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SCIENCE WISDOM LIVE



FOREWORD

Science & Wisdom LIVE is one year old! This realisation suddenly dawned on us during September 2021. After all, the official preparations – strategic meetings, design, website creation, content development, first programming – all started with the official ‘vision meeting’ on the 22nd of June 2020.

Now we can look back and rejoice over this rich first year of "SciWiz". Not only were we able to bring high-quality talks, Dialogues, podcast interviews, and Science Days to our audience, connecting scientists with contemplative practitioners and vice versa. But we have also established 10 official partnerships with other organisations; we have launched a new series of interviews together with Jamyang, called the Lighthouse Dialogues; and we are in the process of developing our first e-Learning course!

And that is only the public-facing, visible side of Science & Wisdom LIVE. Behind the scenes we feel so fortunate that our team has grown with more long-term volunteers; that we are maintaining a well-functioning website, a YouTube channel and several Social Media pages; that we have an active growing Podcast series with over 6000 downloads (at the end of 2021), and that over 300 people have signed up during 2021 to receive our regular newsletter.

Most of all, we feel joy, gratitude, and pride about the benefit that Science & Wisdom LIVE brings to different communities and for its contribution to the contemplative education department at Jamyang London Buddhist Centre.

Thanks to all for supporting us in this project! We hope you'll enjoy reading this report.

Sajda & Marco

and the Science & Wisdom LIVE Team



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ABOUT

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www.sciwizlive.com

Science & Wisdom LIVE is a Public Engagement project that brings scientists in conversation with contemplative practitioners from all religions and backgrounds, to stimulate an exchange of ideas and the sharing of practical tools used in faith-based forms of contemplation, meditation and mindfulness. Science & Wisdom LIVE curates public events such as talks, dialogues, and interviews; produces a podcast series; and distributes all its material in video format on a dedicated YouTube channel.

We maintain our own website on www.sciwizlive.com

Science & Wisdom LIVE aims to bridge the gap between academic and religious communities through the organisation of local and international dialogues and symposia. These events will focus on “big questions” at the intersection of science and contemplative wisdom, such as:

- How can we understand the connection between consciousness and physical and biological processes in our brains?
- How can contemplative traditions help us face the climate crisis and foster a healthier connection with our environment?
- What is the role of education in tackling global challenges and what form should it take to contribute to a more sustainable future?

Contributors will be chosen among accomplished researchers with a strong record of academic research and publications, and among experienced contemplative practitioners of different religious backgrounds (Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam/Sufism, Hinduism) or spiritual lineages (indigenous or otherwise).



Science & Wisdom LIVE review 2021

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. ... To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty, which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their most primitive forms – this knowledge, this feeling is at the centre of true religiousness.”

Albert Einstein

In line with the Contemplative Education commitment, Jamyang London launched Science & Wisdom LIVE in the autumn of 2020 with the aim of bridging the gap between scientific and academic research and the wisdom of contemplative traditions. 2021 has been a most successful year for Science & Wisdom LIVE.

Our team has been able to produce various insightful and compelling dialogues, talks, and interviews, with the participation of **high-quality speakers** such as *Dr. Carlo Rovelli, Prof. Basil Hiley, Dr. Rupert Sheldrake, Geshe Tenzin Namdak, Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo, and Dr. Vandana Shiva.*

We are also thrilled to announce that we have exceeded the **fundraising target** of our 21 for 2021 campaign, thanks to generous donations of many patrons, friends, and supporters.

During 2021, our activities have crystallised into several distinct categories, all of which we will continue in 2022. These include the organisation and production of:

- Science & Wisdom LIVE dialogues
- Science Days conferences
- The Lighthouse Dialogues
- Podcast interviews & Videos
- e-Learning courses

We were also able to start many **partnerships** and collaborations with other organisations, amongst others:

- Mind & Life Europe (MLE)
- Compassion Institute (USA)
- Mind Science Academy
- FDCW
- Global Tree Initiative
- Land of Medicine Buddha

Science & Wisdom LIVE continues in 2022, and if you are interested in our upcoming events and any news related to our activities, more information is available on www.sciwizlive.com

Sajda and Marco

- Science & Wisdom Live Project Managers



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While scientific research is at an all-time high and many people engage in spiritual practices, there is still a significant lack of exchange between religion and science, mainly due to the prevalence of a materialistic worldview among scientific institutions. Yet breakthroughs in contemplative science, neuroscience and quantum physics show that science and contemplative wisdom can strengthen and benefit each other.

Science & Wisdom LIVE endeavours to bridge this gap by promoting exchanges between scientists and contemplative practitioners. Through the organisation of events, talks, and dialogues, we link scientific research directly to the insights and tools (such as meditation) of contemplative traditions (i.e. the world religions and indigenous spiritual traditions) and distribute this knowledge to the larger public in a non-sensationalistic, objective way.

We offer a unique glocal approach, combining local events with global outreach and cutting-edge e-learning programmes. We disseminate evidence-based knowledge through a large Public Engagement project and e-learning courses. This format has the potential to be adapted both locally and globally by different organisations (much like the TEDx format), promoting the creation of a collaborative.

PODCAST VIDEOS PROGRAMME SPEAKERS ARTICLES ABOUT SUPPORT US CONTACT

- 12 APR 2022** **Trauma, Transformation, and Healing: Conversations between Scientists and Contemplative Practitioners**
With Deb Dana, David Robinson-Morris, Rob Preece, Scott Snibbe @ Zoom
TICKETS MORE INFO >
- 28 MAY 2022** **Death & Rebirth: A Day with Contemplatives and Scientists**
With Tenzin Namdak, Nigel Hamilton, Eva Notarigo, Scott Snibbe, Peter Fenwick, Pim van Lammel, Cynthia Carter Perrilliat @ Zoom
TICKETS MORE INFO >
- 16 JUL 2022** **Lighthouse Dialogues III: An Interview with Satish Kumar by Vicki Mackenzie**
With Vicki MacKenzie, Satish Kumar @ Zoom



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Looking Back: 2021

PROGRAMME:

Science & Wisdom LIVE has run a full programme of events during 2021. There have been four larger events this year: 2 Science & Wisdom LIVE dialogues, and 2 Science Days.

In addition, we have produced several talks and podcast interviews.

DIALOGUES

-Dialogue II: Interdependence & the Nature of Reality: A Dialogue across Science and Contemplative Traditions. With Dr. Rupert Sheldrake and Geshe Tenzin Namdak.

-Dialogue III: Deep Ecology, Mindfulness & Climate Emergency: Insights from Scientists and Contemplative Traditions. With Dr. Vandana Shiva, Dr. Stephan Harding, and Dr. David Loy.

-LIGHTHOUSE DIALOGUES I: An Interview with Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo, by Vicki Mackenzie.

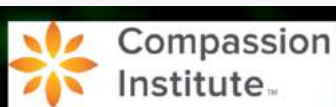
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JAMYANG
BUDDHIST CENTRE LONDON

SAT, 20 NOVEMBER,
10 AM GMT

Jetsunma
Tenzin Palmo

IN DIALOGUE WITH VICKI MACKENZIE



Deep Ecology, Mindfulness & Climate Emergency

INSIGHTS FROM SCIENTISTS AND CONTEMPLATIVE TRADITIONS



DR. STEPHEN HARDING



DR. VANDANA SHIVA



DR. DAVID LOY



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SCIENCE DAYS

- Science Day I: Healing the Body, Healing the Mind – A Weekend of Talks, Workshops, and Classes. In partnership with Land of Medicine Buddha and Jamyang London Buddhist Centre.

- Science Day II: Appearance & Reality: Quantum Physics Meets Buddhist Philosophy. With Dr. Michel Bitbol, Dr. John Dunne, Dr. Carlo Rovelli, Geshe Tenzin Namdak, and Scott Snibbe. In partnership with Mind & Life Europe, A Skeptic's Path to Enlightenment, and Jamyang London Buddhist Centre.

TALKS

- January 28, 2021 - The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence: A Humanist Perspective. With Dr. Marco Schorlemmer.

- February 23, 2021 – Monks and Scientists: A Study of Analytical Meditation. With Dr. Marieke van Vugt.

- April 22, 2021 – Reality Unfolding: Exploring Bohmian Physics with Prof. Basil Hiley.



Appearance & Reality

QUANTUM PHYSICS MEETS BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021



DR. MICHEL BITBOL



PROF. JOHN DUNNE



GESHE NAMDAK



PROF. CARLO ROVELLI



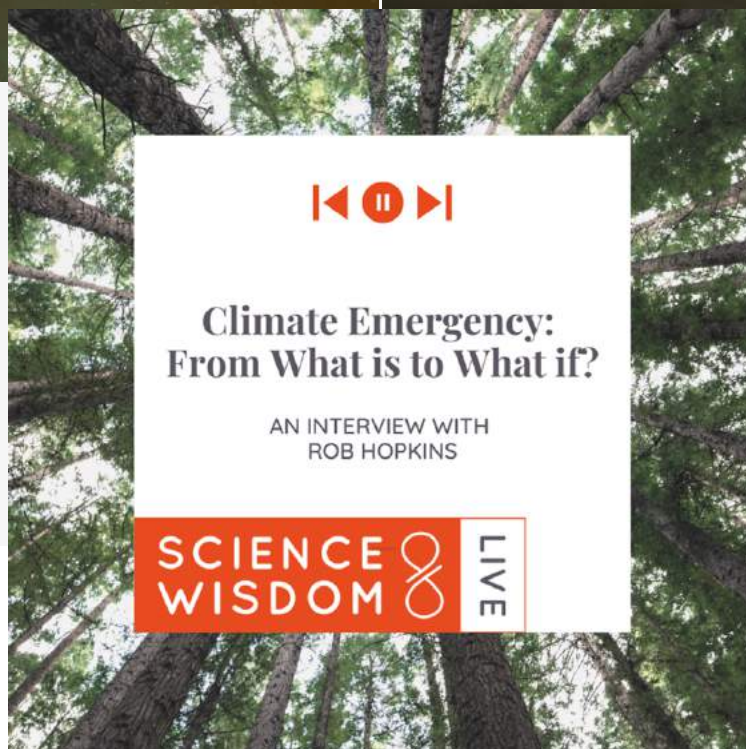
SCOTT SNIBBE

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PODCAST INTERVIEWS

- The Dreaming Brain: The Science of Lucid Dreaming with Charley Morley
- If the Buddha were Born Today: An Interview with Scott Snibbe
- Infinite Potential: Exploring the Ideas of David Bohm, with Paul Howard
- Becoming Embodied Again: Wisdom in and through the Body, with Jason Upton
- Citizens of the Universe: On Mindful Stargazing, with Dr. Mark Westmoquette
- Climate Emergency: From What is to What if? An Interview with Rob Hopkins.



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FUNDRAISING: 21 FOR 2021

Fundraising 21 for 2021

Science & Wisdom LIVE has run a fundraising campaign titled “21 for 2021”, to seek out sponsors who would like to donate to our cause. We have received over 60 donations, and we have exceeded our fundraising target of £21000! (Which will all be used to cover our operational costs.)

This fundraising campaign has not only supported us financially, but also helped us to gain trust in the communal support behind this project. Every donation, small or big, went together with a word of encouragement and enthusiasm for our programme.

Thank you, generous supporters, friends, and patrons!



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TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

Team of Volunteers

Science & Wisdom LIVE has been fortunate to attract several very talented and diligent volunteers:

- Tiziana Amendola**, who has managed our Social Media for almost a year now, building up our online audience from scratch to 288 followers on Instagram, almost 500 followers on Facebook, and 185 followers on Twitter.
- Dr. John Realpe**, who has written high-quality content for our blog, and is now working on research materials for our first e-Learning course
- Adam South**, who is our talented filmmaker, film-editor, and podcast editor, who also regularly shares interesting new ideas with us about possible future themes and content.

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Our volunteers



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Science and Wisdom LIVE



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LOOKING FORWARD: 2022

Programme of 2022

Science & Wisdom LIVE will run a full programme of events during 2022. The shorter talks have made place for more focus on larger partnership events and more podcast interviews.

The programme will therefore look like the following:

DIALOGUES

- Dialogue IV (Spring 2022): Trauma, Transformation, and Healing. With Deb Dana, Rob Preece, and Dr. David Robinson-Morris.
- Dialogue V (Fall 2022): Beyond Fear, Towards Resilience.

SCIENCE DAYS

- Science Day III: On Death & Rebirth. With Geshe Tenzin Namdak, Dr. Nigel Hamilton, and others. In partnership with Jamyang.
- Science Day IV: (Fall 2022) Body, Mind, Consciousness. With Geshe Tenzin Namdak and others. In partnership with the FDCW.

LIGHTHOUSE SERIES

- Lighthouse Dialogues II: An Interview with Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, by Vicki Mackenzie.
- Lighthouse Dialogues III: An Interview with John Butler, by Vicki Mackenzie.
- Lighthouse Dialogue IV: An Interview with Satish Kumar, by Vicki Mackenzie.
- Lighthouse Dialogue V: TBC

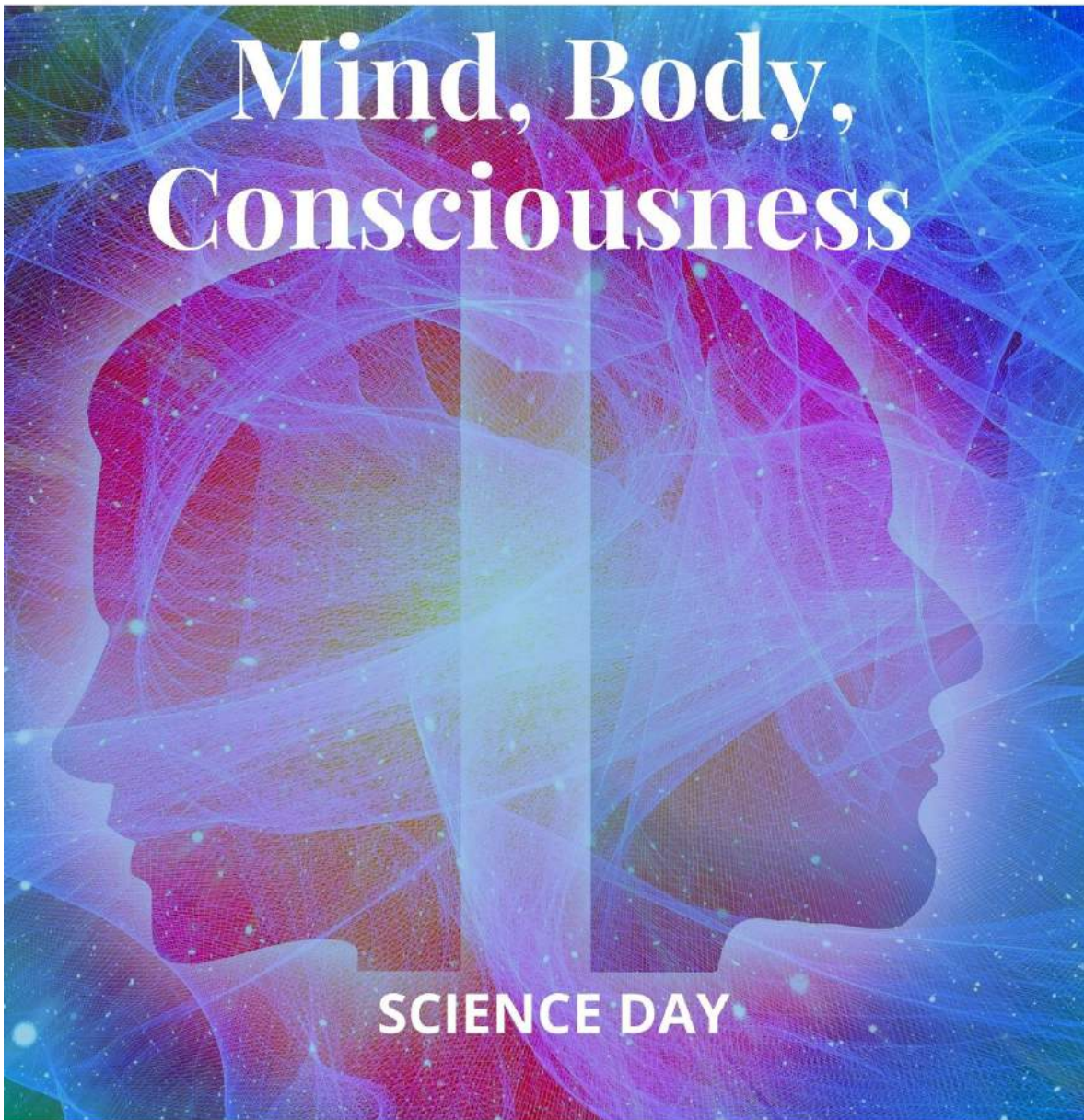
PODCAST INTERVIEWS

- Podcast Interview with Kim Stanley Robinson on Climate Emergency
- Podcast interview with Thupten Jinpa on Love, Compassion, Climate Emergency.
- More TBC

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Mind, Body, Consciousness



SCIENCE DAY

29 OCTOBER 2022

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WITH GESHE TENZIN NAMDAK, JOHN VERVAEKE, PROF. ANIL SETH
AND MORE

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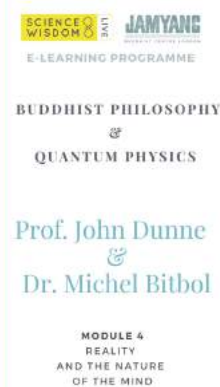
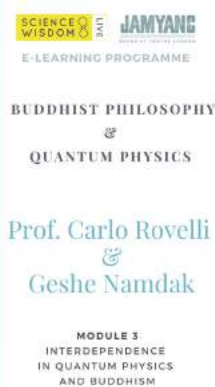
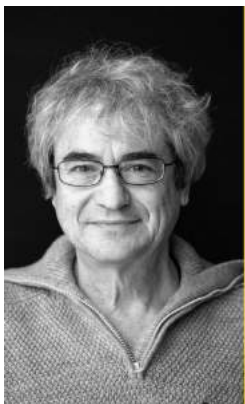


E-LEARNING

e-Learning

Science & Wisdom LIVE is launching an e-learning programme in 2022 with the purpose of complementing their events with in-depth, high-quality learning material. SWL will draw from both scientific research and contemplative teachings to create a long-term educational environment for people who would like to deepen their knowledge of the intersection between science and contemplative (and/or religious) practices.

We believe that the key to societal flourishing lies in the education of the younger generations. The funds will also support the development of programmes in contemplative education aimed at students. These programmes will be accessible to teachers and educators worldwide through a dedicated e-learning platform and will also be delivered locally through collaboration with schools and universities.



In this self-paced, online course, you will receive an introduction to **Buddhist Philosophy and quantum physics**, and learn how to combine **contemplative insights** and **scientific knowledge** to analyse and contemplate the fundamental nature of reality.

Register now to gain access to:

- **Unlimited access** to our online learning platform
- **Exclusive video lessons, dialogues and interviews** with scientists, science philosophers, and experienced Buddhist practitioners
- Downloadable **learning material**, including detailed **written notes with clear explanations and illustrations**
- **Revision material** with summaries and diagrams
- **Additional reading material**, e.g.: academic articles, Indo-Tibetan Buddhist texts, dialogues and interviews with scientists and contemplative practitioners
- Self-assessment questionnaires
- Guided experiential meditations

COURSE PROSPECTUS

MODULE 1 MODULE 2 **MODULE 3** MODULE 4 MEDITATION WORKSHOP

Interdependence in Quantum Physics and Buddhism
with **Prof. Carlo Rovelli** and **Geshe Tenzin Namdak**

- Explore the common ground between **quantum mechanics and Buddhism**, learning how to combine the scientific and contemplative view of fundamental reality
- **Apply the concepts of Emptiness and Dependent Origination** to understand quantum phenomena
- **Learn how to meditate on Emptiness** and analyse the nature of the Self and the World using concepts and methods from Buddhist philosophy and modern science

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E-LEARNING

First Pilot e-Course: Summer 2022

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BUDDHIST CENTRE LONDON

E-LEARNING COURSE

Buddhist Philosophy & Quantum Physics



PROF. CARLO ROVELLI



GESHE NAMDAK



DR. MICHEL BITBOL



PROF. JOHN DUNNE

UNLIMITED ONLINE ACCESS
EXCLUSIVE DIALOGUES
& VIDEO LESSONS



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PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships

Science & Wisdom LIVE has become an important outreach platform to connect with other organisations. This also benefits Jamyang, as partnership meetings are often conducted together with the entire team.

Significantly, our first year has already resulted in 10 different partnerships! From larger organisations, like the Compassion Institute in the USA, and Mind & Life Europe, to smaller organisations like a Skeptic's Path to Enlightenment. These are our current partners:

- o Mind & Life Europe
- o Compassion Institute USA
- o FDCW
- o Skeptic's Path to Enlightenment
- o The Global Tree Initiative
- o The Scientific and Medical Network
- o Land of Medicine Buddha
- o Mind-Science Academy/Lama Tzong Khapa Institute
- o The Mindfulness Initiative
- o Buddhist Society London



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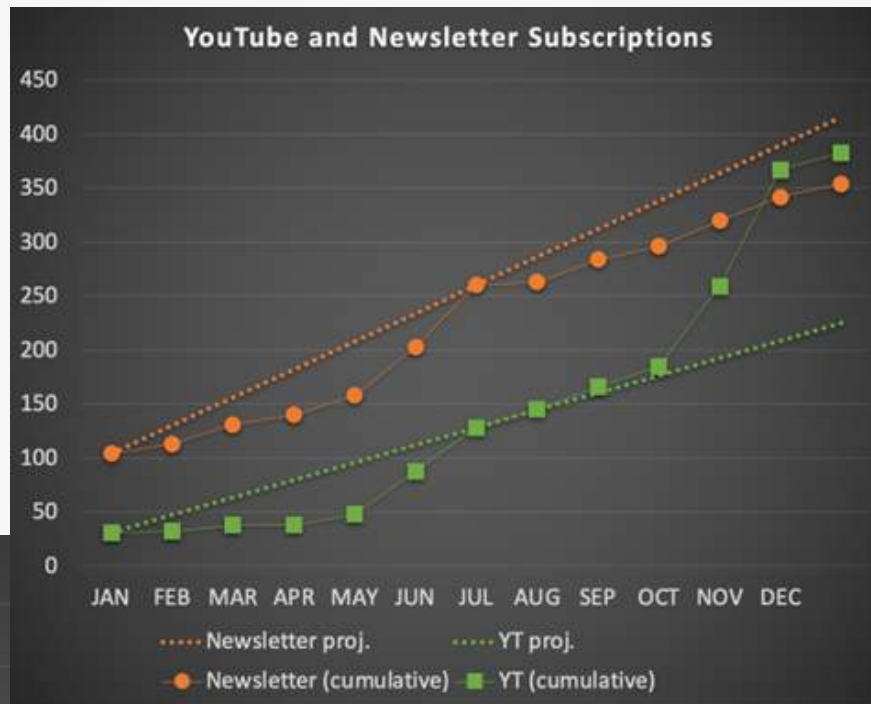
Statistics 2021 and Projections for 2022

In only one year time, Science & Wisdom LIVE has grown from scratch into a full-blown organisation with its own public, followers, and supporters. This is largely due to the very active outreach programme of this past year but has also benefitted greatly from partnerships and mutual PR agreements with other organisations.

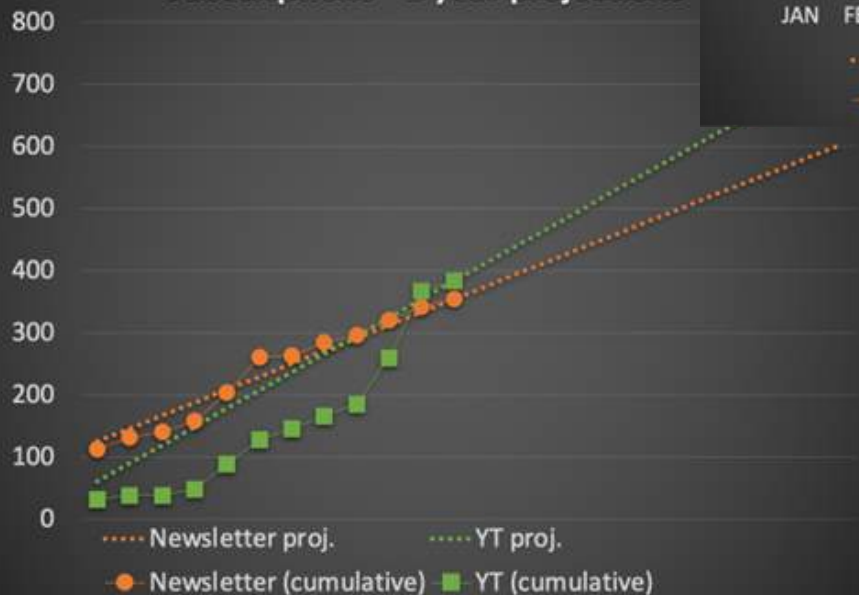
We are very optimistic about the prospects of growth for Science & Wisdom LIVE. Based on this first year of existence, we can safely predict that the growth of Science & Wisdom LIVE will continue steadily during the coming year. Here are some statistic projections to underwrite this growth.

Newsletter and YT subscriptions

We have exceeded our earlier expectations based on the first 6 months of the project for YouTube subscriptions (in green), although the Newsletter subscriptions are slightly below the projections (in orange). The projections the next year, assuming linear growth based on the last 12 months, indicate that our audience is growing and will keep on growing in 2022.



Subscriptions - 1 year projections



The projections the next year, assuming linear growth based on the last 12 months, indicate that our audience is growing and will keep on growing in 2022:

In addition, our Newsletter has an open rate of 41.0% and a click per unique open rate of 12.7%.

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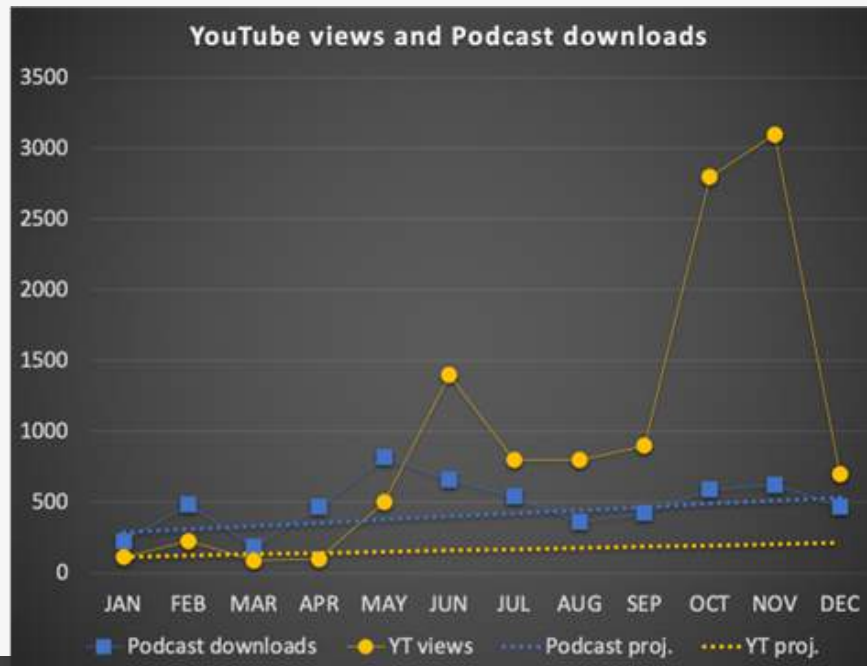
Statistics 2021 and Projections for 2022

Podcast downloads and YouTube views

In the last 6 months of 2021, YT views have skyrocketed way above our expectations based on a 100% growth per 6 months model. Podcast downloads are consistent with the projections of the same model. The projections for the next year, based on a growth of 100% every 6 months, indicate that the project is growing and has potential for more growth in 2022.

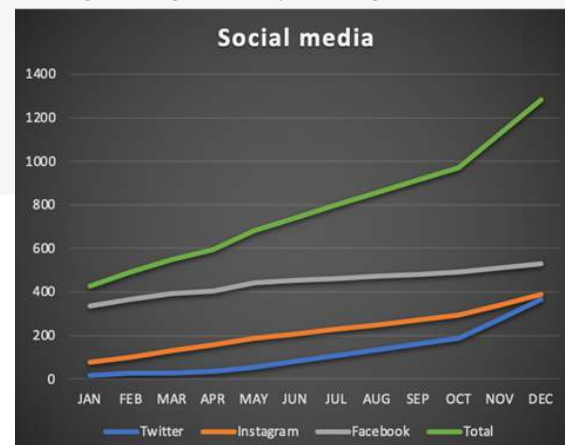
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Social Media

Our subscriptions on social media have been growing steadily throughout 2021.

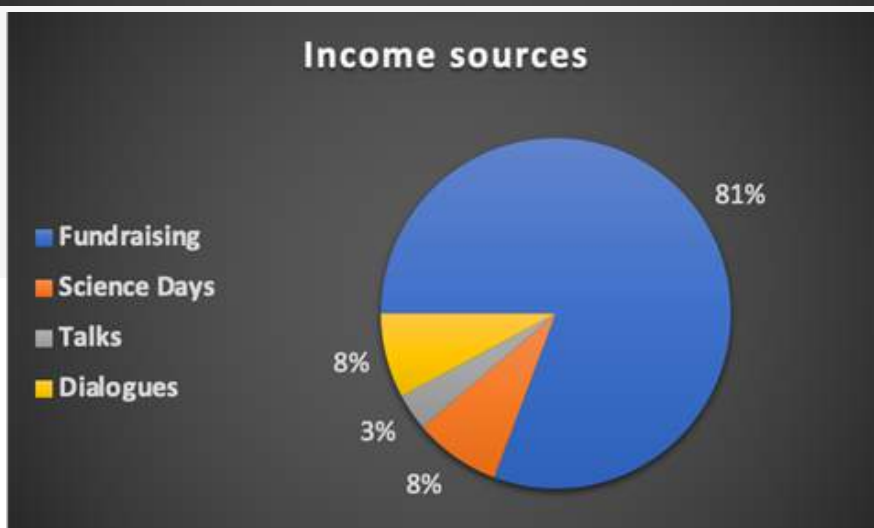




Financial Health

We are happy to announce that Science & Wisdom LIVE will close its first year of activity with a positive net income:

This was mainly thanks to the generosity of our patrons and supporters and their generous donations for the fundraising campaign '21 for 2021' (covering approximately the 80% of our operative costs for 2021.).





For 2022, Science & Wisdom LIVE is working on a long-term income generating model, which encompasses several different aspects:

- donations
- event donations
- e-Learning
- membership/friends of SciWiz
- grants

We expect our total running costs for 2022 to be around £30,000, broken down as follows.

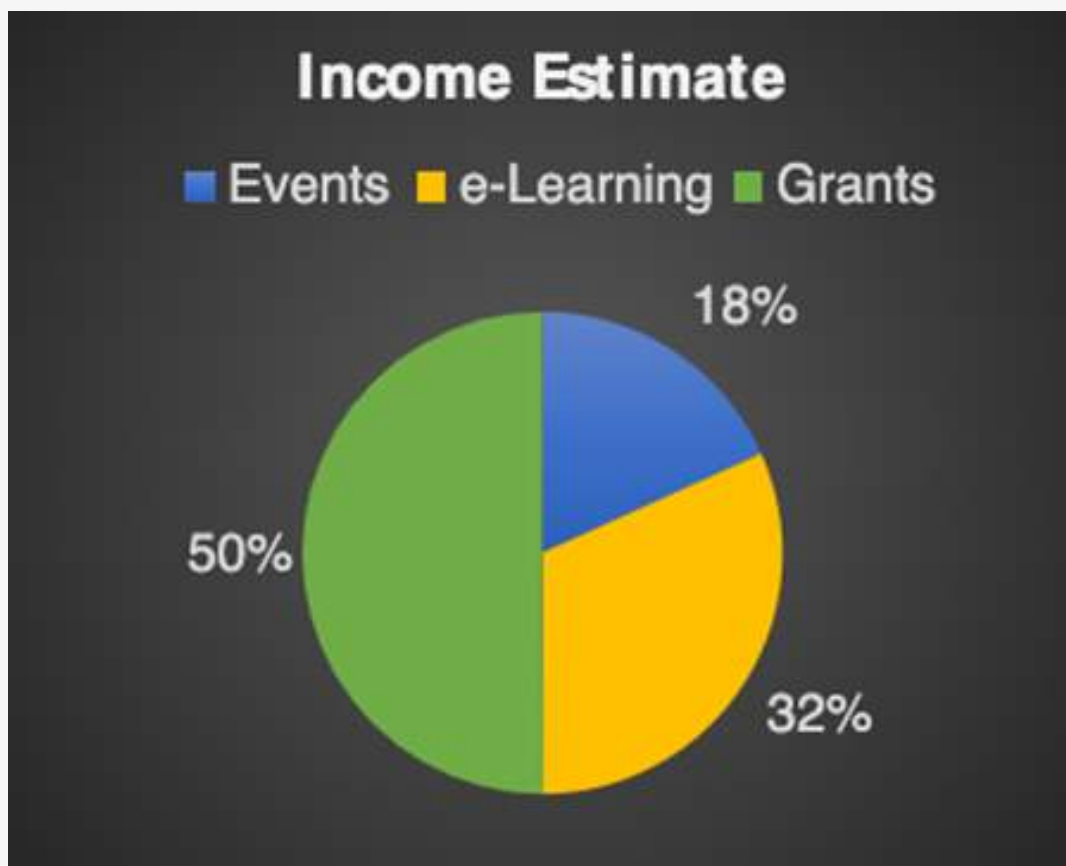
| Recurring Costs | Cost/yr |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Domain names | £141 |
| Buzzsprout | £110 |
| Speaker offerings | £1,500 |
| Salaries** | £21,600 |
| Total | £23,351 |

| One Time Costs | Cost/yr |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| e-Learning platform | £1,000 |
| e-Learning coordinator* | £5,000 |
| Web developer (Jamyang) | £0 |
| Total | £6,000 |

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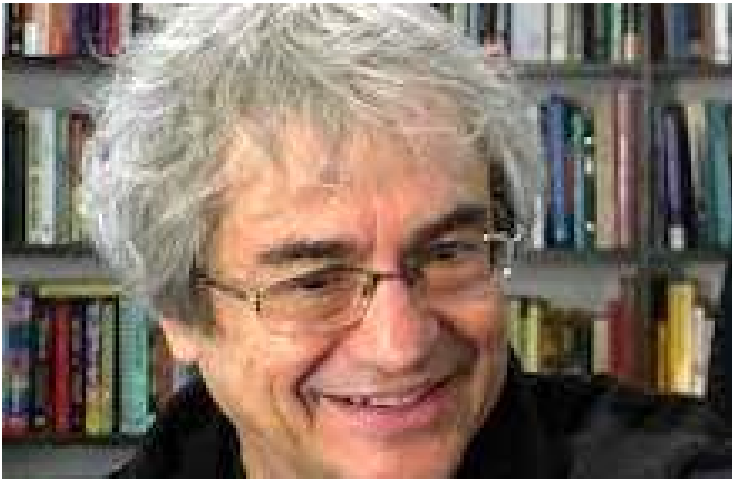
Science & Wisdom LIVE aims at covering about 20% of these costs through donations from events; about 30% through e-Learning courses; and the remainder 50% through Grants and other donations (e.g., Memberships).



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TESTIMONIALS



"I have very much appreciated the invitation to Science & Wisdom LIVE, especially for the combination of intellectual engagement, comparison of ideas, with the profoundly respectful and friendly environment that it has offered. Thank you!"

Prof. Carlo Rovelli

"Great job on organising this event! Many people attended and enjoyed the insights that he shared with us. I will be following the events and am sure to attend some in the future!"

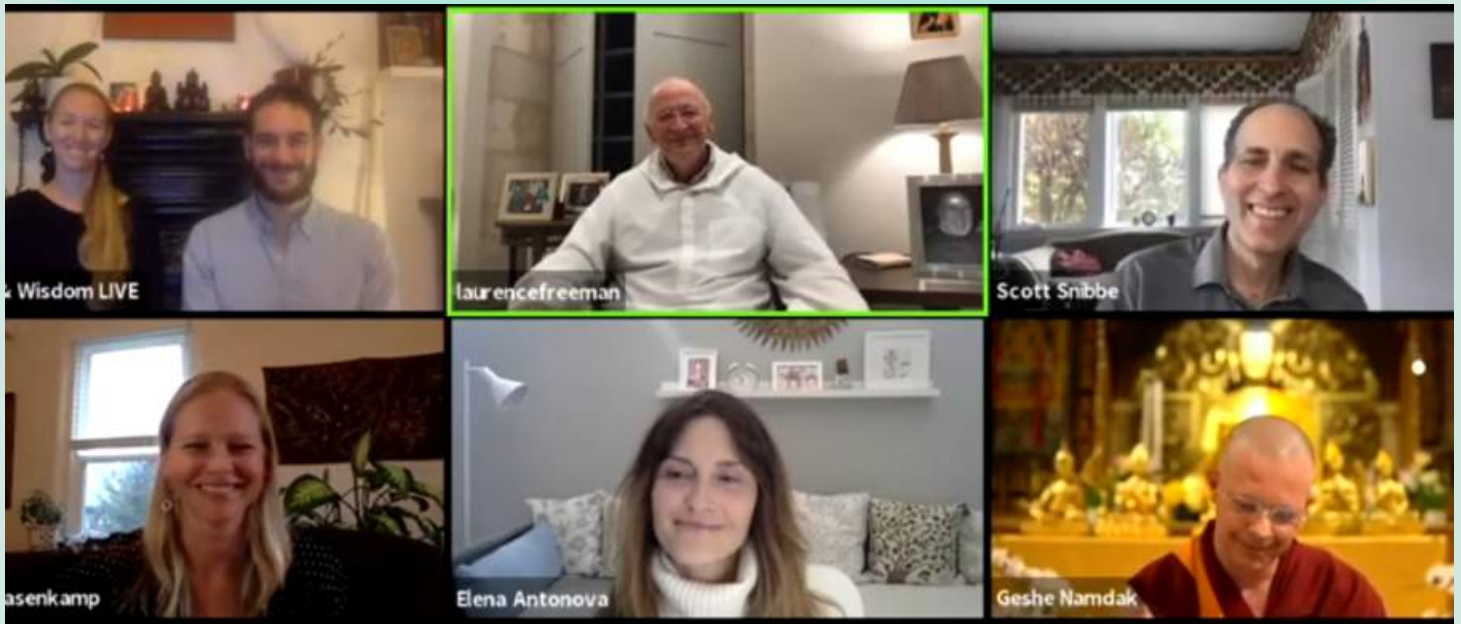
Marije, attendee



"As a board member of Mind and Life Europe, the SciWiz team has really impressed me over the last 18 months. The events they are organising are very exciting and have a significant impact on many people. I am very happy to be one of the donors and for 2021, I shall match the donations made before 31 December 2021."

Erick Rinner, board member

Science & Wisdom LIVE



I much enjoyed the experience and found it very helpful in deepening my understanding of the Buddhist approach. Geshe Namdak is amazingly clear in his explanations.

Dr. Rupert Sheldrake

I am astonished and ecstatic about the SciWiz programme so far today and just cannot wait until Geshe Namdak talks to Carlo Rovelli. I have his book Helgoland and have read some of his other writings. Michel Bitbol's and John Dunne's talks were illuminating and extraordinary and I feel fortunate to have heard them.

Jane Moore

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Erick Rinner

I found the online meeting of Marcel Bitbol and John Dunne, and Carlo Rovelli with Geshe Namdak yesterday completely riveting - a classic instance of the ducks dipping into the proverbial Ganges to retrieve whatever goodness offered by the river (though endearingly apparently not true), as it was pretty clear that the speakers, not only had different strengths but took different stances. Each to their own for us all seemed to be the down-to-earth take-home message from what much of the time was an intense, pleasurable joy-ride way up in the stratosphere!

Ruth Kempson

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- **Moderator:** Vicki Mackenzie

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- **Social Media** Tiziana Amendola

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Established in 1978, Jamyang London Buddhist Center provides a place for the study and practice of Tibetan Buddhism in the Mahayana tradition following the lineage of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

We are affiliated with the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition (FPMT) under the spiritual direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

We host teachings by eminent Buddhist masters, and we offer both Buddhist and secular classes for all levels, from beginner onwards. We provide space for individual and group meditation. Here you will find the authentic teachings of the Buddha and a community supporting your spiritual growth and practice.

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