

EDI Reading Newsletter, 26 October 2020

As part of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion team here at the IfA, we're introducing a newsletter to share readings that we've found inspirational and informative. Our hope (and expectation!) is that everyone takes a few minutes to engage with the shared writing. Agree or disagree with what's written, it is valuable to increase our literacy for informed discussions and decisions.

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What we're reading this fortnight: I am reading the Royal Astronomical Society's Twitter thread for Black History Month:

<https://twitter.com/RoyalAstroSoc/status/1318232954586435584>

Why we're reading it: This Twitter thread is a good resource for bite-sized information about the achievements of Black astronomers, as well as some information about what the RAS is doing to promote diversity in the field.

What you should read: The whole thing – it's a Twitter thread! Bonus points for looking at the various links the RAS has placed throughout.

Discussion questions: Do you agree with the diversity and inclusion statement put out by the RAS? How can the IfA use the diversity and inclusion resources provided by the RAS?

*The EDI Team is organising two types of meetings this fall: General EDI meetings and EDI coffees. We have a general EDI meeting on **16 November, at 2.00pm** on Teams. We also have an EDI coffee scheduled for **30 November at 2.00pm** on Teams.*