## **Nurturing Inclusivity in Physics Departments** Lessons from Achieving Juno Champion Status





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The IOP Juno Scheme Edinburgh's experience applying for the Juno Award Action Planning Sharing good practice The new IOP Inclusion Model

## Juno is an award for gender equality

Project Juno is the IOP's flagship gender equality award for university physics departments and schools of physics, and other related organisations

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Ireland

→ IOP is an *adhering body* to IUPAP for UK and Ireland

ICHEP is one of the approved conferences for IUPAP

Project Juno closed in June 2023; the IOP is launching a new inclusion model for the [UK and Ireland] physics community in 2024.

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- Awarded by Institute of Physics (IOP) professional body & learned society for physics in the UK and **OP** Institute of Physics



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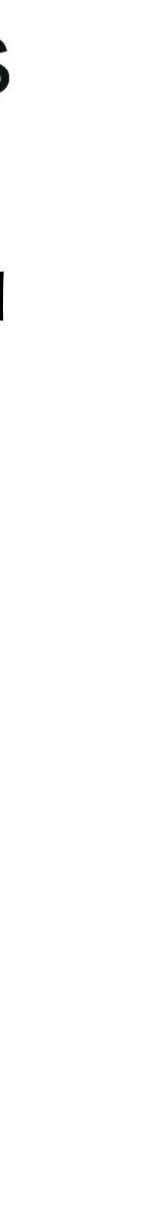
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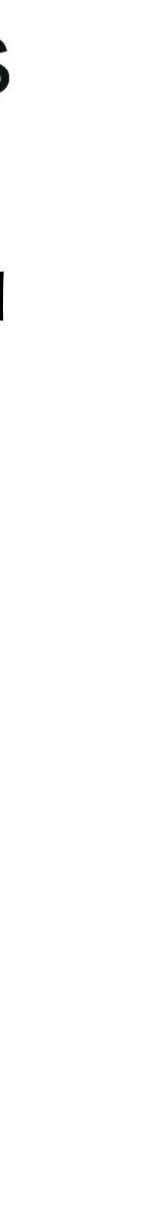
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Juno asks us to consider our gender equality work around six principles: Principle 1: Organisational Framework Principle 2: Appointment and Selection Principle 3: Career Progression and Promotion Principle 4: Working Culture and Workload Allocation Principle 5: Flexible Working Principle 6: Professional Conduct, Harassment and Bullying

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Detailed feedback from the visit: we learned our Action Plan was not in a useful format.

We submitted our application in November 2022, with a revised action plan: 40 action items sorted in the 6 Juno Principles

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## Action Plans need to be realistic and measurable

Edinburgh Juno Action Plan – December 2022

#### Principle 1: A robust organisational framework to deliver equality of opportunity and reward

Action	Details	Responsible	Timeline	Success Measure(s)
1.1 EDI Committee Succession Planning	<ul> <li>VJM's term DoEDI term ends Summer 2024.</li> <li>New co-Director to start in 2023/24, initially with 1-year role share overlap.</li> <li>New role descriptor for DoEDI duties has been adopted and will be used for recruitment.</li> </ul>	HoS, DoPS	Advertise early 2023 Co-DoEDI in place for September 2023	Advertise with other School directorships early 2023. New co-Director recruited and in place for start of academic year 2023/24.
1.2 Ongoing review EDI committee membership	<ul> <li>Recruitment timelines in place to ensure ongoing UG and PhD representation in the committee.</li> <li>UG/PGT reps: Advertise annually early Semester 1.</li> <li>Up to 2 UG/PGT reps &amp; 2 PhD reps on committee: Ideally 2-year term with 1 year overlap.</li> <li>Recruitment for 2022/23 is now complete.</li> </ul>	DoEDI (recruitmen t) EDISO (contracts)	Review every September Student job descriptions by Sept 2023	Job descriptions in place for student reps. Annual review of students' experience on committee. Meeting with chair and 2 <sup>nd</sup> (non-student) committee member for review.
1.3 Embed reporting of EDI data into annual School reporting	<ul> <li>IRO role has recently been made open-ended;</li> <li>EDI data collection included within job description.</li> <li>Student and staff data can be collected from College PowerBI dashboards; Staff data should become available within P&amp;M. Staff recruitment data might have to be collected by hand.</li> <li>Additional data requests can be made to Planning Officers within the College.</li> </ul>	IRO, DoEDI	Annual review of data in Semester 2	Document of process and where data can be found Data presented to School Academic Board (and other relevant committees) on an annual basis to help set School priorities Presentation of statistics on School EDI webpages

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## **Edinburgh EDI Action Plan Overview**

- Annual monitoring of gender balance of students and staff
- **Student focus groups** to understand the needs of students in underrepresented groups
- Creating Carers' Fund to cover caring costs associated with attendance at conferences, meetings & research visits
- Improved support for neurodiverse staff and students through our Neurodiversity Network
- Updating staff recruitment procedures and improved induction for new staff starting Improved workload monitoring for academic staff
- Mentoring provision for postdoctoral staff
- Provide effective signposting to mental health resources for staff and students
- Continuing conversations around decolonising aspects of the taught physics curriculum



## Sharing good practice: Carers' Fund

(At University of Edinburgh School of Physics & Astronomy)

- Department funding is available cover additional care needed for travel e.g. for a childminder or additional nursery hours is available
- students

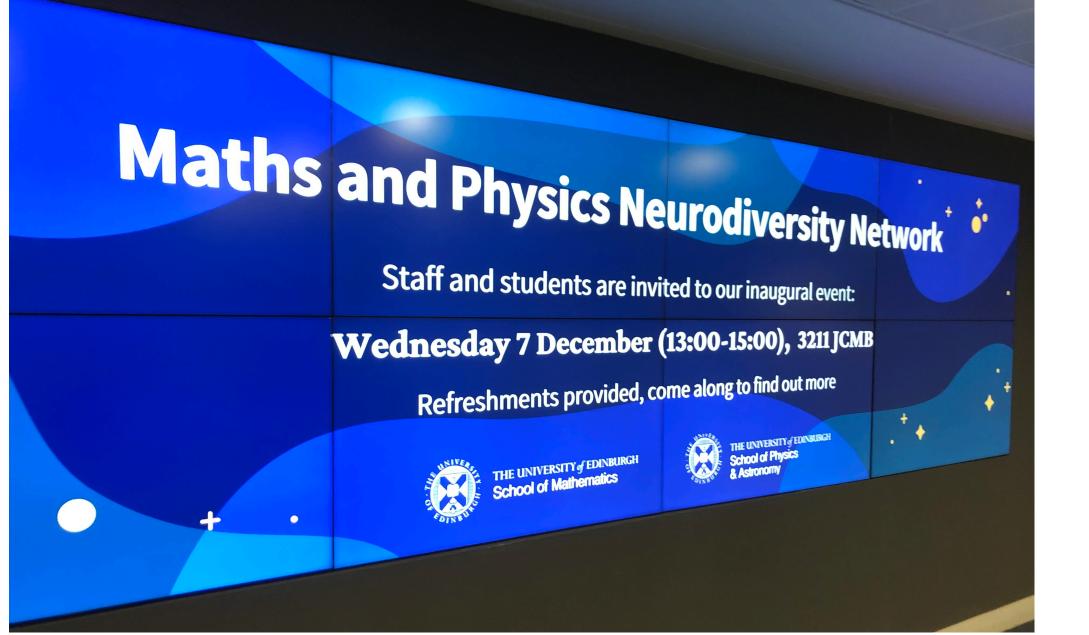
In the UK, if this funding is for childcare it is tax exempt, as long as the travel is for "work related training", which includes conferences and research visits.

https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/employment-income-manual/eim01210

• Available to all staff (inc. professors, postdocs, professional services) & PhD



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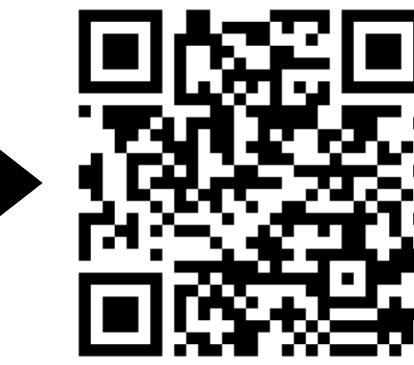
## Sharing good practice: EDI talks and workshops

www.ph.ed.ac.uk/events

Informal talks and workshops all students and staff and invited

We have typically have coffee & cake after the events to encourage discussing.

Send us speaker suggestions!



## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Open Lunchtime Meeting Archive

Archive of past Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Open Lunchtime Meetings

The special **R** label denotes that additional resources (e.g. slides) are available for this event.

Date	Title	Speaker(s)
2024		
19 Jun 2024	Menopause in the Workplace	Melissa Highton
24 Apr 2024	ADHD workshop from the Edinburgh Practice R	Amy Kilbane (The Edinburgh Practic
27 Mar 2024	Everyday practices of the physics culture: an intersectional approach to belonging in physics	Maria Gedoz Tieppo (Lund Universit
20 Mar 2024	The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health R	Jean Stafford (UCL)
14 Feb 2024	Widening Participation: what is it and who are our Widening Participation students?	Neil Speirs (University of Edinburgh)
17 Jan 2024	Diversity & Equity in Physics: Is it a personal or systemic issue?	Sthabile Kolwa (University of Johan
2023		
23 Nov 2023	Intercultural Awareness	Lillian Lee (University of Edinburgh)
15 Nov 2023	Decolonising Physics in a Scottish University	Samuel Skipsey (University of Glasg
26 Oct 2023	Supporting first-generation and low-income students to succeed at University	Jackie Bell (Imperial College Londor
18 Oct 2023	Scattering atoms, ions and perceptions	Clara Barker (University of Oxford)
26 Sep 2023	Meet the Physics & Astronomy EDI committee	
07 Sep 2023	SoPA EDI Open Forum	Victoria Martin
28 Jul 2023	The Edinburgh Practice - Neurodiversity Workshop	Hollie Burnett (The Edinburgh Pract Ciprian Pruteanu
25 Jan 2023	Maths & Physics Neurodiversity Network meeting	Ciprian Pruteanu
24 Jan 2023	SoPA EDI gathering	
2022		
12 Oct 2022	Neurodiversity in Physics	Ciprian Brutaanu

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## Sharing good practice: Summer Interns

We employ student interns over the summer to work on projects related to EDI: I've co-supervised 9 interns, often with Dr Micheal Petersen & Dr Laura Keating.

Initially we identify project areas where student input would be useful.

We present the topics to the interns and we co-create the deliverables with them.

Projects have included:

- Visual identity for EDI in Edinburgh Physics & Astronomy
- A guide to decolonising physics teaching
- Student inclusion
- → EDI website review
- → Staff survey analysis
- Widening student participation

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#### What it contains:

- The expectations for student behaviour, both at University and at day-to-day activities
- The procedures that the University will follow when investigating allegations of misconduct

#### Where you can learn more:

- Respect at Edinburgh hub: https://www.ed.ac.uk/equality-diversity/respect
- Flyers and ImageBites around JCMB
- Academic Services: https://www.ed.ac.uk/academicservices/students/conduct/code-of-student-conduct
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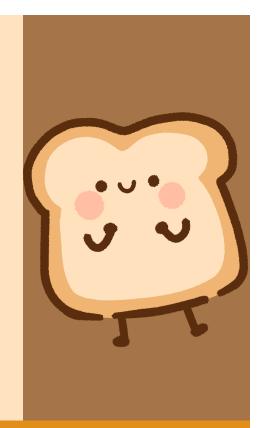












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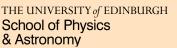
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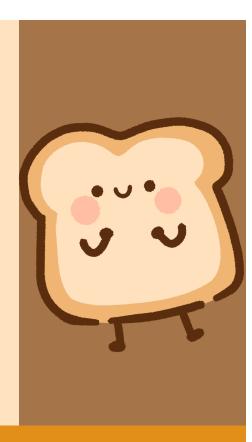


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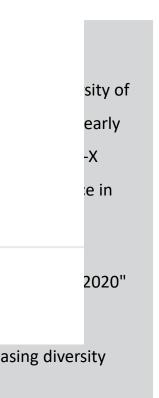
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## **Decolonising the Physics Curriculum?**

In the UK, some of the the physics taught at Universities has aspects of colonial attitudes.

For University teachers, can we address these in our course design & delivery?

Copy of toolkit at: <u>tiny.cc/DecolPhys</u>

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## Lecturers' Toolkit to Decolonising the Curriculum

Created by Keith Brunton on Mar 29, 2022

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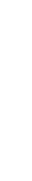






















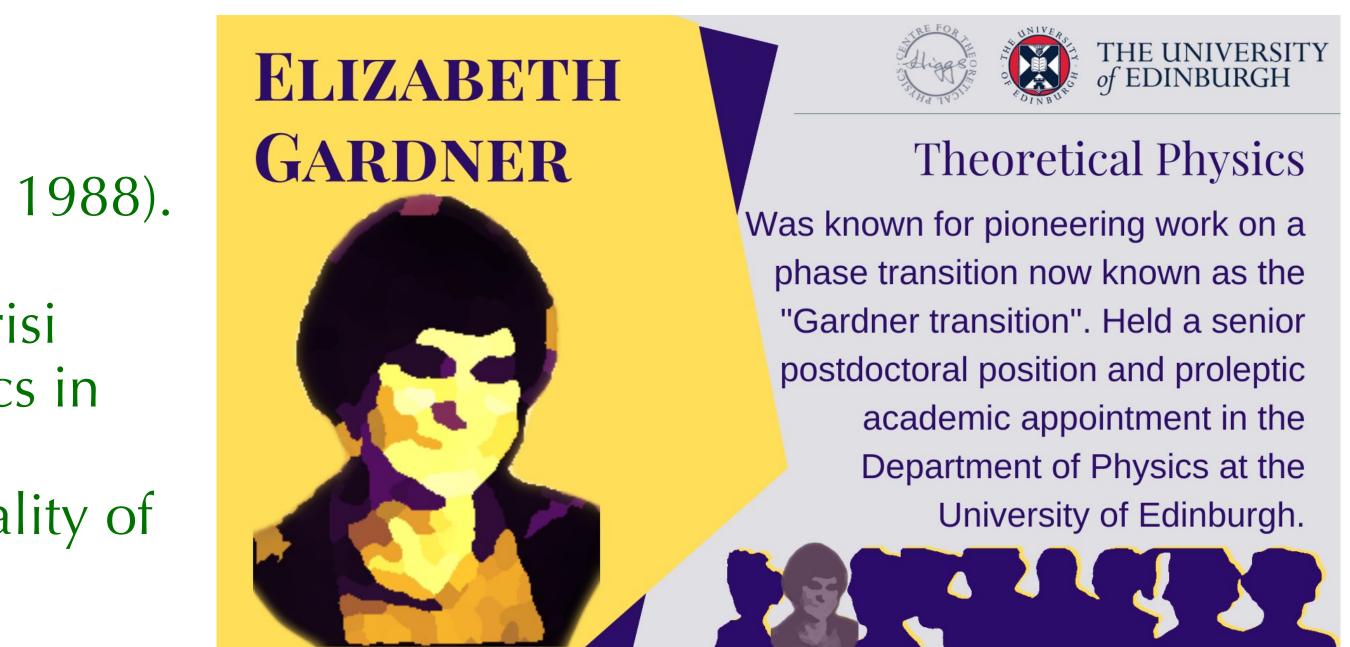
## Sharing good practice: Elizabeth Gardner Fellows

We created a four-year fellowship specifically to support early-career, postdoctoral researchers from groups that are under-represented in our School's academic community (e.g. gender, minority ethnicity, disability, disadvantaged circumstances, etc.).

Two rounds of recruitment - 4 fellows recruited.

Elizabeth Gardner Fellowships honour the achievements of Dr Elizabeth Gardner (1957 - 1988).

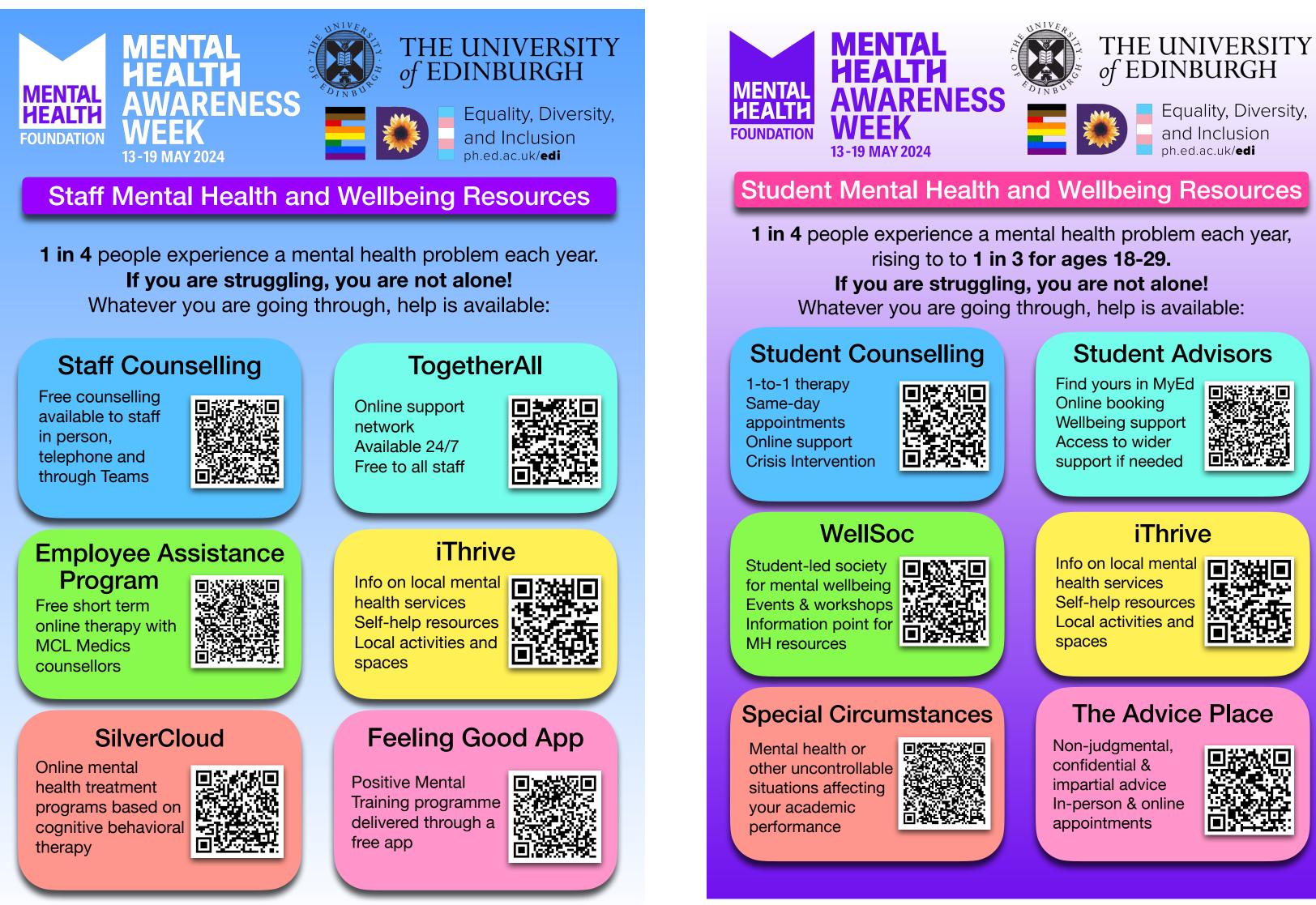
Her work laid the foundations that Giorgio Parisi built upon, resulting in a Nobel Prize in Physics in 2021(including his contribution to the paper "Determining the nonequilibrium criticality of a Gardner transition").







## **Sharing good practice: Mental Health Action Plan**



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## Dr Sally Shaw & Lynne Ellis



## The IOP has a new Inclusion Model

## Welcoming and Inclusive Framework

An organisational framework with clear accountability for EDI and using data to inform the action plan.

## **Policies and Processes**

Awareness and implementation of policies and processes at department and University level

## **Cross cutting themes of Professional Conduct and Intersectionality**



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Evidence of inclusive leadership and senior management commitment to EDI

## **Inclusive Culture**

Promoting a culture that is open, inclusive and transparent through networks, training, retention and guidance.

Open for submissions in September 2024

## Reflections

Applying to the IOP Juno award was a significant time investment - but gave us an excellent structure to make improvements in our School.

Although Juno was focused on gender, our submitted action plans looked at aspects beyond gender.

A lot of people in my School want to help - but don't have much time. Giving them ownership of one action item can give them a way to contribute.

Inviting speakers to present on issues is an excellent way to learn for physicists of all levels.

Students can bring new insights and approaches to issues.

Tea & cake is often part of the answer.

Send us speaker suggestions!





## **Backup Slides**



## **New IOP Inclusion Model: theme details**

## Award Themes

### Theme 1: Welcoming and Inclusive Framework

An organisational framework with clear governance structure and accountability for EDI.

#### Strands

- 1. Evidence of a welcoming and accessible organisation
- Organisational framework 2.
- Monitoring and evidence base
- Internal communication
- Professional conduct 5.
- Intersectionality 6.

### Theme 3: Inclusive Leadership

Evidence of inclusive leadership and senior management commitment to EDI.

Strands

- 1. EDI leadership, workload allocation and accountability
- Inclusive leadership, training and mentoring
- 3. Professional conduct
- 4. Intersectionality

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### Theme 2: Inclusive Culture

Promoting a culture that is open, inclusive and transparent through networks, training, retention and guidance.

#### Strands

- 1. Role models, representation and case studies
- 2. Flexible working and ways of working
- 3. Connection
- 4. Training
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- Intersectionality 6.

## Theme 4: Policies and processes

Awareness and implementation of policies and processes at departmental and university level.

#### Strands

- 1. Inclusive recruitment and retention
- 2. Promotion and progression
- 3. Policies and processes (University and department)
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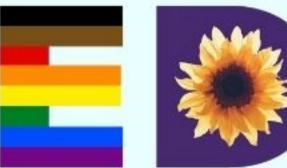
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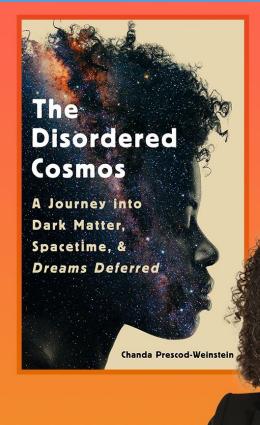
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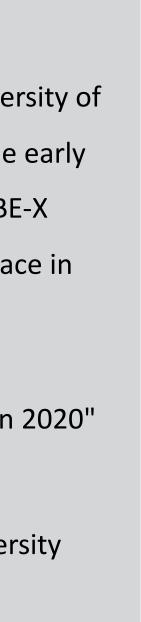
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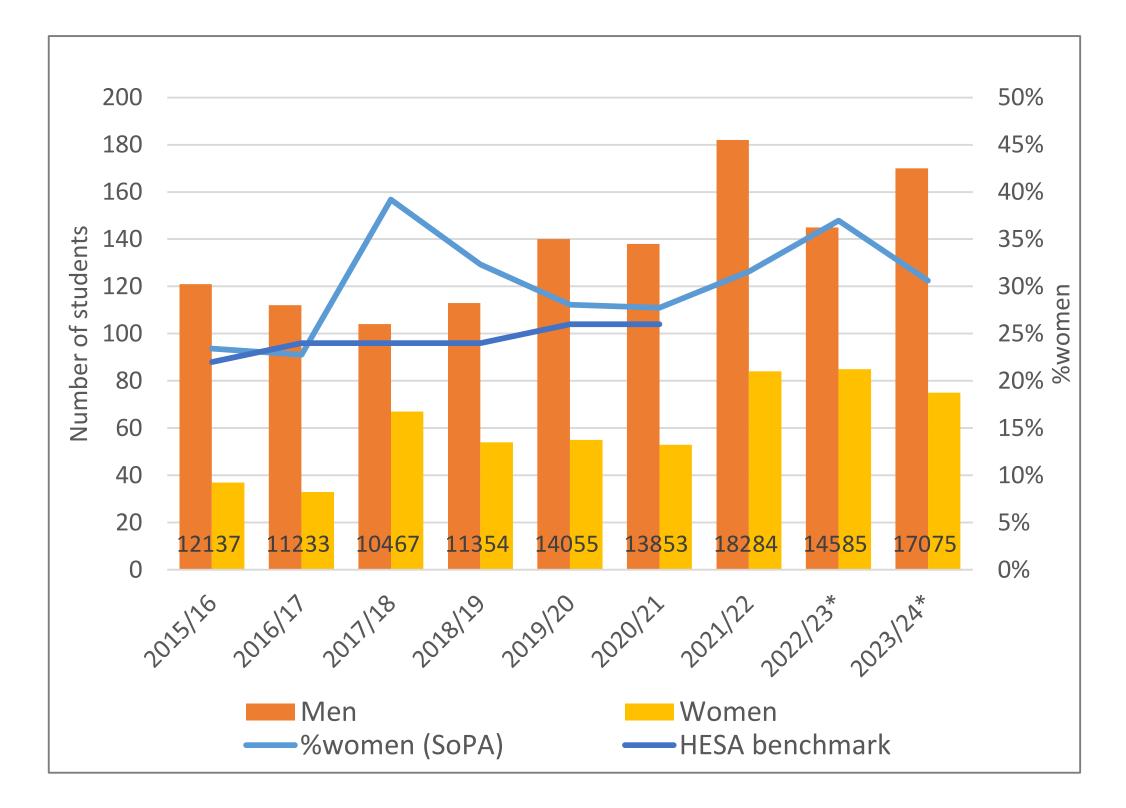


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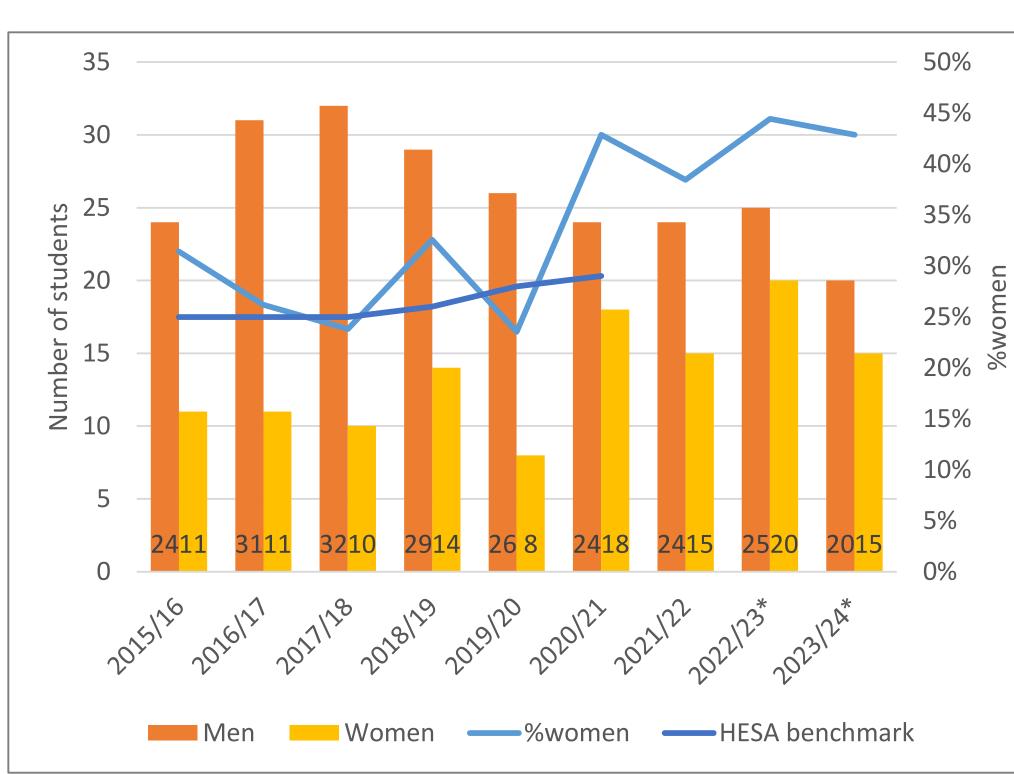
### 31% of new undergraduate students are women



## HESA = UK Higher Education Statistics Authority Benchmark shows data for physics-related degrees

Numbers of students are rounded to nearest 5 - following guidance from the UK Higher Education Statistics Authority.

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