

The Royal Society Pairing Scheme 2018
Programme for the 'Week in Westminster'
25 November – 29 November 2018

Sunday 25 November – Arrival and Check-in

- 16:00 onwards Arrival and check-in at hotel – The Strand Palace Hotel, 372 Strand, London, WC2R 0JJ
- 18.00 Introductory dinner – Carluccio's in Covent Garden, WC2E 9BH (Scientists only – compulsory)

Monday 26 November – INTRODUCTORY DAY – Parliament & The Royal Society

- 09:00 Meet outside Parliament and go through security – by Cromwell Green Visitors entrance
- 09:35 – 10:55 Tour of Palace of Westminster (lasts approximately 75 minutes)
- 11:00 – 11.15 Walk to the Royal Society – Carlton House Terrace (SW1Y 5AG)
- 11.15 – 11.30 Tea and Coffee on arrival
- 11:30 – 11.45 Welcome and Introduction
- 11:45 – 13:00 How Parliament works – Houses of Parliament Outreach Service
- 13.00 – 13:45 Lunch
- 13.45 – 15.15 Policy and Science – Becky Purvis, Head of Public Affairs and Joe Edwards, Public Affairs Adviser, Royal Society
- 15.15 – 16.00 Walk to Parliament and go through security – *Churchill room via Cromwell Green Visitors entrance*
- 16:00 – 17:00 Exhibition (Representatives from the research community will present their work)
- 17:00 – 18.00 Reception – Science: Thinking globally, delivering locally” with Norman Lamb MP – Chair of the Commons Science and Technology Committee; Chi Onwurah MP – Shadow Minister for Industrial Strategy Science and Innovation; and Professor Brian Foster – Vice President of the Royal Society.

Tuesday 27 November – SHADOWING DAY 1

09:00 – 17:00 Time for shadowing

17.30 – 19.00 *OPTIONAL – Drinks at the Barley Mow - 104 Horseferry Rd, Westminster, London SW1P 2EE*

Wednesday 28 November – SHADOWING DAY 2

09:00 – 15.30 Time for shadowing

11:30 – 12.30 *OPTIONAL - Prime Minister's Questions (access to be arranged by MPs)*

15:30 – 18:00 Mock Select Committee for scientists - Committee Room 3, Palace of Westminster (meet outside parliament by the arch next to Black Rod's entrance at 3.30pm)

Thursday 29 November – Government Office for Science Day – Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, SW1H 0ET

10.10 – 10.30 Arrival and refreshments

10.30 – 11.00 Welcome and Introduction

11.00 – 11.30 Q&A session with Dr Patrick Vallance – Government Chief Scientific Adviser

11.30 – 11.45 Break

11.45 – 12.30 How scientists can engage with government – Dr Alan Pitt – Deputy Director, Science & Security:

- Science advice and leadership across government
- Areas of Research Interest
- Academic engagement work
- Increasing diversity on panels

12.30 – 13.15 Lunch

13.15 – 14.00 Feedback session and next steps – Joe Edwards and Becky Purvis

14.15 – **Close**