

Professor Raman Prinja - Ian Robson Lifetime Achievement Award (A)

Professor Raman Prinja has made extensive contributions to astronomy education, public engagement, and academic leadership. He has an outstanding track record in engaging young people in astronomy through award-winning children's books, some of which have been translated into dozens of foreign languages.

He has also widely contributed to science festivals, schools and public events, and is a past winner of the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize and the American Institute of Physics science communication award, for engaging children in physics through his inspirational books.

In parallel with his public engagement activities, Professor Prinja has also taken on impactful, major leadership positions in Physics & Astronomy at University College London, working to instil an inclusive and respectful environment for staff and students.

He has also received numerous teaching awards at UCL and led major research programmes including COBRaS which used e-MERLIN to observe massive stars in the Cygnus OB2 star forming region.

He was appointed an MBE for services to academia and education in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours.