

WOMEN IN NEUROSCIENCE UK

June 2023 Newsletter

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SOCIAL RECAPS

Women in Neuroscience UK has hosted two virtual events in May so, let's start from the very beginning and walk through those.

On May 2nd, we hosted the "Alternative Careers in Neuroscience" event, an opportunity to have an engaging discussion on the different careers in science with several mentors and experts in the field of neuroscience. Indeed, we had the pleasure to have Claire Sexton, Senior Director of Scientific Programs and Outreach at Alzheimer's Association talking about her career journey.

To join us was also Ginny Smith, Founder of Braintastic, an association promoting the importance of science communication especially for the younger generations. Radhika Patnala, Director at Sci-illustrate, has walked us through her scientific journey and the details of her software showing us really cool graphics available on her website.

On May 31st, we hosted "Time is Brain: From Stroke Research to Surviving Stroke" for Stroke awareness month to discuss on various topics from surviving stroke to stroke research and opportunities and funding in stroke research. To join us for the evening was Mrs Stacie Broke, an ex-marketing professional and author of "(al)ONE Thriving a Stroke", a book she wrote after having a stroke at the age of 46. For her, a stroke was definitely not a sentence and she is supporting and inspiring to this day other survivors.

The night proceeded with Dr Gargi Banerjee, holder of a clinical lecturership funded by Alzheimer's Research UK, the Stroke Association and NIHR who walked us through her research on iatrogenic CAA, a newly described disease caused by protein transmission and its implication in brain haemorrhage. Last but not least, Dr Rubina Ahmed, associate director for Systems Engagement at the Stroke Association, talked about her role and work in stroke research funding and tackling health inequalities. Thanks to the incredible team of the WiN UK, the speakers and the attendees both these events were a great success and we are looking forward to the next ones.

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BLOG PROMPTS

Fancy writing for the WiN UK 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: Ailie McWhinnie

The confidence gap, and learning as you go

Moving into the real world as the COVID generation

Research

Section editor: Julia Dabrowska

Multi-sensory learning

The effects of personal and societal events on psychiatric health

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...

Event review:

Pint of Science

Book review

Other Minds: The Octopus, The Sea, and the Deep Origins of Consciousness, by Peter Godfrey-Smith

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

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