

## Spring awards videos and features



Congratulations to [Angela Kirkpatrick](#) from Plumpton College, winner of the FE Sussex Foundation Degree Learner of the Year Award 2008, sponsored by Sussex Learning Network!

Find out about wine making, wine tasting, and what it's like to train in a new career, after twenty-five years of not having been a student!

The runner up Foundation Degree Learner of the Year 2008 is [Georgia Train](#) from Brighton Institute of Modern Music.

## Foundation Degree Events

The Student Network team are working with Sussex Downs College to promote Foundation Degrees to sixth form students.

We'll also be at the HE Fair on 22 and 23 April, and Plumpton College Open Day on May 10th.

[Visit www.foundation-degrees-in-sussex.com](http://www.foundation-degrees-in-sussex.com)



[Amanda Williams](#), one of our editors, will have her first novel, 'Curved Moon' published by Bluechrome Press in early 2009. The novel is set in Malaysia during the 1950's. A story of obsessive love is woven through the narrative.

[Read more on Amanda's blog...](#)

### [Online careers advice](#)

The Learning Opportunities website contains new information about careers in business, media, tourism, hair and beauty, engineering, sport and many many more...

[Visit website...](#)

## Exam-free study?



Sounds good doesn't it? Pete Odgers, principal lecturer in Hospitality Management at the University of Brighton certainly thinks so.

Courses that don't involve exams aren't a new idea, but did you know that students on the Foundation degree in Culinary Arts can progress all the way through from to the BA Culinary Arts top up year, without sitting a single exam?

[Find out how...](#)

## Sussexroutes - new online tool

Use **Sussexroutes** to find out about special agreements for learners in Sussex. These agreements help you get started on some of the higher education courses at universities and colleges in Sussex by guaranteeing you an interview, or sometimes an offer of a place on a course.

## On the web—student finance

### [UNIAID](#)

Online tools and games about student life

### [Student Calculator](#)

Set up by UNIAID—easy budgeting

### [the surgery](#)

BBC money website

### [Learning Opportunities—finance](#)

Financial information for Sussex learners

### [Bursarymap](#)

Links to information on bursaries offered by universities and colleges

### [Money Made Clear](#)

Jargon-busting website set up by the Financial Services Authority

### [Citizenship Foundation](#)

Budgeting and student life



## On the Student Network site

### [New videos](#)

Interviews with student winners and runners up from the 2008 FE Sussex spring awards.

### [From work experience to entrepreneur](#)

Jonathan Markwell went from working with ShellSTEP to working for himself. Find out how!

### [Dental checks](#)

Dental care professionals now have to be registered—read more and watch video.

### [Student Network blog](#)

Our blog is newly launched and open to all!

## Learning Opportunities

Sussex Learning Network's Learning Opportunities website has a huge amount of **information for learners**—especially if you're in work or about to enter the workforce.

It includes a **personalised planning pack** which you can download or print.

Including:

### [Finding time to study](#)

### [Information about childcare](#)

### [Studying part time](#)



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