

Greetings BWiS subscribers! It's the end of August, which for some means it is the end of Summer. This may mean earlier sunsets for most of the globe, and colder weather. Have no fear, we have a lot to keep you occupied with in the autumn season. Enjoy our highlights, with more from our blog, podcast updates and more a sneak peek at what our next event will be! Keep reading to find out more.

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BWiS Blog: Silent and Silenced

Oprah said it best: “were you silent or were you silenced?”. Does trying not to come across as the angry Black woman have biological consequences? Some recent research suggests that it might. In our latest blog post, [Silent & Silenced](#), we explore the link between suppressed anger and autoimmune diseases in Black women. Show the blog some love! Comments and ratings are now possible on our website.



Celebrating You 2024

In the next few weeks, we are excited to be announcing that we are back again for one of our annual events. Celebrating You. We always share our events on [Eventbrite](#), so make sure you're following us there to be the first to know when tickets go live. As always, registration will be free, but will be limited. Based on feedback from previous attendees, we will be putting the option for a donation to be made alongside your registration.



If you want an insight about how this event will go, have a listen back to a podcast episode called [Creating Space for Minority Groups](#) with Vivien Kintu, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Manager at the Academy of Medical Sciences (available on all streaming platforms). We also have blog posts about the [Celebrating You 2022](#) and [Celebrating You 2023](#) that you can recap and enjoy with us. Finally, we have some [pictures from the previous Celebrating You events](#) available for viewing on our website.

We'll be sharing this news on our social media platforms in the next coming weeks. And not just for events, but also for some exciting new projects we are working on. You can find us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and now on [TikTok](#).

We're excited to share further space with you!! Watch this space.

Brunch Talks with BWiS

Don't miss out on our upcoming Brunch Talks with BWiS sessions. The next dates are:

- September 21st,
- October 19th, and
- November 16th.

These virtual events are more than just a gathering—they're a dynamic space where our community comes together to connect, uplift, and inspire. We look forward to sharing these engaging discussions with you! Contact admin@bwisnetwork.com for more information.

We are so proud of the team!

Juliana gets and Outstanding Alumni Award

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to one of Events Officers, Juliana Eniraiyetan, for receiving the prestigious Outstanding Alumni Award from Nottingham Trent University. This accolade highlights her exceptional contributions to society and her unwavering commitment to advancing equity in the sciences. We are incredibly proud to have Juliana as part of our network. Her achievements serve as a powerful reminder of the change that can be accomplished when passion meets purpose. Her ongoing commitment to making the world a more equitable place is an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to seeing the continued positive impact she will undoubtedly make in the years to come.



Ntokozo goes to the US

Ntokozo Msiza has been chosen as one of 103 women for the prestigious [2024 TechWomen program](#), selected from over 6,000 applicants. This program, organized by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, will be held in the United States during September and October 2024. Ntokozo will be representing South Africa



alongside fellow participants Pindiwe Filtane, Emma Molobi, Apiwe Hotele, and Sarah McEwan. TechWomen is a dynamic initiative designed to empower women leaders in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from Africa, Central and South Asia, and the Middle East. The program offers participants valuable mentorship, professional development, and networking opportunities aimed at advancing their careers and fostering inspiration within their communities. We are honored to have Ntokozo in our network and are deeply inspired by the positive impact she continues to make in her field.

NIHR REDiC Incubator is launching this month

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) are pleased to announce the launch of the REDiC Incubator. The REDiC Incubator aims to primarily attract and inspire

people from racially minoritised backgrounds to consider and develop health and care research careers. Their target audience includes health and care researchers, research-related professionals, postgraduate researchers and undergraduate students.

Their [virtual launch event](#) on 11th September will introduce the Incubator, NIHR capacity-building initiatives, discuss ways to access opportunities and provide an audience with funders (NIHR, Wellcome and MRC) to showcase and celebrate what they are doing to advance a racially inclusive research culture. You can [register for the event here](#).

Introduction to the Software Sustainability Institute Fellowship Programme

The [SSI Fellowship Programme](#) is currently accepting applications. The programme aims to improve and promote good computational practice across all research disciplines and support those who are doing this important work. Successful applicants receive a £4000 budget for organising or attending activities, have mentors, and participate in regular monthly calls and workshops. Those from diverse backgrounds, including those without formal qualifications in software development are encouraged to apply. Applications close on 7th October 2024. Questions about the SSI Fellowship Programme can be directed to fellows-management@software.ac.uk.

We hope the excitement of the successes of our team, the information from the recent blog posts and the anticipation of an upcoming event is enough to keep you going until the next month. Make sure to keep an eye on the announcements coming on our social media pages and interact with our blog and podcast. A little love goes a long way! Stay warm and light in the coming month. Looking forward to riding out the end of the year with you all.

Speak soon,

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