

Identifying and addressing challenges for (neuro)scientists from diverse backgrounds

Date and time

Tue 27 November 2018

12:00-15:00

Lecture Theatre, MRC CBU, 15 Chaucer Road Cambridge

Description

At this Equality and Diversity career event we hope to identify and discuss unique challenges encountered by scientists from diverse backgrounds, including but not limited to racial, cultural, and gender-related challenges, highlight existing resources and discuss new ways to improve access and allow scientists and humanities scholars from all backgrounds to flourish. The event will be relevant for scholars from all backgrounds.

Programme

12:00-12:10

Introduction and welcome

12:10-12:30

Ivan Simpson-Kent (MRC CBU)

Straight Outta West Philly: From the Hood to Cambridge Cows

12:30-12:50

Giulia Barsuola (MRC CBU)

Gender Nonconformity in Academia: Meanings and Challenges

12:50-13:10

Dr Joanna Jasiewicz (Equality & Diversity Consultant, University of Cambridge)

Career progression, BAME staff and institutional culture: exploring obstacles and ways forward

13:10-13:30

Tea and coffee

13:30-13:50

Professor Nita Forouhi (Clinical school E&D champion; MRC Epidemiology Unit)

Scientific careers – Everyone's business

13:50-14:10

Dr. Darren Dunning

What am I doing here? Observations from an academic from a non-traditional background

14:10-15:00

Open discussion with audience and speakers

Topics for discussion:

- Funding
- Arriving in the UK
- Existing resources
- How to improve access?

If you are thinking of attending let us know so we can arrange for sufficient biscuits 😊. For questions, please contact Mengya Zhang (Mengya.Zhang@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk), Moataz Assem (Moataz.Assem@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk) or Rogier Kievit (Rogier.Kievit@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk)