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Hello BWIS supporters!

As February concludes, we're grateful for your ongoing support and engagement with our newsletters. Our aim remains to see you thrive and grasp every opportunity available to you. Thank you for being part of our community, and here's to seizing the opportunities ahead!

Join Us for Our Next Brunch Talks with BWiS on March 16th!

We continue to host our Brunch Talks sessions, and the journey thus far has been truly remarkable! We invite you to join us on the 16th of March for our upcoming Brunch Talk. Brunch Talks with BWiS is a virtual oasis where our community gathers. These sessions offer a special mix of exchanging experiences; exploring various engaging topics; and embracing both the triumphs and challenges of each month. You are warmly encouraged to join us just as you are. We look forward to seeing you there!

Brunch Talks LIVE! Cambridge

You have sold out Brunch Talks LIVE! Cambridge again. We look forward to seeing those of you who received tickets on Saturday the 9th March 2024. We're excited to return to the idyllic scenes of Cambridge, and join together for a time of networking, and food! Refreshments and some bubbly will be provided (non-alcoholic options available). Can't wait to see you!



For those who weren't able to get tickets, have no fear, you can join the waiting list here to be given a space if more spaces become available.

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

Valentine's Day Reflection: Love, Loneliness, and Self-Care Strategies

This month, our focus on the BWiS Blog has been the intricate interplay between Valentine's Day and mental health. While some embrace the occasion wholeheartedly, others feel differently. We address feelings of loneliness associated with Valentine's Day and offer practical suggestions to navigate through them. If you find yourself grappling with the "Valentine's blues" rather than delighting in the day of love, don't miss our latest post, "On Love & Loneliness.". It's a great read.

Podcast Roundup: Dynamic Conversations and Unforgettable Stories!



This month marked an exciting milestone as we welcomed Dr. Chinedu Agwu to our podcast. Dr. Agwu enlightened us with her profound passion for the biosciences and introduced her ground-breaking social enterprise, BioSci Toolkit. Listen into this enlightening conversation with her on our <u>latest episode</u> (available on all streaming platforms).

In addition to this, we had the pleasure of hosting Jessica Johnson for a captivating two-part discussion. In the first part, she shares enthralling tales from her experiences in Astrogeophysics and Planetary Medicine, recounting her

expedition in Antarctica. In the second part, Jessica candidly discussed the unique challenges and triumphs she faces as a Black woman in the field.

We're really enjoying seeing you engage with this podcast, and as we say, this platform is for you! Due to this, we value your feedback to enhance your listening experience: share your thoughts through our <u>feedback form</u>.

Rising Talent Fellowship Call for Applications

The MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB) is proud to announce a three-year fully funded postdoctoral fellowship tailored for scientists of Black heritage backgrounds. This fellowship is designed to empower promising individuals in the fields of molecular biology and biomedical sciences by offering mentorship and training opportunities within the LMB's collaborative research setting. With a commitment to addressing the underrepresentation of Black scientists in higher education, this initiative aims to serve as a beacon of inspiration for future generations. The application deadline is March 31.

For further details, please click here. Best of luck to all prospective candidates.