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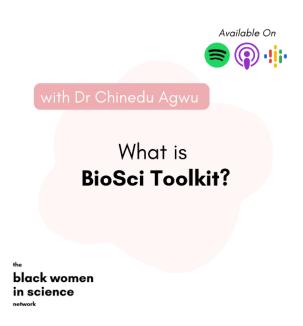
Greetings BWIS Community! We've officially conquered the first 31 days of 2024. How incredible is that? Let's keep that amazing momentum going as we hold tight to our dreams. Curious, about what awaits you in this month's newsletter? Read through as we unveil exciting updates. Happy reading, and here's to making every day of the coming months as fantastic as the first 31!

#### **Calling Passionate Black Women in Science**

Ignite the year with purpose and direction! If you're a Black woman powered by a passion for science, seize the chance to join our community. Your ticket to a world of endless possibilities is absolutely free! Unlock a world of possibilities with our supportive community offering valuable connections, mentorship, and a platform to showcase your brilliance. Dive into our dynamic online forum, collaborate with like-minded individuals, and elevate your scientific journey. Sign up now to become a Member!

### The Podcast's Thrilling Comeback with Unmatched Energy in 2024!

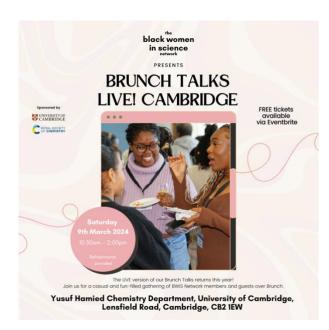
Get ready to be blown away, because the podcast is back and it's bigger and more electrifying than ever this year! We kicked things off with a bang as we had the incredible Bushra Schuitemaker, a PhD student and dynamic leader of Black Girls Hike, take the mic in our first episode. This episode is not just a listen; it's an adventure waiting to unfold! Our own coolest committee members, Juliana and Amen, spill the beans on why we, as a network, roll out the red carpet for events in our latest episode. Next month, get ready for a treasure trove of exciting episodes! Your golden ticket awaits for an exclusive sneak peek at our mind-blowing guest. Count down the days until this podcast hits your ears!



### Virtual Brunch Talks: A Journey of Connection, Conversations, and Community!

We kicked off the year with an absolutely delightful Brunch Talks session on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, setting the tone for what promises to be an amazing series! Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates: *February 17th, March 16th, April 20th, and May 18th*. Brunch Talks with BWiS is more than just an event, it's a virtual oasis where our community comes together. These sessions are a unique blend of sharing the highs and lows of each month while delving

into a range of captivating topics. It's a space where you are warmly welcomed to join us exactly as you are. Looking forward to seeing you there.



# Brunch Talks LIVE! Cambridge is back again

Due to popular demand, we're back with another in-person event. Brunch Talks LIVE! is back in 2024; and we're excited to return to the idyllic scenes of Cambridge. We're excited to bring you a brunch session filled with inspiring conversation; where you can immerse yourself in a vibrant atmosphere and meet like-minded individuals and Black Women peers who are passionate about science. We have limited space, so make sure you register your spot now.

Refreshments and some bubbly (non-alcoholic ones too!) will be provided. Don't

miss out on this unique opportunity to expand your network, gain valuable knowledge, and be embraced by members of the BWiS Network.

Major thanks to this year's sponsors: University of Cambridge Yusuf Hamied Chemistry Department & The Royal Society of Chemistry.

#### **Fuel Your Future in Chemistry!**

Do you want to launch your career in chemistry? Thrive in a vibrant, inclusive, and diverse professional community! Chemists from minoritized racial and ethnic backgrounds often encounter systemic barriers, leading many to exit the profession post-undergraduate studies. Introducing <a href="Broadening Horizons in the Chemical Sciences programme">Broadening Horizons in the Chemical Sciences programme</a>, a dynamic three-year pilot designed to combat this attrition. Its mission is to support students and graduates from minoritized racial and ethnic backgrounds in pursuing successful careers in the chemical sciences. After the success of two previous cohorts, applications are now open for the 2024-2025 cohort. Don't miss out on this exhilarating opportunity to shape your future! Application deadline is 15 February 2024.

The New Year is now in full swing, and we couldn't be more excited to kick off this incredible journey with all of you again. Here's to a year filled with monumental successes; unwavering strength in the face of challenges; and boundless joy. Let's make it an extraordinary chapter to remember together!

Looking forward to doing 2024 with you,
Black Women in Science Network