# Tell us about yourself



### Represent-Connect-Inspire!

**Mark Richards** 

### **Senior Teaching Fellow**

Department of Physics Imperial College London



# A little bit about me

### Hello! こんにちは

Sotaro Kita, "Kita", (he/him)

Professor of Psychology of Language

Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor (Research)

University of Warwick

I manage the university's strategy for research culture and research communication. I also do research on language and gesture.



# Hello! Sabrina Fleurimé

## Science Policy Officer and Corporate Partnership Director

I promote the interests of the biosciences and I also support Black individuals studying STEM in the UK



### Hello! Kulbir Shergill

### Director of Social Inclusion, University of Warwick

I lead the development and implementation of Warwick's Social Inclusion Strategy for an inclusive student and staff experience.



# Hello! Quassim Cassam

### Professor of Philosophy, University of Warwick

I currently research and teach on liberation philosophy, extremism, the philosophy of terrorism, and the philosophy of general practice.



### Harbinder Kaur Sandhu

### **Professor of Health Psychology**

Associate Director, Warwick Clinical Trials Unit Practitioner Health Psychologist, HCPC

Clinical Practice, Research, Teaching, Leadership and Mentoring



# What are some of your key life moments



#### Mark

Founded the Blacktt Lab Family (BLF)

www.theblackettlabfamily.com

Featured in the Mathematics
Today Journal for Black History
Month

My awards

Hosted the BLF Representing Physics Conference

> Featured in Stormzy's Superheroes Book

Featured on Sky History's Evil Genius



### **UNITING BLACK** MINDS TO SEE BEYOND.

We are a collective of UK based Black physicists.

Our mission is changing the face of physics and is driven by our three pillars: to represent, to connect and to inspire.









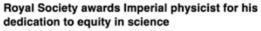
@blackettlabfam

#### Inclusive research in the future..?

**MATHEMATICS** 

#### Urban Maths: The Ubiquity of Sampling Theory

Mark D. Richards, Imperial College London



by Hayley Dunning 24 August 2022



Dr Mark Richards is recognised in the Royal Society's annual awards for his commitment to increasing equity in physics.

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- Print this story

- Elected Fellow of the City and Guilds Institute, 2019
- · Presidents award for Excellence in Culture and Community, 2022
- Inaugural Royal Society award for Research Culture, 2022
- Awarded Hon, Fellow of Institute of Physics, 2023

Article Combines:

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- Research
- Mathematics
- Sound / Music

Illustration, Jess Wade

Russel Kane's -**Evil Genius** 

on Sky History launch 20/11/2023





#### Kita

2023, I served as an external examiner for PhD for the 30<sup>th</sup> time.

2022 Warwick Award for Teaching Excellence for inclusive supervision

2021, I got the first senior manager job as Academic Director

2020, I led the REF submission for Psychology

2017-2023, Editor of the journal, GESTURE

2012-2014, President of International Society for Gesture Studies

2004, Gave a keynote speech in an international conference for the first time

### Sabrina

Landing my first job at a big pharma company

My first publication in a scientific journal

Being the youngest Drug Product Lead on 2 projects Supporting early career Black researchers during Covid

BBSTEM partnership with a big tech company

Not being afraid to pivot out of the lab

Quickly adapting to my new career

Supporting students via BBSTEM mentoring scheme

**Having my daughter** 

The lift moments

Warwick Social Inclusion
Strategy

Seeing the impact of influence

The INspire programme

Getting my first role in the corporate sector

At Genesis: Moving female representation on board from 25% to 47% and on senior management teams from 17% to 36%

My first national role at NACRO & winning a national award for my strategy ( followed by others)

Quassim

**Getting my first academic job** 

Publishing my first book

**Getting a Chair at UCL** 

**Getting a Chair in Cambridge** 

Being elected a Fellow of the British Academy (2022).

Moving from Cambridge to Warwick

**Elected an Honorary Fellow of Keble College, Oxford.** 

#### Harbinder

**I-WOTCH Study Awarded 2016** 

**Promotion to Professor** 

International Hero of Hope Award (Healthcare) Conference and Media (ITV News live, BBC Radio 4)

Asian Woman of the Year Finalist 2022

Completing the Aurora
Women in leadership
programme

**Visiting Downing Street Round table discussion** 

Opportunity to mentor early career researchers and take leadership role in CTU

What advice can you give?

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- Audience. Bring your Authentic SAelf to the workplace Audience. You're never too old to learn from others, and never too young to mentor others Audience. Ultimately the skills we need to address global challenges are a 3 combination of Innovation, Creativity and Enterprise Institutions. Support special conferences like this one!!! Institutions. Extend targeted scholarships and other support across the pipeline.
  - 6 Institutions. Hear from researchers from underrepresented groups & develop an evidence based approach towards inclusion strategies.

Audience. Network with your peers

2 Audience. Look out for opportunities and be prepared to move.

- 3 Audience. Be mindful of your own bias.
- Institutions. Do not over-rate "relevant experiences". Value the vision and the ambition.
- Institutions. Do not tap on the shoulder. Solicit self nominations.
- 6 Institutions. If somebody is "a great fit", they probably will not add much.



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1 Audience. Make friends with your fears

Audience. Don't ever let anyone tell you what you can and can't do - you're the best judge of that

- 3 Audience. Don't be like anyone be like you!
- Institutions. Be accountable for your actions & ensure others are too
- Institutions. Inclusion requires work and effort it doesn't just happen be prepared for what that takes
- 6 Institutions. Start with checking your own behaviours and biases

### Quassim

1 Audience. You need luck and talent to succeed in academia.

Audience. Whatever your career path, the feeling of being an outsider is difficult to overcome..

Harbinder

Audience: whether personal and/or professional development it's rarely a clear path and that's okay. The key thing to remember is that sometimes setbacks will help you learn and think of new and more exciting paths to take.

Audience: take the time to reflect and celebrate achievements, however big or small. This will help enhance your motivation and learning and could help inspire others.

Audience: mentorship can be highly valuable, either giving or receiving, consider these and explore what options apply to you.

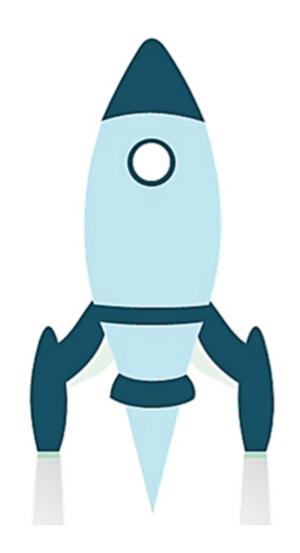
Institutions: Communication and bringing together groups across the institution to have a safe space to discuss and plan action for a positive research culture.

Institutions: More visibility of strategic action planning across departments and representation in senior leadership meetings.

6 Institutions: opportunities, support and training which is ongoing.

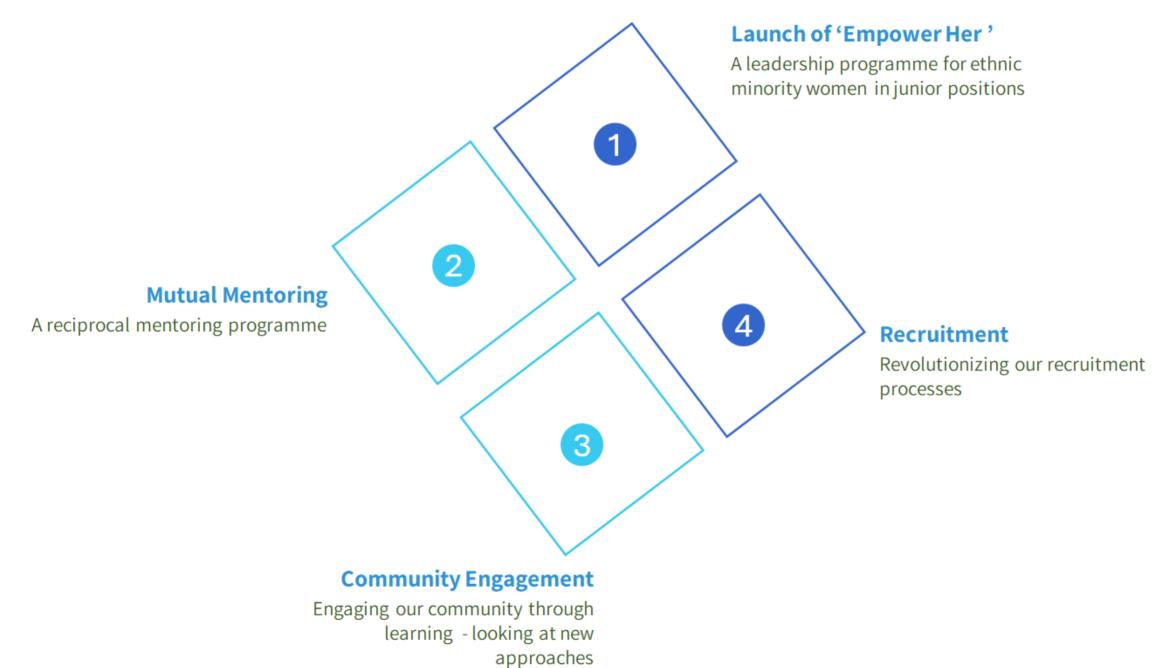
# Do you have any updates?





Warwick PATHWAY programme
The launch event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November

A positive action scheme to facilitate research careers for black students and researchers

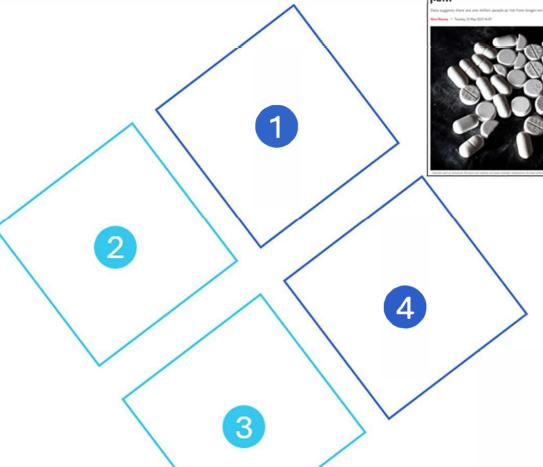


Harbinder Update 1



### **Update 2**

Warwick Innovations and Impact
NHS England
Canada and the US





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**Update 4** 

New treatment 'can help people stop

taking opioid painkillers for chronic

Professional development and application Ambassador for the Endometriosis Foundation Invited talks such as leadership and Imposter Syndrome Woman of the Future: continued support and Ambassador



### **Update 3**

Developing group for behaviour change interventions in clinical trails

New clinical trials funded by the NIHR

