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## *Engaging Academic Social Scientists in Government Policy Making and Delivery*

Monday 6 June, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Wolfson Auditorium, British Academy, 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH

### Programme

#### 12:30: Registration and Coffee

#### 13:00: Welcome

- **Sir Adam Roberts** (President of the British Academy)

#### 13:05: Opening Session (Chair: **Sir John Beddington**)

- **Sir John Beddington** (Government Chief Scientific Adviser)
- **Jenny Dibden** (Joint Head of Government Social Research Service)
- **Professor Paul Boyle** (Chief Executive of Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC))
- **Sir Adam Roberts** (President of the British Academy)

Speaking on how social science impacts on, and the importance of involving academic social scientists in, government decision making.

### 13:40: Experiences of working with government (Chair: **Professor Paul Boyle**)

- **Paul Johnson**, Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies.
- **Professor Philip Lowe**, Professor of Rural Economy, University of Newcastle, and Director of the Rural Economy and Land Use Programme.
- **Professor Nick Pidgeon**, Professor of Environmental Psychology, University of Cardiff, and Director of the Understanding Risk Research Group.
- **Professor Helen Roberts**, General Adolescent and Paediatrics Unit, University College London, and non-executive director of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).
- **Sharon Witherspoon**, Deputy Director of the Nuffield Foundation, and in charge of research in social science and social policy.

These speakers will share their experiences of working with government and take questions.

### 14:30: Coffee

### 15:00: Good practice in engagement (Chair: **Jenny Dibden**)

Open discussion session on the following themes:

Q1: What do you think government should be doing more of to increase the influence of your research and expertise on government policy making and delivery?

Q2: What do you think the academic social science community should be doing more of to have a direct influence on government policy making and delivery?

Q3: What might encourage you to consider an advisory role to government, for example, as a social scientist on one of the government's Scientific Advisory Committees?

### 15:40: Summary and Close

- **Sir John Beddington** (Government Chief Scientific Adviser)

## List of Attendees

**Pete Alcock**, University of Birmingham

**Stephen Aldridge**, Department for  
Communities and Local Government

**Stephen Anderson**, Academy of Social Sciences

**Louise Archer**, London School of Economics  
and Political Science

**Eileen Barker**, Information Network Focus on  
Religious Movements

**Michael Barrow**, University of Sussex

**Richard Bartholomew**, Government Social  
Research Service

**Mel Bartley**, University College London

**John Beddington**, Government Chief Scientific  
Advisor

**Tim Besley**, London School of Economics and  
Political Science

**Nathaneal Bevan**, National Policing  
Improvement Authority

**Paul Boyle**, Economic and Social Research  
Council

**Nick Braisby**, University of Winchester

**Michael Bravo**, University of Cambridge

**Mary Brennan**, University of Newcastle

**Jennifer Brown**, London School of Economics  
and Political Science

**Ann Bruce**, University of Edinburgh

**Kate Burningham**, University of Surrey

**Rosalind Campbell**, Birbeck College, University  
of London

**Siobhan Campbell**, Department of Energy and  
Climate Change

**Selina Chen**, British Academy

**Tommy Chrimes**, British Academy

**Jamieson Christie**, Government Office for  
Science

**Brian Collins**, Department for Business,  
Innovation and Skills

**Adam Cooper**, Department for Culture, Media  
and Sport

**Francesca Cornaglia**, Queen Mary, University of  
London

**Tony Crook**, Academy of Social Sciences

**Karl Cunion**, Department for Communities and  
Local Government

**Gareth Davies**, Cabinet Office

**Tanvi Desai**, London School of Economics and  
Political Science

**Jennifer DeWitt**, King's College London

**Jenny Dibden**, Government Social Research  
Service

**Robert Doubleday**, University of Cambridge

**Liz Dowler**, University of Warwick

**Janet Dwyer**, Countryside and Community Research Institute

**Jane Elliott**, Institute of Education

**John Elliott**, Home Office

**Rebecca Endean**, Ministry of Justice

**Giulia Faggio**, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Ellen Flint**, University College London

**Andrea Garman**, Government Office for Science

**Nigel Goldie**, Social Research Association

**John Goldthorpe**, University of Oxford

**Douglas Grieg**, Scottish Government

**Chris Hanretty**, University of East Anglia

**Shaun Hargreaves-Heap**, University of East Anglia

**Michael Harloe**, Academy of Social Sciences

**Gemma Harper**, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**Kathryn Haynes**, Aston University

**Adam Hedgecoe**, Cardiff University

**Alison Higgins**, Health and Safety Executive

**Stephen Hinchliffe**, University of Exeter

**Bryony Hoskins**, Institute of Education

**Mike Hough**, King's College London

**Ray Hudson**, Durham University

**Alan Hughes**, University of Cambridge

**Vivienne Hurley**, British Academy

**Mallika Ishwaran**, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**Peter Jackson**, University of Sheffield

**Mary James**, British Educational Research Association

**Michelle Jobson**, Government Economic and Social Research Team

**Peter John**, University of Manchester

**David Johnson**, Government Economic and Social Research Team

**Paul Johnson**, Institute for Fiscal Studies

**Heather Joshi**, Institute of Education

**Joanna Konings**, Government Economic and Social Research Team

**Martin Kretschmer**, Bournemouth University

**Rebecca Landy**, University College London

**Philip Lowe**, University of Newcastle

**Mithu Lucraft**, SAGE

**Margaret Macadam**, Economic and Social Research Council

**Mairéad MacSweeney**, University College London

**Erica Mansnerus**, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Paul McCafferty**, HM Revenue and Customs

**Rachel McCloy**, University of Reading

**Sandra McNally**, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Veena Meetoo**, Institute of Education

**Andrea Mina**, University of Cambridge

**John Muellbauer**, University of Oxford

**Anne Murcott**, University of Nottingham

**Alita Nandi**, University of Essex

**Rebecca O'Connell**, Institute of Education

**Tony O'Connor**, Government Operational Research Service

**Deirdre O'Reilly**, Department for Transport

**Gerardo Ortega**, University College London

**Katy Owen**, Government Economic and Social Research Team

**Sarah Parry**, University of Edinburgh

**Kim Perren**, Loughborough University

**Nick Pidgeon**, University of Cardiff

**Sophie Pinder**, British Academy

**Marina Popescu**, University of Essex

**Meghan Rainsberry**, Institute of Education

**Genevra Richardson**, King's College London

**Kathleen Richardson**, University College London

**Adam Roberts**, British Academy

**Andy Roberts**, UK Statistics Authority

**Ceridwen Roberts**, University Oxford

**Helen Roberts**, University College London

**Andy Ross**, Government Economic Service

**Stuart Sarson**, Government Office for Science

**Phil Satchell**, Government Office for Science

**Tom Schuller**, Longview UK

**Almudena Sevilla-Sanz**, University of Oxford

**Ben Shaw**, University of Westminster

**Sara Skodbo**, Home Office

**Alaster Smith**, Government Office for Science

**Daniel Smith**, Government Office for Science

**Fred Steward**, University of Westminster

**Andy Stirling**, University of Sussex

**Paul Stoneman**, University of Southampton

**Patrick Sturgis**, University of Southampton

**Kevin Sweeney**, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

**Mark Taylor**, University of Essex

**Andy Teale**, Government Economic and Social Research Team

**Simon Teasdale**, University of Birmingham

**Pat Thane**, King's College London

**Monica Threlfall**, London Metropolitan University

**Barbara Tizard**, Institute of Education

**Joy Todd**, Economic and Social Research Council

**Steven Toole**, Royal Geographical Society

**Anna Valero**, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Jelle van Lottum**, University of Cambridge

**Prahbat Vaze**, Ministry of Defence

**Jeremy Vincent**, Department for Communities and Local Government

**Jackie Wahba**, University of Southampton

**Phil Wales**, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Ken Warwick**, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

**Richard Watermeyer**, University of Cardiff

**Jeremy Watson**, Department for Communities and Local Government

**Jonathan Webb**, Government Economic and Social Research Team

**Trevor Webb**, Food Standards Agency

**Anna Wesselink**, University of Leeds

**Amanda White**, Home Office

**Sarah White**, University College London

**Lorraine Whitmarsh**, University of Cardiff

**Teresa Williams**, Ministry of Justice

**Carole Willis**, Department for Education

**Sharon Witherspoon**, Nuffield Foundation

**Steve Yearley**, University of Edinburgh

**Anandini Yoganathan**, British Academy