

# the black women in science network

are coming soon.

Hi everyone, we greet you all in the name of love and happiness! Time flies so quickly, we are now in the 18th week of the year, can you believe it? So many exciting activities and opportunities are coming up for the network in the next coming months.

The month of April has highlighted achievements of the network and community engagement activities that

## **BWiS Network Presents: “Thriving Together” Anniversary Event #BWIS5**

The Black Women in Science Network is excited to invite you to a special celebration of its five-year anniversary. We have made great strides in our mission to be a space, a platform and a movement for Black women interested in the Sciences.

Join us on **Saturday 10th June 2023** as we host Black women in Science together, with friends and allies of the network who have supported us to date. This celebratory networking event will take place at the Institute of Physics on Caledonian Road, with an exciting program, including panel discussions from Black women in Science, words from our biggest supporters and, as always, networking opportunities.



Celebrating Five Years of  
Black Women in Science

#BWIS5



**10 June 2023**

Doors open: 1:30pm  
37 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9BU  
Registration via Eventbrite

*Thriving Together* is an opportunity for us to champion our community and share more about the work we do and plan to do. Please join us as we spend time together reminiscing about the past and looking forward towards a prosperous future.

As members of the network, we would love to see you all there! This event is hosted with support from Wellcome and the Institute of Physics. For more information on how you can support the Network, please contact [admin@bwisnetwork.com](mailto:admin@bwisnetwork.com).

### The Return of The Podcast

It will be almost one year since we launched our podcast, and it was not in vain. The Feedspot Editorial team searched the internet to find the best Women in Science Podcasts worth listening to in 2023. And to our surprise and excitement, our podcast has been ranked number 3 on their [Top 30 Women in Science Podcasts](#) list. And it gets even better: we're coming back with even more content in a few weeks, so head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to stay up-to-date with the release dates!

### New BWiS blog posts

We are happy to announce that we will be having two new [blog posts](#) coming in May. On the 3rd of May, we will be releasing a blog post on Ghana being the first country to approve of a new "world changing" malaria vaccine developed by The University of Oxford. This is significant because this approval has come before the World Health Organization's approval of the new vaccine. The blog post explores the following questions: How does the Vaccine work? Is it truly effective? And what is the significance of Ghana being the first country to approve this new vaccine? The second blog post will look at 'Black women in Science on screen'. Keep an eye out for our blog posts notifications.

### Recognition at the BSI Immunology Awards

This month, our founder, Tomi Akingbade, was presented with the BSI Diversity and Inclusion Award alongside Dr Donald Palmer, Royal Veterinary College. This award was presented largely due to her work she does with the Black Women in Science Network. In her acceptance speech, Tomi mentioned that this not something she achieved alone, and that it is only with the support of the Network that she is able to do what she does. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the judges for recognising the Black women in Science Network as an equity-driven platform. Thank you all so much for your support and amazing-ness, none of this is possible with you. Well done to us all!



### BWiS Network Volunteers

BWiS Network has a couple of volunteer positions that are still open, which include (but are not limited to) **Blog writers**, **Administrator**; **Events Officer**; **Outreach & Engagement Officer** and **Business & Finances Officer**. We appreciate seeing more volunteers joining the committee as this will help us to increase our visibility and have more participation of women in science across the globe. Feel free to apply to be a [volunteer](#) and contact [admin@bwisnetwork.com](mailto:admin@bwisnetwork.com) if you have any questions about these positions.

### Monthly Brunch Talks with BWiS

A warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been attending our monthly virtual talks. *Brunch Talks with BWiS Network* are informal, virtual hour talks with Black women in science from all walks of life. The talks are currently taking place on the third Saturday of each month at 11 am - 12 pm (UK Time). Our next brunch dates are as follows: **20 May**, **17 June**, **15 July**, and **19 August**. You can subscribe to our calendar via this link [BWiS Calendar](#) to see more of the dates.

Best wishes  
Black Women in Science Network