

EDI in Energy Research: From Theory into Practice

14 January
2026, [The Exchange,](#)
[Birmingham](#)

09:45-10:15	Registration Coffee and networking
10:15-10:30	Welcome Prof Simone Abram, Durham University and Director EDI+
10:30-11:05	Invited Speaker TBC
11:05-11:20	Personal Perspective Energys Black, speaker tbc
11:20- 11:35	Refreshment Break
11:35-12:35	Conversation stations / Table networking Topics will cover: Mentoring; Inclusive pathways into academia; Women in science; Disability inclusion in tech; LGBTQ+ in STEM [IGNITE project] Barriers to participation in energy sector career pathways for disabled young people; Energising Equity: Co-developing a Framework for the inclusion of neurodivergent energy researchers
12:35-13:35	Lunch
13:35-13:50	Personal Perspective Dr Neha Chandarana, IGNITE network+, University of Bristol
13:50-14:50	Discussion panel: Building Inclusive Research Cultures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair: Prof Sara Walker, Prof of Energy, Co-Director of Birmingham Energy Institute, University of Birmingham Dr Sam Williamson (ECR Lead, Supergen Energy Network hub), Lecturer, University of Bristol Dr Marco Reggiani (IGNITE Network+), Research Associate, University of Strathclyde
14:50-15:05	Personal Perspective Dr Natalia Zografou-Barredo, Newcastle University
15:05-15:25	Networking break
15:25-16:00	The Shifting Landscape of EDI Georgina Worrall OBE, Head of POWERful Women
16:00-16:05	Closing remarks
16:05-16:30	Networking