Twitter Q&A: Engagement between Scientists and Politicians

Research to Action hosted a Twitter Q&A which ran in parallel to the University of Manchester’s Policy Week session on ‘Engagement between Scientists and Politicians’ on Friday 6th November 2015.

Live Twitter Q&A Today! ow.ly/UjNZ1 #PolicyWeek pic.twitter.com/1LwxlRefuh

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Get involved with @Research2Action’s Twitter Q&A from @UoMPolicy’s #policyweek at 1.15pm today! twitter.com/UoMPolicy/stat...

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Our penultimate session for #PolicyWeek beckons and it’s going to be a good one. Do you have a Q on engagement between science and politics?

Betty Paton @BettyPaton

Live Twitter Q&A today at 1.15pm on the engagement between politicians and scientists. Join in using #policyweek ow.ly/UkaPo
You’d be interested in this debate @Tuhinsen @beryl_leach - and i’m sure would have plenty of answers! #PolicyWeek pic.twitter.com/TPwC09yCzL

Laura Constant @LConstant

excited to talk about communicating ideas and evidence btwn scientists and policymakers #policyweek ow.ly/Ui8cw

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Our Q&A alongside @UoMPolicy #policyweek event starts in 1 hour. Get Ready! ow.ly/UidCU

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#policyweek event @UoMPolicy with @samillingworth @LucyMPowell @c_kenny1 @amandabamford about to start ow.ly/Uib8R
Welcome to all those listening to our Q&A on the engagement between Scientists and politicians...Ques to follow! Join using #policyweek

Q1: Is there a lack of engagement between the scientifically and politically minded? #PolicyWeek pic.twitter.com/x6NW5O1qK9

Not always...but I think that often priorities differ and that can cause issues! #policyweek #scicomms twitter.com/Research2Actio...

@Research2Action engagement is driven by agenda. Evidence must support or dramatically contradict to generate interest either way. #policyweek

@Research2Action #policyweek Yes in most cases. Different agendas and points of engagement don't always converge
Megan Lloyd-Laney @MeganLloydLaney

Q1: Lack of engagement partly because of completely different incentives #PolicyWeek

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Jo Reid @joannacreid

@Research2Action #policyweek Time issue! Not enough time or rsrch findings too early/too late. Need to monitor & match political entry points

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Laurie Huggett @LaurieAldousG

@Research2Action Points of convergence r there but stay invisible whn we keep our heads down. Both sides need meerkat moments! #policyweek

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Day 5 of #PolicyWeek 1.30pm and the level of engagement is still going strong. Fantastic turnout, great panel! pic.twitter.com/5BdcDxXuHY

Q3: How can scientists make their voices better heard by politicians? #PolicyWeek pic.twitter.com/pSiakUBPPg
Laurie Huggett  
@LaurieAldousG

@Research2Action Find out what they are already listening to. Where are they? There's no point shouting into an empty room. #policyweek  

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.@amandabamford start small, find something small that you could talk to politicians about #Policyweek  

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Innovative methods like multimedia, infographics, animation, cartoons! Daring to be different! #scicomms #policyweek twitter.com/Research2Actio...  

Nyasha Musandu  
@NMusandu

@Research2Action It’s a bit of a catch 22 what comes 1st good evidence or engagement? Both actors need to understand each other #policyweek  

Jo Reid  
@joannacreid

@Research2Action #policyweek Diff languages, diff sources of info used! Rsrchrs should get on #socialmedia!  

Jo Reid  
@joannacreid

#policyweek Q3- Learn ‘policymaker speak’. Frame messages so they resonate. Make recommendations relevant, specific & actionable.
Farai Samhungu @FaraiSamhungu

@Research2Action #policyweek Align research to political agendas. Politicians pay attention if research impacts their political outcomes

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Q4: What role should social media play in improving scientists’ communication with politicians?
#PolicyWeek pic.twitter.com/nCXjFqzqvt

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what role should social media play? @rjwlkr says do not underestimate its role! way to contact policymakers #policyweek

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Ingvild Storm @ingvild_storm

Nearing the end of the #policyweek Q+A - thoughts on this one? Interesting Q! twitter.com/Research2Actio...

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Social media and blogs are great way of engaging. Less dry, more accessible. Great way to bridge gap between scientists and MPs #policyweek

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blogs are a good way to showcase research to policymakers @c_kenny1 #policyweek

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Man PG Careers
@ManPGCareers

Parliamentarians use blogs to get info, more than academic journals - need any more incentive to get blogging? #policyweek

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Farai Samhungu
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@Research2Action #policyweek Q5 requires nuanced understanding of audiences, targeting and distinct channels

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Sudeep Uprety
@UpertySudeep

@Research2Action - comm of evidence- more 'practical' than of ideas as its already tested but ideas could be passing thoughts #policyweek

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