people explore and learn about the local beaches. Emily also collected data to support research into water pollution and its impact on different species. Other students have worked with local organisations such as Cats Protection, Paradise Park and Wavehunters.

Our students are often interested in getting people outside and involved in the natural environment for both education and wellbeing. If you are a local business or charity that would be interested in placing a student, please email es-penryn@exeter.ac.uk. Visit [@uoecornwallcareerzone](https://www.instagram.com/uoecornwallcareerzone) on Instagram to see the amazing work our students have been doing.



Huge investment in Penryn Campus

The University of Exeter is proposing to invest in a new facility to expand its sustainable futures research and teaching on Penryn Campus. The new three-storey building will provide much-needed space for innovation, creativity and community, where interdisciplinary research and teaching can make a profound and positive difference to our world, now and for decades to come.

Professor Martin Siegert, Deputy Vice Chancellor responsible for activity and strategic development in Cornwall said: “The new space will allow our team to substantially grow environmental and human health areas of research, to train the next generation of environmentalists and to engage further with businesses and partners within the South West region and globally.

“It will also increase capacity for undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and include state of the art laboratories and collaborative space that will enable us to deliver new, interconnected programmes of learning that are focussed on future sustainable skills. This will put Penryn on the map as an international hub for net zero, clean growth and nature recovery research and teaching.”



University of Exeter signs agreement with Kresen Kernow

The celebration and preservation of Cornish culture and heritage is the focus of a new agreement between the University of Exeter and Kresen Kernow – the Archives and Cornish Studies Service.

This Memorandum of Understanding could lead to them working on joint research projects or funding bids, promoting Cornish heritage nationally and internationally and developing employability skills for students.

**Falmouth pledges to support
Armed Forces personnel**

In recognition of the value Armed Forces personnel and their families bring to organisations and communities, Falmouth University has signed a covenant to ensure their respect, support and fair treatment.

The special signing on the eve of Armed Forces Day in June took place onboard HMS Richmond, a Duke-Class Type 23 Frigate alongside County Wharf, Falmouth Docks, where Falmouth University's Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Professor Emma Hunt was joined by Naval Regional Commander Wales & Western England, Brigadier Jock Fraser.

The University will ensure that service personnel, or people from service families, are fully supported to access Higher Education or to become a part of our staff community.



Giant mural brightens town

A famous local landmark has been treated to a facelift by Falmouth students and alumni.

Jacobs Ladder, the 111-step climb that rises from The Moor to the town's upper streets, now features a vibrant 50ft-long illustration painted by Illustration BA students. Celebrating the unique character of Falmouth, the mural was designed by alumni Dave Bain and co-ordinated and funded by the Falmouth BID in partnership with the University.



**Collaboration with top chef
and Truro Foodbank**

A playwright and lecturer from Falmouth University has kickstarted a new recipe card and video initiative tackling food poverty.

Following a successful run in London of his play *Biscuits for Breakfast*, which was set in Cornwall and addressed the UK food poverty crisis, Acting BA lecturer Gareth Farr has teamed up with top local chef Rupert Cooper and Truro Foodbank to tackle food insecurity and food waste. With support from Rupert and the University's Policy Change fund, Gareth has produced 'recipe of the month' cards that will be included in food boxes – along with additional herbs and spices to transform dried and tinned goods into tasty, nutritious meals.

The pair has also filmed an accompanying series of video tutorials, which will feature on the foodbank website.



The 'Spice Girls of improv' in their five-star musical comedy *Notflix*, at AMATA in November.

See a show this autumn

Falmouth University's arts centre AMATA offers a programme of exciting performances and productions, here at Penryn Campus. There's something for everyone, right on the doorstep, from monthly comedy nights to fantastic live music and trailblazing new theatre and dance acts.

Highlights this autumn include the Mermaids: Musical in a Day Workshop, the magical witchcraft extravaganza *Hags* and Tom Jackson-Greaves in the fabulous *All That Glitters* – described as end-of-the-pier meets *Brokeback Mountain*.

Visit our new website for full details and easy booking, at falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre

Climate Wall comes to campus

Ahead of COP28, we're inviting everyone in our community to share their thoughts on climate change by contributing messages that will be projected on a Climate Wall light installation. We invite you to share how you feel about climate change and what can be done to make a difference so we can create a moment in time to record our community's views.

You can interact with the installation via your mobile phone, or in advance by contacting Vic Patch on v.a.patch2@exeter.ac.uk. The light projection animations and messages, which will be triggered by movement, will appear on the wall opposite the Students' Union on Penryn Campus.

The light display has been created by the University of Exeter and is supported by all campus partners including Falmouth University. It runs from Monday 27 November to Friday 1 December, 4pm-9pm.

Campus late-night student events

September: 17, 20, 22 and 23

We're about to welcome new students to their first week at university. Security staff will patrol key areas of campus to minimise noise disturbance during the late-night events we've planned. Our Campus Safety and Support team can be contacted on 01326 255875.

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 Day:

Saturday 7 October 10am-4.30pm

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:

Saturday 14 October 10am-4.30pm

exeter.ac.uk/study

