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Director's Update

Coffee Mornings are back! From the 27th April, free weekly Wednesday coffee mornings will be held in room B between 10:00 - 11:00. I look forward to seeing you there.

NDM marked [international women's day](#) by recognising and celebrating inspiring individuals who have impacted the lives of our staff and students. Those nominated included Calli, Nicky, Sue, Susanna, Hitomi and Jill; but there are many, many, more that keep the WHG and NDM afloat.....Sarah (Hoosdaly), Bron, Mel, Fiona, Hayley, Kathryn and Ling to name just a few.

On Tuesday 5th April we met in rooms A/B for the very first ever for Oxford a Cafe Culture (Wellcome) conversation (as part of our Inclusive Leader Programme, led by Maddie Welland). Julian and Yvonne joined me, along with several others, including the other two Oxford Wellcome Centre directors, Mike and Heidi, and head of NDCN, Kevin (Talbot).

Awesome.

Many key issues were discussed and will be followed up.

Masks are good.

John Todd, April 2022



Lunchtime Lab Talk

Dendrou and Todd/Wicker Groups

F2F room A & Online, May 4th, 12.30 - 13.30

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EDI Update

WHG EDI Seminar Series: Friday 29th April @12:00

On Fri 29th of April at midday we welcome Drs Saher Ahmed and David Adams, who will be giving a talk on EDI initiatives at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, "EDI - What's in it for me? An organisational and personal perspective".

The strategic EDI vision for Sanger is to foster an inclusive culture where everyone can thrive and diversity is celebrated. This encompasses working towards a diverse, representative workforce at all levels; staff, students and leaders taking personal ownership and responsibility of EDI and an inclusive working environment where we all celebrate, respect and value each other's diversity.

In their joint talk, Saher Ahmed will discuss some of the actions we are taking to move towards a more equitable, just and inclusive environment, with a focus on the new Sanger Excellence Fellowship - a new three-year Fellowship aimed at people from Black heritage backgrounds. David Adams will give a personal perspective on his own EDI journey, as the Faculty Lead for the new Fellowship scheme, and as an advocate for cancer genetic studies in low/middle-income countries.



Dr Saher Ahmed



Dr David Adams

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86521687676?pwd=b2J1dWVlenR5VzZNUFQvM1ImUU1vQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 2168 7676

Passcode: 131943



Health and Safety Update

Mandatory safety eye wear in the laboratory:

<https://www.well.ox.ac.uk/internal/health-safety/laboratory-guidelines/mandatory-eye-protection-for-laboratory-personnel>

A range of laboratory safety glasses are available from the ground floor laboratories back corridor (see picture).

Many different types are available and persons struggling to find suitable safety glasses should contact safety@well.ox.ac.uk to discuss their requirement.

Do you need prescription glasses or renew your prescription glasses?

Email safety@well.ox.ac.uk so we can help you obtain prescription safety glasses.



Media Glassware Sterilization: not everything is autoclavable

When packing things to be autoclaved, please use items rated to 134°C, such as the dispos-jars, Pyrex or borosilicate glassware, autoclave bags. Other items must not be autoclave safe and risk exploding (domestic glass jars) which is a serious safety concern and we will refuse to autoclave these items – other items may melt and cause significant downtime to enable the autoclave to be back up and running.

Starters and Leavers

We say hello and welcome to:

Stepan Denisov (Bhattacharya Group)

Tanveer Tabish (Lygate Group)

Farewell and good luck to:

John Broxholme (Bioinformatics)

