

## Disparities in Stroke - A Joint WISE-DEI Advisory Council Symposium and Network Event

Tuesday, 5 May 2026 | 18:30-20:30 CEST | Maastricht, the Netherlands

Chairs: Louisa Christensen (Denmark) and Phillip Ferdinand (UK)

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*The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Council and WISE (Women in Stroke Europe) are two complementary initiatives within ESO:*

- *The DEI Advisory Council works to promote diversity, equity and inclusion across all areas of stroke care, research and leadership.*
  - *WISE focuses specifically on supporting and empowering women in stroke and is working to bridge the gap in women's stroke care throughout Europe.*
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- 18:30**    **Get together and Networking**
- 19:00**    **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
*Louisa Christensen (Denmark) and Phillip Ferdinand (UK)*
- 19:05**    **Ethnic Disparities in Stroke – Landscape Across Europe**  
*Francesca Pezzella (Italy)*
- 19:20**    **Ethnic Disparities in Stroke – A Global View**  
*Jeyaraj Pandian (India)*
- 19:35**    **Stroke Inequities in Sex and Mental Health**  
*Hanne Christensen (Denmark)*
- 19:50**    **Discussion**  
*Louisa Christensen (Denmark) and Phillip Ferdinand (UK)*
- 20:00**    **Networking**
- 20:30**    **End of the Symposium and Network Event**