



New members' induction and all members' meeting 24 – 25 March 2025 programme

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Welcome

Dear Members,

We are both delighted to welcome you to this year's annual gathering of the UK Young Academy! It's fantastic to see both returning members and our newest cohort, whom we are excited to welcome into this growing and dynamic network. We wanted to also extend a special welcome to our members selected through the At-Risk Scholars and Professionals Scheme, the first to join through this route to membership.



Denis Newman-Griffis

The past year has been one of significant progress – establishing a strong foundation, launching ambitious projects, and expanding our influence. But this is just the beginning. The strength of the UK Young Academy lies in its members, and each of you has a role to play in shaping its direction.



Edward Pyzer-Knapp

This meeting is about connection, collaboration, and action. Whether you're here to share your ideas, explore new opportunities, or simply engage with fellow members, we hope you find inspiration and new energy in the conversations and initiatives taking shape today.

Congratulations once again to our new members, and thank you to all our continuing members who have helped raise the UK Young Academy to new heights in the past year. We can't wait to see the impact you'll have in the months and years ahead!

Denis Newman-Griffis and Edward Pyzer-Knapp
UK Young Academy Executive Group Co-Chairs

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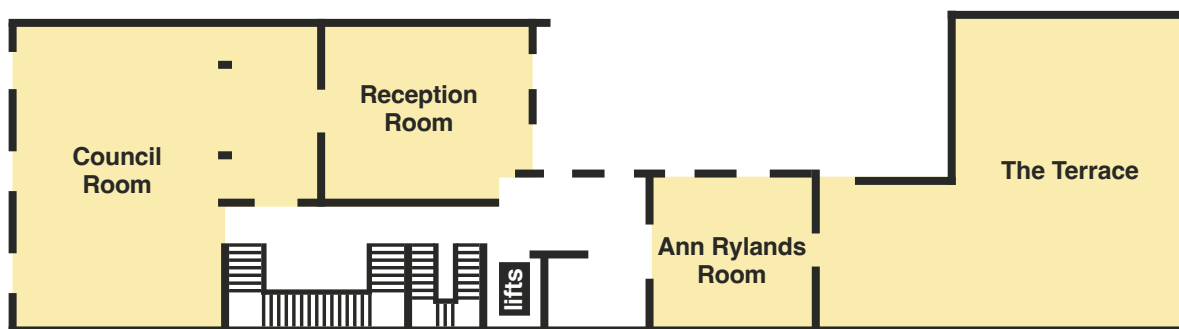
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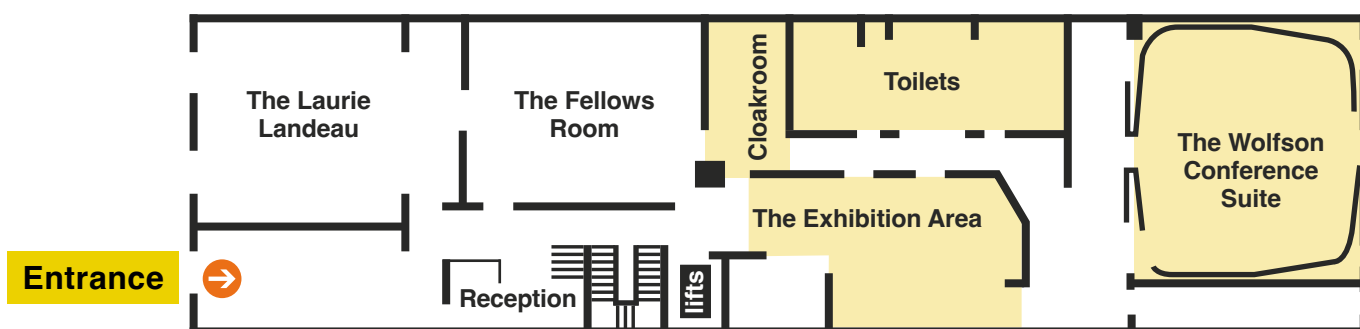
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Monday 24 March

The Academy of Medical Sciences,
41 Portland Place,
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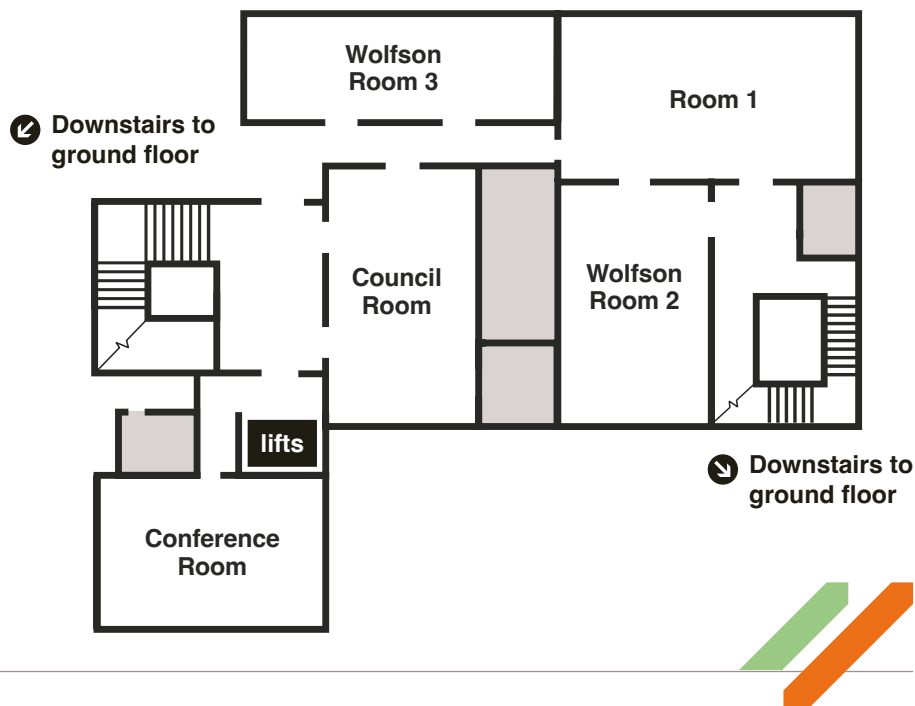


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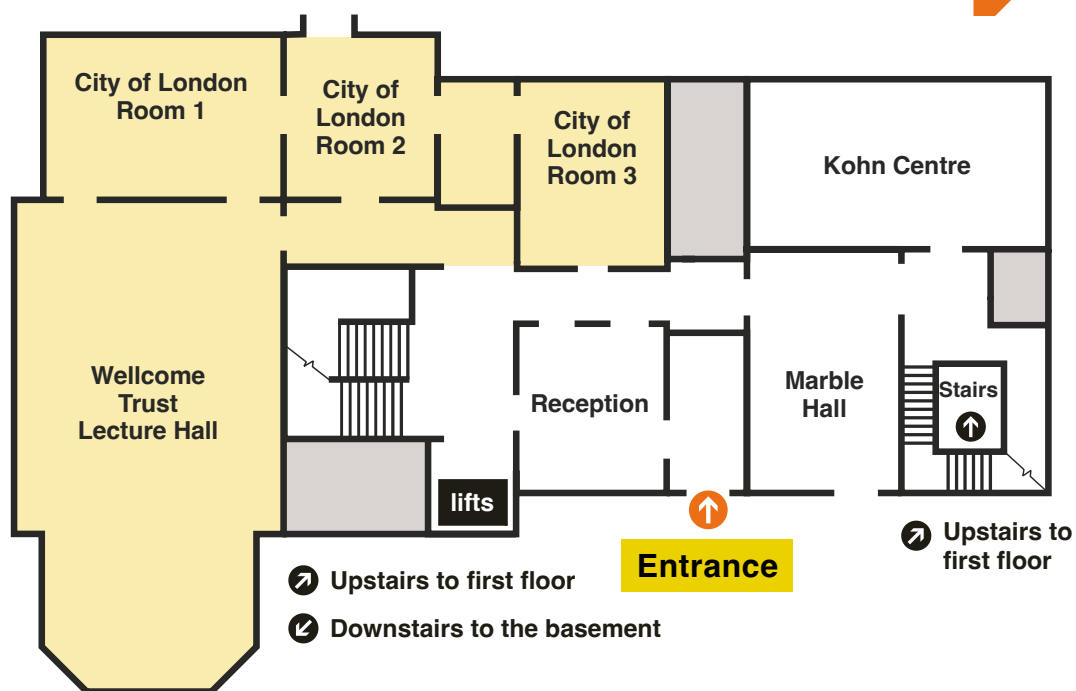
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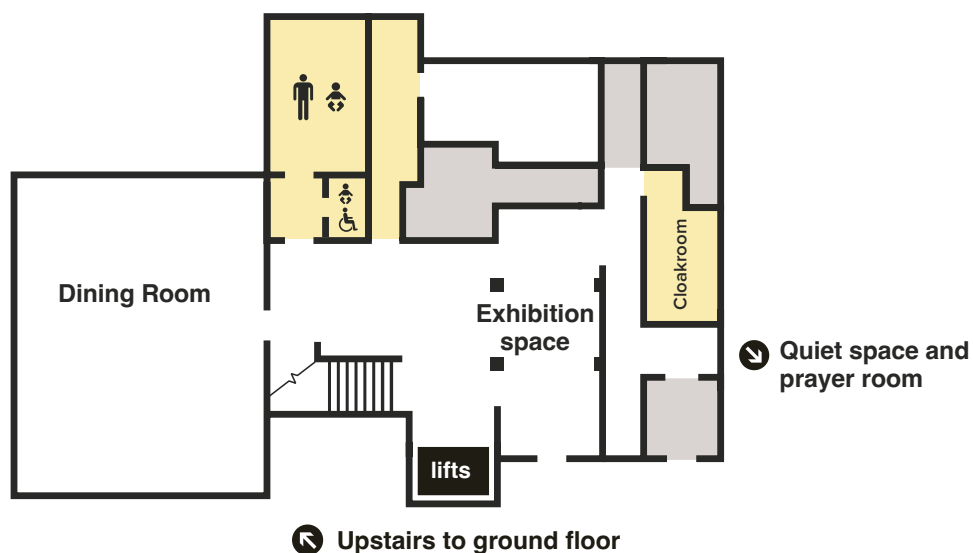
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Programme: New members' induction

Monday 24 March

The Academy of Medical Sciences, 41 Portland Place, London W1B 1QH

10am	Arrival and registration (Reception room) Morning refreshments available	2.05pm	New member spotlight session 3 (Council Room) New cohort, introduced by Cat Vicente, Executive Group representative
10.30am	Welcome and overview for the day (Council Room) Sophie Meekings, Executive Group representative	2.35pm	Open Source Leadership (Council Room) Andy Coxall, Managing Director from EvolveCareers and Common Purpose
10.40am	Introduction to the UK Young Academy (Council Room) Denis Newman-Griffis, Executive Group Co-Chair	3.15pm	What does the UK Young Academy do? (Council Room) Alistair McConnell, Executive Group representative
11am	Governance and staff support (Council Room) Lesley Miles, Chief Officer – Programmes, Partnerships and Engagement, The Royal Society and Amy Fry, UK Young Academy Programme Manager	3.45pm	Break, networking, and photography (Reception room and Exhibition area)
11.20am	New member spotlight session 1 (Council Room) New cohort, introduced by Sandeep Sandhu, Executive Group representative	4.10pm	New member spotlight session 4 (Council Room) New cohort, introduced by Jingy Alom, Executive Group representative
11.50am	Break, networking, and photography (Reception room and Exhibition area)	4.40pm	Getting the most from your membership (Council Room) Sandeep Sandhu, Executive Group representative
12.15pm	The global Young Academy landscape (remote) (Council Room) Anna-Maria Gramatté, Senior Project Officer, Global Young Academy	5pm	Ask me anything (Council Room) Executive Group and Staff team
12.45pm	New member spotlight session 2 (Council Room) New cohort, introduced by Linda Oyama, Executive Group representative	5.20pm	Closing and overview of evening plans (Council Room) Denis Newman-Griffis, Executive Group Co-Chair
1.15pm	Lunch, networking, and photography (Reception room and Exhibition area)	5.30pm	Drinks and food reception (Reception room, Ann Rylands Room and Terrace)
		7.30pm	End of day 1

Spotlight sessions schedule

The schedule for the new member spotlight sessions, taking place on Monday 24 March, can be found below. Members have a maximum of 2 minutes to introduce themselves and talk about their interests and aspirations for their time with the UK Young Academy.

SESSION 1 11.20am	SESSION 2 12.45pm	SESSION 3 2.05pm	SESSION 4 4.10pm
Freda Tait	Franck Courbon	Ramaa Sharma	Josephine Pepper
Alzira Minikeeva	Tetiana Vodotyka	Chiying Lam	Nesrin Alrefaai
Wioleta Zelek	David Harris	Aqil Jaigirdar	Evelyn Keaveney
Camilla Irvine-Fortescue	Molly Halligan	Ievgeniia Gubkina	Juliette Unwin
Alexandros Stratakis	Haitao He	Sarah-Jane Potts	David Maidment
Takashi Lawson	Yana Volkova	Oleksandra Moskalenko	Tin Naing
Sultan Ahmad Aria	Thaddeus Anim-Somuah	Dareen Assaf	Kate Miltner
Kif Liakath-Ali	Nicola Boydell	Keri Ka-Yee Wong	Connor Qiu
Fatima Rezai	William Bolton	Hasan Maridi	Heather Doran
Giulia De Togni	Intigam Mamedov	Kawita Sarwari	Khaleda Zaheer
	Sadiq Bhanbhro	William Reynolds	Samer Jaber

Speaker biography

New Members' Induction – Andy Coxall

Andy Coxall is Managing Director of EvolveCareers, a future of work EdTech company aimed at bridging the gap between education and the world of work. EdTech enables students at school and university to develop the most in-demand skills that our employer partners - such as AWS, Meta, Schneider Electric - say they need to successfully transition into work.

He has over 15 years' experience in this space, most recently as Chief Executive of Common Purpose Student Experiences, working with a diverse range of employers, education institutions and youth organisations, everywhere from India to Indonesia, South Africa to Singapore. And with brands such as Harvard, King's College London, Goldman Sachs and Diageo.

Andy has also had a range of Board and mentoring roles at The Pace Centre, Worldwide Cancer Research and Chance UK. He is a Fellow at The Royal Society of the Arts and has an MA (Hons) in Social Anthropology from The University of Edinburgh.

On a personal note, Andy is half English, half Japanese, born in Tokyo, grew up in Oxford and lives outside London with his wife, two young boys and dog.



Andy Coxall

Programme: All members' meeting

Tuesday 25 March

The Royal Society, 6 – 9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG

9.30am	Arrival and refreshments (City of London rooms)	12.45pm	Membership business, discussion and voting (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Chaired by Jingy Alom, Executive Group representative
10am	Welcome (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Alistair McConnell, Executive Group representative	1.45pm	Lunch, networking and photography (City of London rooms)
10.05am	The Annual Report of the activities of the UK Young Academy (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Denis Newman-Griffis, Executive Group Co-Chair	2.45pm	Open-door project meetings – Round tables (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall and City of London 3) Introduced by Sophie Meekings, Executive Group representative, and facilitated by Project Co-Leads.
10.40am	Governance address (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Lesley Miles, Chief Officer – Programmes, Partnerships and Engagement, The Royal Society	3.30pm	Project ideation – Round tables (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall and City of London 3) Introduced by Denis Newman-Griffis, Executive Group Co-Chair and facilitated by Executive Group and project nominator
10.50am	Staff update (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Charlotte Senior, UK Young Academy Membership Officer	4.15pm	Break, networking, and photography (City of London rooms)
11am	Understanding Power: How power dynamics affect us all (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Melissa Hogenboom, Author, Science Journalist and Film-maker	4.40pm	The next 6 months at the UK Young Academy (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Amy Fry, UK Young Academy Programme Manager
11.40am	Break, networking, and photography (City of London rooms)	5pm	Closing and overview of evening (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Denis Newman-Griffis, Executive Group Co-Chair
12.10pm	Spotlights of successes and learnings from UK Young Academy activities (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall) Introduced by Cat Vicente, Executive Group representative Ten-minute presentations from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Science Council – Oman Sandeep Sandhu and Dhruti Shah• British Academy's Collaboration of the Faculties – Adventures in Interdisciplinarity workshop Alexander Lloyd and Catherine Manning• At-Risk Scholars and Professionals workshop Igor Chernyavsky and Fatemeh Shahbazi	5.15pm	Group photo (Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)

Programme: Evening reception

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7pm Arrival and canapé drinks reception

(City of London rooms)

8pm Welcome address

(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)

Main course

Plenary

Elspeth Finch MBE FREng, CEO and founder IAND

Dessert

10pm End of day 2

Dress code for evening reception: Smart-casual

Speaker biographies

All Members' Meeting – Melissa Hogenboom

Melissa Hogenboom is an award-winning science correspondent, filmmaker and editor at the BBC. She makes and commissions films and writes articles on a range of topics including psychology, health, neuroscience and human evolution. Her journalism has been recognised by multiple awards, including the Webbs, the Drum Awards, Kavli AAAS Science Awards, the Telly Awards and the British Association of Science Journalism Awards. She is a New America fellow, and she is the author of *The Motherhood Complex*. Her second book, *Breadwinners* will be published by Canongate in August 2025.



Melissa Hogenboom

Annual Dinner – Elspeth Finch MBE FREng

Elspeth Finch MBE is best described as a successful engineering entrepreneur and business leader. From her background as a transport planner, she has founded two technology start-ups, been a senior leader within the engineering consultancy Atkins and, alongside her current business IAND, she sits on several advisory boards, contributing her expertise to enhance and transform engineering. Her early impact was recognised with the award of an Academy Silver Medal (2013) and since then she has made an ongoing contribution to the Academy. She continues to have wider impact through membership of bodies such as the Innovation Expert Group, providing advice on driving up UK productivity through innovation.



**Elspeth Finch MBE
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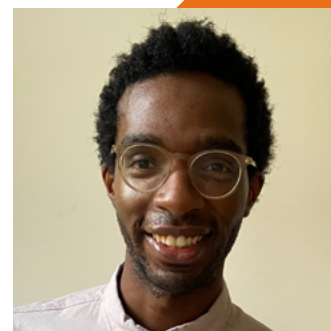
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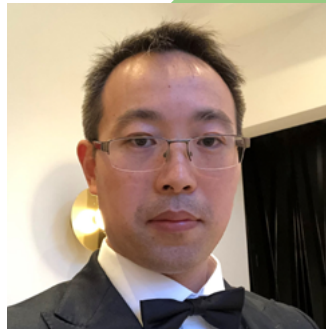
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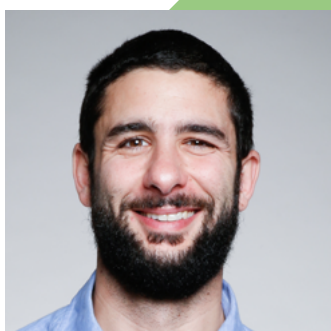
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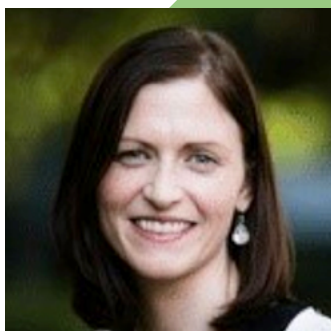
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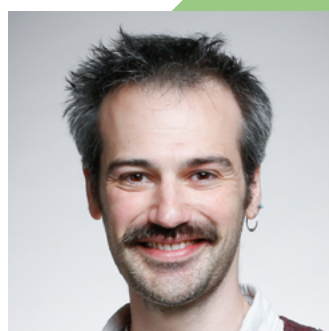
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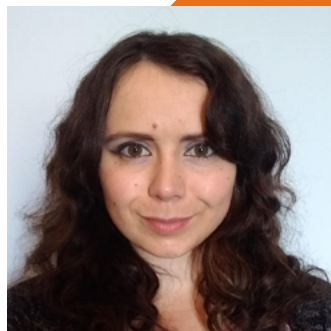
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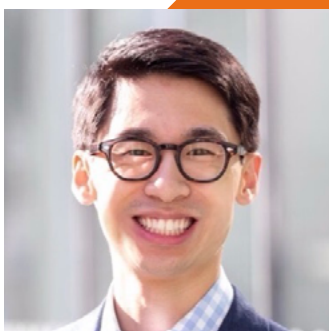
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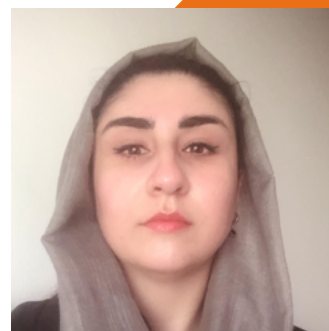
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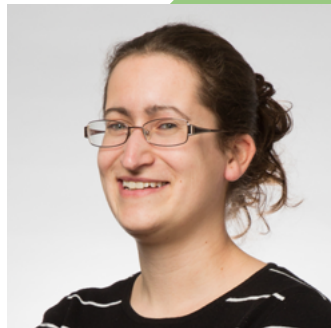
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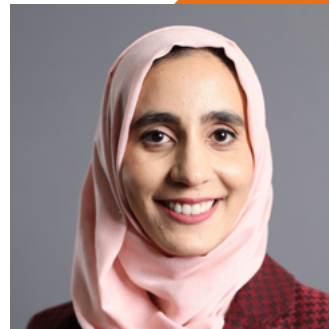
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