

IPPOG Brief Statement (for social media)

We, the scientists and educators of IPPOG, condemn all acts of hatred motivated by ethnic differences. In light of recent events, we reconfirm our commitment to the promotion of diversity, equality and inclusiveness worldwide.

IPPOG Statement (for website)

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The International Particle Physics Outreach Group is a network of scientists and educators working across the globe to share the challenges and endeavours of fundamental research. Each year, we engage with thousands of students to teach the methods used to examine the origins and structure of our universe. Arguably, one of the most important of these lessons, is the value of human diversity and international collaboration.

From time immemorial, all people have shared a common curiosity, a need to explore and understand the world we live in. In science, by pooling our diverse ideas and resources, we solve some of the most complex problems inherent to nature. By doing so, we not only improve our knowledge, but we lay the foundation for the future. Rather than acting as an obstacle, our rich diversity of cultural, social and philosophical backgrounds is among our greatest strengths.

We in IPPOG are saddened to see this message is not yet embraced by all. Recent events, involving acts of hatred motivated by skin colour and ethnic differences, are painful to see and difficult to comprehend. Yet, we are also enlightened by the vast, global movement rising up to meet this challenge. It is our opinion that this resistance is a natural, deep-seated response driven by our common will to create a better world for future generations. IPPOG thus stands united with those who seek to end this violence everywhere.

We also acknowledge that the international diversity enjoyed by our field does not yet carry over to people of all genders, skin colours, ethnicities, cultures and socioeconomic classes. Although dedicated efforts and programmes within the community are seeking solutions, much work remains. We, in IPPOG, support these efforts and encourage all academia institutions to take an active role creating a more inclusive environment in scientific research around the world. We owe it to future generations to use this moment and our common love of science to seek change.