

Hello, everyone! Can you believe it's already the end of May? Time seems to be flying by, and with each day passing, we find ourselves embracing new beginnings and endless possibilities. In this edition of our newsletter, we share with you the highlights of the events and updates that have unfolded throughout the month of May.

It has been a period of tremendous growth within our network, and we couldn't be happier to bring you all the remarkable happenings.

But that's not all! We will offer you a glimpse into the future, as we unveil the exciting lineup of events and initiatives planned for the upcoming months. Get ready to mark your calendars as we dive into the pages of this newsletter and create memorable experiences.

the black women in science network

Embracing the Journey: Celebrating Five Years of Black Women in Science at *Thriving Together* #BWIS5

We are happy to extend a special invitation to all of you from the Black Women in Science Network. We are celebrating our five-year anniversary and reflecting on the tremendous progress we have made in our mission to provide a space, platform, and movement for Black women interested in the Sciences. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 10th, 2023**, as we come together to host [Thriving Together](#), a remarkable networking event at the Institute of Physics on Caledonian Road.



Celebrating Five Years of
Black Women in Science

#BWIS5



10 June 2023

Doors open: 1:30pm
37 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9BU
Registration via Eventbrite

We invite our valued members, along with our friends and allies who have supported us throughout this journey, to join us on this day. *Thriving Together* promises an engaging program that includes enlightening panel discussions featuring accomplished Black Women in Science, inspiring speeches from our esteemed supporters, and, of course, ample networking opportunities. This event allows us to champion our community and provide insights into the impactful work we have done and our plans. It is an excellent opportunity for us to connect, reminisce about our past achievements, and look forward to a prosperous future together. We would love to have you join us! *Thriving Together* is made possible with the support of Wellcome and the Institute of Physics.

If you are interested in supporting our Network or would like more information, please [contact admin@bwisnetwork.com](mailto:contact_admin@bwisnetwork.com). Save the date and be part of this great celebration of Black Women Years in Science. We can't wait to see you there!



Diverse Narratives Unleashed: Championing Inclusivity and Empowerment in Podcasting

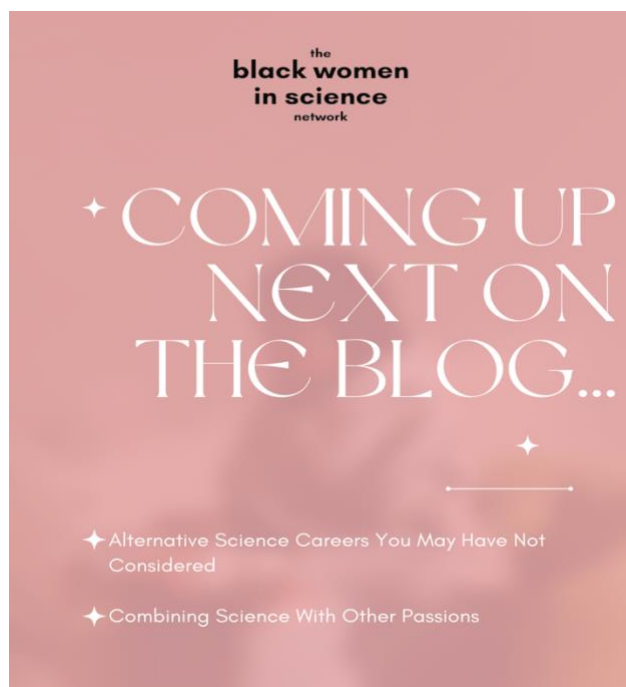
We're thrilled to announce our official return to the podcast, and it feels absolutely fantastic! In our first episode back, we had the pleasure of hosting Vivien Kintu, who passionately discussed the significance of establishing inclusive spaces for minority groups. You can listen to the episode [here](#). We have an awesome lineup of content planned for you, so make sure to stay connected with us through social media for upcoming episode releases. And guess what? We've got a sneak peek for an upcoming episode just for you! Our intention is to engage in meaningful conversations that hold significance for Black Women, both in their professional and personal lives. Therefore, we have taken action and we will continue to do so through our upcoming episode titled "The Legacy of Racism on Genetics", featuring Sasha Henriques.

Exploring Non-Traditional Science Careers and Combining Passions

Are you passionate about science but dread the idea of working in a lab or research setting unappealing? If so, our upcoming blog posts in June might be perfect for you! We'll look into alternative careers in the science industry and show you how to merge your scientific interests with other passions. Mark your calendars for our blog posts on June 7th and 21st, and don't forget to subscribe to our mailing list on the blog website, to receive instant notifications when our posts are published.

Join Us for Monthly Brunch Talks with BWiS

Our sincere gratitude to all those who have been joining us for our monthly virtual talks. *Brunch Talks with BWiS Network* provide an informal and engaging platform to hear from Black women in science, representing diverse backgrounds and experiences. Currently, scheduled on the third Saturday of every month from 11 am - 12 pm (UK Time), these talks offer valuable insights and inspiration. Mark your calendars for our upcoming brunch dates: **June 17th**, **July 15th** and **August 19th**. For a complete list of dates, you can subscribe to our calendar by visiting the [BWIS Calendar](#) link.



Get Involved: Volunteer with BWiS Network and Make a Difference in Science

The network currently has several volunteer positions available, including Administrator, Events Officer, Outreach & Engagement Officer, and Business & Financial Officer. We highly value the addition of more volunteers to our committee, as it contributes to our enhanced visibility and increased participation of women in science worldwide. Whether you choose to fill out the volunteer [form](#) or directly contact admin@bwisnetwork.com, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any inquiries regarding these positions. We would greatly appreciate your interest in joining our team.

Empowering Black Students and Graduates for Career Success

Save the date for the highly anticipated 2nd Black Graduate Careers Conference, set to take place at Imperial College London on **June 20, 2023**. This conference is dedicated to empowering young Black students and graduates by providing them with the necessary tools and knowledge to make informed decisions about their career paths. One of the highlights of the event will be a panel discussion focused on “Factors that impact a student’s sense of belonging” featuring a distinguished representative from the BWiS network. This discussion promises to shed light on important aspects that influence student’s feelings of inclusion and connection. We warmly invite you to attend and actively participate in this enriching conversation. Join us at the conference, where you will have the opportunity to engage with inspiring speakers, network with industry professionals, and gain valuable insights that can shape your future. Remember to [register](#). Don’t miss out on this empowering event!



Advancing Alzheimer’s Disease Research: Postdoctoral Opportunity in Biophotonic Technologies for Blood-Based Biomarker Sensing

The School of Physics, Engineering and Technology at the University of York is seeking a skilled postdoctoral researcher to join their lab starting in October 2023. The position is fully funded for a duration of 3 years. The primary focus of the role will be to develop biophotonic technologies for detecting specific biomarkers related to Alzheimer’s disease in blood samples. Additionally, the postdoc will be responsible for adapting the lab’s existing strategies for detecting individual molecules. For more enquiries please contact Dr Steven Quinn at steven.quinn@york.ac.za and additional information can be found on the University of York [website](#). Applications should be sent by **5 June 2023** and best of luck to everyone who will be applying!

Navigating the Path to Success in Biosciences: Your Ultimate Resource Hub

The Biosciences Resource Page is designed to help students, particularly those from underrepresented groups, make informed decisions about biosciences degrees and careers. It provides tailored advice on entry requirements, qualifications, study skills, postgraduate education and more. The page aims to empower students by offering early access to information, enabling them to enter and excel in bioscience careers, while also contributing to increasing diversity in the science and STEM fields. The page is currently available on the following social media platforms: [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [TikTok](#) and via email to Chinedu Agwu on bioscitolkit@gmail.com.

Advancing Medical Discovery: Inviting Research Proposals for the Blood Biomarker Challenge

Disease-modifying treatments are on the verge of a breakthrough, but their potential impact will be limited unless we can accurately and promptly diagnose individuals with dementia. Currently, only a small fraction, approximately 2%, of dementia patients in the UK are eligible for treatment access. However, there is hope in the form of blood biomarkers that could provide a solution to this challenge. On **June 8, 2023, at 12 pm**, an online event will be held, featuring funding partners such as People’s Postcode Lottery, Alzheimer’s Research UK, Alzheimer’s Society, and the National Institute for Health and Care Research. During this event, the funding partners will discuss the grant’s scope and review process, shedding light on potential opportunities. Attendees will have the invaluable chance to ask any questions they may have. To participate, interested individuals can register [online](#), ensuring their presence at this important gathering.