

# the black women in science network

Hi BWiS newsletter readers, as March wraps up, our commitment to fostering an environment for growth remains strong. As always, our mission is to facilitate connections, explore scientific developments, and empower our community with valuable knowledge. Happy reading of our 43<sup>rd</sup> newsletter!

## Awareness: March Spotlight on Endometriosis

March marks the observance of Endometriosis Awareness Month. Throughout this month, the BWiS Blog has delved into the latest research on endometriosis. Swing by our [latest blog post](#) to unravel the insights into the UK's second most prevalent gynaecological condition. Arm yourself with empowering insights on how to champion your own health in the realm of healthcare advocacy. It's time to ignite awareness and take charge!



## Podcast Updates: What's New on the Airwaves?

Recently, we had the privilege of engaging in a captivating [conversation with Jessica Johnson](#), delving into her enriching experiences in astrogeophysics. April is shaping up to be even more exhilarating. We're excited to announce the return of a beloved guest on our podcast, promising fresh insights and perspectives that you won't want to miss. Any guesses on who it may be? And if that's not enough to pique your interest, we've got something special lined up in the realm of hair science. Yes, you read that right! Prepare to listen into the fascinating world of hair science, where we'll unravel mysteries and uncover the secrets behind those luscious locks.

Can't wait until next month's episodes? All previous podcast episodes, covering a range of topics, are accessible on your preferred platform [via our website](#).



## BBC Bitesize Podcast: Dive into Electrolysis with Tulela Pea

We are beyond excited to share that our very own podcast host and blog editor, Tulela Pea, has joined the BBC Bitesize platform as a host for their Chemistry Podcast. In their recent [BBC Bitesize GCSE Chemistry Podcast](#), Sunayana Bhargava and Tulela explored the complexities of electrolysis, specifically its application in aqueous solutions. Aimed at GCSE students, listeners are taken through a comprehensive understanding of essential concepts vital for exam success. Make sure to share this useful resource with those who will find it beneficial. We're very proud to see Tulela on this platform! #RepresentationMatters

**Brunch Talks with BWiS: Save the Dates!**

Our Brunch Talk sessions are just getting started and are shaping up to be an incredible series! Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming dates: **April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, and July 20th**. We meet at 11am (UK time) for an hour of unfiltered conversation about anything that is on your mind. Brunch Talks with BWiS isn't just an event – it's a virtual oasis where our community gathers to connect and inspire one another. All this from you're the comfort of your own home. We hope to see you there!

**Recap of Brunch Talks LIVE! Cambridge 2024**

We returned for another year at the University of Cambridge for a Brunch Talks LIVE!. A day filled with connections, exhilarating networking games, a headshot stand, our forever-favourite affirmation stand, and brunch foods! A huge thank you to all that made the time to come that day, the volunteers that planned the event and help on the day, and the generosity and time provided by all vendors. Lastly, a thank you to the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Yusif Hamied Department of Chemistry (University of Cambridge) for making this event possible.

**Wellcome Accelerator Grants**

Wellcome are proud to announce the launch of their [Wellcome Accelerator Awards](#). This supports researchers of Black, Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage in the UK to undertake activities that put them in a stronger position to reach their next career stage. The funding can be used for research or research-adjacent activities, such as training, secondments, and networking. Those who are eligible to apply include those with a Black heritage background, including a mixed heritage background. For example, Black African; Black Caribbean; Black Other; Mixed background (must include Black African, Black Caribbean or other Black backgrounds). [Visit their website](#) for more information!

**Empowering Black Women in Science!**

Fuel your year with purpose and precision! If you are a Black woman driven by a fiery passion for science, don't miss out on this golden opportunity to join our vibrant community. Best of all? It won't cost you a dime! Unlock a universe of opportunities with us, where support, mentorship, and a stage to dazzle await. Dive into our dynamic online forum, where collaboration thrives and brilliance shines. Don't hesitate, [sign up now](#) and let's soar together!

March has been a productive month for us at the Network, and we hope it was for you too. We're excited to have wrapped up the first quarter of the year providing spaces for connection and progress!

**Have a great month,  
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