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Hey BWIS Networkers! Get ready to jingle because we're on the countdown to the merriest time of the year, Christmas. And we're gearing up to welcome the fantastic year of 2024 with open arms. Can you believe we've conquered every twist and turn this year?

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Let's prepare for more incredible opportunities, learn from the peaks and the valleys, and celebrate our amazing lives. As we wrap up the last days of 2023, let's do a happy dance and take one last whirlwind look at all the fantastic updates buzzing within our vibrant network. It's been a year of growth, resilience, and endless possibilities. Cheers to us!

## Thrills, Spills, and Victories: BWIS Blogs' Rollercoaster Ride of 2023

What an extraordinary year it's been at BWIS Blogs. We burst onto the scene by tackling the critical issue of the <u>cost-of-living crisis</u>. From there, we plunged into gripping topics such as the <u>inequities in job recruitment processes</u>, decoding the <u>layers of intersectionality</u> for Black women, navigating <u>alternative career paths within STEM</u>, highlighting the significance of <u>sunscreen for darker skin tones</u>, and offering savvy tips for <u>mastering small talk</u> during the festive season. Immerse yourself in our <u>latest blog post</u> for a thrilling rollercoaster ride through the standout moments of this sensational year!

# Podcast Carnival: Celebrating 2023's Hits and Unveiling the Adventures of 2024

As we approach the year end, it's time for the podcast's annual highlight: a thorough review of our 2023 episodes. In our <u>most recent episode</u>, Tomi and Tulela dive into conversations about their favourite moments and share their aspirations for the podcast in the upcoming year.

The podcast is set to soar to new heights in 2024, featuring engaging discussions with even more exceptional guests. Stay connected through our social media channels, <u>follow us</u> on your preferred podcast platform, and don't forget to turn on notifications for our upcoming releases.



We're eager to hear your thoughts and suggestions about the podcast; share them with us through a quick and anonymous <u>feedback form</u>. Your input plays a crucial role in shaping our content.

## Unlock Your Productivity: Study Group 2024 Is Back and Better Than Ever

Get ready for the highly anticipated return of our study/work groups in 2024, it's a gamechanger. Whether you're aiming for ambitious New Year's resolutions or looking to ignite your projects, we've got your back. Join us for an exhilarating journey of productivity and growth, no restrictions, just the freedom to delve into whatever your heart desires.

Exclusively for Members of the Network, secure your spot by <u>signing up</u> by the 9<sup>th</sup> January. We're bringing the energy every Wednesday evening between January 17th and March 6th, from 19:00 to 21:00 (GMT), following the Pomodoro method for maximum efficiency. Sessions will be hosted virtually, so you can join from the comfort of your space.

Don't miss this opportunity to make 2024 your most productive and transformative year yet.

### Embark on a journey with the BWIS network: Become a member

If you're a Black woman passionate about science, don't miss the chance to join us for free and open up a world of possibilities! The Black Women in Science Network is your exclusive gateway to a supportive community, offering invaluable connections, mentorship opportunities, access to cutting-edge resources, and a platform to showcase your brilliance.

### Brunch Talks Bonanza 2024: Mark Your Calendars for a Year of BWiS Vibes

After the smashing success of Brunch Talks with BWiS this year, we're keeping these sessions running in 2024. Here are our first dates:

• January 20th,

April 20<sup>th</sup>, and
May 18<sup>th</sup>.

- February 17th,
- March 16th,

For the newcomers, Brunch Talks with BWiS provides a virtual oasis for our community to gather. Hosted by the BWiS team, these sessions offer a platform to share the highs and lows of each month and explore a variety of topics that are on your mind. It's a safe space where you're wholeheartedly encouraged to join just as you are. Your presence is bound to add an extra sprinkle of joy. Can't wait to see you there!

### Join the Party: Where BWIS Volunteers Spark the Magic Behind the Network Scenes

A sincere appreciation to all the wonderful individuals who have generously volunteered to join our Network's behind-the-scenes team. In the upcoming year, we will be in touch with updates on your applications. As we continue to build a vibrant community, we are actively seeking additional helping hands. If you're keen on contributing to specific roles, explore the <u>details of responsibilities</u> and consider <u>filling out the application form</u>. Your support is instrumental in keeping our space vibrant and thriving.

As the year concludes, we reflect with immense joy on the connections we have forged through this newsletter. Your readership is deeply appreciated, and we genuinely encourage you to embrace the exciting opportunities we have laid out for you. Remember, the future is a party, and you're invited to dance right through it. We are your go-to dance partners, ready to

support you on this fantastic journey. Until our paths cross again in 2024, here's to more adventures, more laughs, and more awesome moments together!

Stay safe, stay healthy, and sprinkle love and kindness wherever you go this festive season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Black Women in Science Network