

# WOMEN IN NEUROSCIENCE UK

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June was Pride month and as a community, we want to celebrate every scientist and their achievement regardless of their gender and orientation. We should all be visible, have equal rights and feel safe in science!

## NEWS FROM THE WORLD

As a community that values the contribution of women in science, we would like to mention a discussion that is dividing the scientific community. To date, 60 women have been awarded Nobel Prizes, compared with 892 men and just five of this year's 39 speakers invited to the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting were women. At this year's Lindau Meeting, the discussion between the Nobel laureate Kurt Wüthrich (Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2002 for the development of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy) and an early-career scientist is sparking conversations about sexism in science. During the panel discussion, Wüthrich stated that "as a male scientist, I have a feeling of discrimination when I am here, in the climate that this meeting is being held". In response, an early-career researcher claimed, "There might be individual discrimination toward men, but it is nothing compared to the systematic and structural discrimination that women face, especially in the STEM fields". We stand by this early-career researcher.

We are saddened to see the detachment and disregard that some established academics have towards the situations they leave many of today's early-career researchers within. Equal opportunities go hand in hand with science and progress cannot be achieved without both. We still have a long road to walk but if there is something that we have learned from this discussion, it is to continue with our fights for inclusion, and not to be scared of sharing our opinion, no matter if on the other side there is a Nobel prize winner or any other person.

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# BLOG PROMPTS

Fancy writing for the WiNUK blog, but not sure what to write about? Not to worry - the editors regularly put together a collection of prompts to get you started. Every two weeks we will share a new set, and you can sign up to any of them by commenting on the Slack post. Feel free to reach out to the section editor to discuss before you commit - we are here to help.

## *Reality*

Section editor: Sofia Marina Konstantinidou

### **Careers outside of the Lab**

**Is overworking an inherent part of research/academia?**

## *Research*

Section editor: Julia Dabrowska

### **The neuroscience of cancer**

**Memory replay: a connection between past and present?**

## *Review*

Section editor: Ailie McWhinnie

Summarise the book you are reading or podcast you are listening to, or even an event you have attended! What issues or topics does it explore? Are there ways you can relate it to your own experience? Try to capture the tone, give some background, and include quotes. Feel free to be creative and express your own personal voice. This month we suggest...

### ***Book review***

**Being You: A New Science of Consciousness, by Anil Seth**

Click on the link below to know more about the details of the articles:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vbjBD3tN7EvDIYhAChdNWT8FIU6t\\_ZryPI7susWDMSM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vbjBD3tN7EvDIYhAChdNWT8FIU6t_ZryPI7susWDMSM/edit?usp=sharing)