
The Royal Society Pairing Scheme 2020
Programme for the 'Week in Westminster'
1 – 5 March

Sunday 1 March – Arrival and Check-in

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

Monday 2 March – INTRODUCTORY DAY – Parliament & the Royal Society

- 09:00 Meet outside Parliament and go through security – by [Cromwell Green](#) visitors' entrance (number 8 on map) (See Royal Society staff with red bags).
- 09:35 – 10:55 Tour of Palace of Westminster (lasts approximately 75 minutes)
- 11:00 – 11.15 Walk to the Royal Society – 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, St. James's, SW1Y 5AG
- 11.15 – 11.30 Tea and Coffee on arrival – Conference Room 1st floor
- 11:30 – 11.45 Welcome and introduction to Royal Society
- 11:45 – 13:00 'How Parliament Works' – Houses of Parliament Outreach Service
- 13.00 – 13:45 Lunch
- 13.45 – 15.00 'Policy and Science' – Sue Wilkinson and Tom Exall (Royal Society Public Affairs Team)
- 15.15 – 16.00 Walk to Parliament for pairing scheme exhibition and reception event in the Churchill Room, Palace of Westminster. Go through security and enter via Cromwell Green visitors' entrance (as above)
- 16:00 – 17:00 Exhibition (representatives from the research community will be there to discuss their work)
- 17:00 – 18.00 Pairing Scheme Reception, 'Levelling up the UK – is science the answer?' – sponsored by Lord Patel

Tuesday 3 March – SHADOWING DAY 1

- 09:00 – 17:00 Time for shadowing (arranged directly by you and your pair)
- 17.30 – 19.00 OPTIONAL – Drinks (Walkers of Whitehall, 15 Craig's Ct, Westminster, London SW1A 2DD)

Wednesday 4 March – SHADOWING DAY 2

- 09:00 – 15.30 Time for shadowing (arranged directly by you and your pair)
- 15:30 – 16.00 Meet outside Cromwell Green to go through security as group (as above)
- 16:00 – 17:30 Mock Select Committee for scientists - Committee Room 1, Palace of Westminster
- 17.30 Final questions and close

Thursday 5 March – Government Office for Science Day – Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, SW1H 0ET

- 8.45 Meet Royal Society staff outside entrance to venue (go through security)
- 09:00 – 09.15 Welcome and refreshments (coffee and tea available from 8.50 am)
- 09:15 – 09.30 Session one – GSE profession – Jenni Penrose, Government office for Science
- 09:30 – 10.00 Session two - Scientific advisory group for emergencies – Mausmi Juthani, Government Office for Science (due to ongoing Covid-19 work this talk may be subject to change)
- 10:00 – 10:45 Panel discussion – The impact of science on policymaking - Kavita Kishen (DfT), Jonathan Hoare (BEIS), further panel members tbc
- 10.45 – 11.00 Break
- 11.00 – 11.30 Session three – Futures – Amna Riaz, Government office for Science
- 11.30 – 12.00 Q&A session with John Loughhead, Chief Scientific Advisor for BEIS
- 12.00 – 12.45 Lunch
- 12.45 – 13.20 Feedback session with Royal Society
- 13.20 – 13.30 Wrap up and close