

the black women in science network

Greetings, everyone! We've reached the halfway mark of the year, and time seems to be flying. In this edition of our newsletter, we'll be exploring fascinating opportunities in the space of science. Get ready for a collection of valuable insights and promising ventures that can propel you forward in this ever-evolving world. Let's dive in and embrace the boundless possibilities!

The Power of Networks in Empowering Black Professionals

Our very own Blog Writer, Success Fabusoro, proudly represented the Black Women in Science Network as a distinguished panellist at the renowned Black Graduate Careers Conference hosted by Imperial College London. During the captivating panel discussion, which revolved around the power of networks in cultivating a profound sense of belonging, the attendees delved into the personal experiences of being the sole representative within a particular environment or group.

The isolating nature of such experiences was a shared understanding among the audience. However, the panel emphasized the transformative effect of immersing oneself within a



community and finding solace in their "Tribe." By connecting with like-minded individuals, one can escape the detachment and instead gain the confidence necessary to claim their rightful space. Leading the panel was the esteemed Dr. Wayne Mitchell, while other distinguished speakers included Steven Fuller, Anjela Maharajah, and Dr. William Ackah, each of whom has successfully established their own remarkable networks.

The Sunscreen Debate: Unveiling the Truth and Recommendations for Black Skin

It's finally Summer! Our upcoming blog posts for the month of July will be exploring the effectiveness of Sunscreen and tackling the highly debated question: "Do Black people need sunscreen too?" We'll also be listing out the best sunscreen products for Black skin so keep an eye out for our blog posts on the 5th and 19th of July. If you haven't done so already, [subscribe to our mailing list](#) on the blog website so you can be notified as soon as our posts are released.

Monthly Brunch Talks with BWiS

Join us for our monthly virtual talks, Brunch Talks with BWiS Network. Hear from inspiring Black women in science, representing diverse backgrounds. Scheduled every third Saturday from 11 am - 12 pm (UK Time), these talks provide valuable insights. Save the dates: **15 July, 19 August, 16 September, and 21 October**. Subscribe to our calendar at the BWiS Calendar link for more [dates](#). You must be a **member** of the network to be invited to these Brunches, Black women in the Sciences can sign up to become a member [here](#).

Step Up. Lead. Inspire. Bernie Grant Leadership Programme 2023-24 Cohort

Applications are open for the Bernie Grant Leadership Programme! Join the 2023-24 cohort, empower Black leaders, and increase representation in the Labour Party. [Apply](#) now for a leadership role in politics, local government, or your community. Watch their informative [video](#) at The Bernie Grant Leadership Programme Application, The Labour Party. Attend their [Zoom](#) open event to learn more and ask questions (Saturday, 1 July 2023 at 11am). Applications close on **July 16, 2023**, at 11pm. Don't miss this opportunity! Apply today.

Drive Change: Become a Race Equality Coordinator at MRC Laboratory

The MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology are seeking a Race Equality Coordinator to drive diversity and inclusion initiatives. Collaborate with EDI managers and institutes, analyze race equality, manage the 'Black in Biomedical Research' project, and implement its action plan. [Apply](#) by Wednesday, 5 July 2023. For any enquiries contact Sarah at Sarah.Goler-Solecki@mrc.ukri.org or Louise Atkin at latkin@mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk

Online Webinar: Tips for Successful Applications to the Royal Society URF and DHF

Join the Royal Society's [webinar](#) on July 6 to learn about their URF and DHF, providing up to eight years of support for early career researchers. Gain insights from expert speakers on the application process, eligibility, interviews, and support for applicants with disabilities. Explore fascinating subjects ranging from quantum theories of spacetime to the genetic basis of complex carbohydrate metabolism.

Make a Lasting Impact: Become a Mentor for Black Girls

Join the Catalyst Collective, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering Black girls by connecting them with relatable role models through mentoring. They are currently seeking Black women mentors from all over the UK to support our upcoming mentoring programs. By dedicating just one hour a month, you can make a profound difference in the life of a young Black girl. If you are passionate about helping others and want to become a mentor, we invite you to [apply](#). For any inquiries or clarifications, please reach out to Chloe and the Catalyst Team at info@thecatalystcollective.co.uk. The application deadline is mid-August.