



INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF WOMEN AND GIRLS
IN SCIENCE
FEBRUARY 11

History and Today: Inspiring Women

BIOLOGY: SARA RANKIN



WHAT IS SARA INTERESTED IN?

Sara is a Professor of biology and investigates how new cells are produced in bone marrow. This understanding will allow Sara to identify treatments for a variety of diseases.

WHY DOES SARA INSPIRE US?

- Sara struggled with reading and writing at school, but was determined to succeed and revised by drawing things and using lots of colour
- Sara was one of the youngest women to be awarded the famous Wellcome Trust's Investigator Award
- Sara is dyslexic and dyspraxic
- Sara has lauded 2eMpowerUK, a project running science workshops for neurodiverse teenagers to give them confidence to embrace their learning difficulties.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- How do you learn at school and how does this differ from your friends?
- How do you think Sara felt when she received a world-famous award?

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SARA?

<https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/diversity-in-science/scientists-with-disabilities/sara-rankin/>