
The Royal Society Pairing Scheme 2015
Programme for the 'Week in Westminster'
23-26 November 2015

Sunday 22 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
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Monday 23 November – INTRODUCTORY DAY - Attlee Suite, Portcullis House (unless stated otherwise)

- 09:00 Meet at Parliament - Cromwell Green Visitors entrance
- 09:35 – 10:55 Tour of Palace of Westminster (lasts approximately 75 minutes)
- 11:00 – 11.30 Tea and Coffee upon arrival at Portcullis House
- 11:30 – 11.45 Welcome and Introduction – Dr Julie Maxton, Executive Director, Royal Society
- 11:45 – 13:00 How Parliament works – Alasdair MacKenzie, Houses of Parliament Outreach Service
- 13.00 – 14:15 Lunch
- 14.15 – 15.15 Science in Parliament – Case study: Mitochondrial donation – Nancy Lee and Sarah Rappaport, The Wellcome Trust
- 15:15 – 16:30 Exhibition
- 16.30 – 18.30 Reception - Speakers:
Dr Julie Maxton, Executive Director, Royal Society
Jo Johnson MP, Minister for Science and Universities
Nicola Blackwood MP, Chair of the Science and Technology Committee
- 19.15 – 21.00 *OPTIONAL - PolicyLab: How can science help the UK meet the Sustainable Development Goals? - The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AG*
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Tuesday 24 November – SHADOWING DAY 1

- 09:00 – 17:00 Time for shadowing

- 14.15 – 16.00 *OPTIONAL – House of Commons Science and Technology Committee Session: Science in Emergencies – room TBC*
- 18.30 – 20.00 *OPTIONAL - Future energy provision: How can the world understand, anticipate and collaborate? – The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AG*

Wednesday 25 November – SHADOWING DAY 2

- 09:00 – 16:00 Time for shadowing
- 11:30 *OPTIONAL - Prime Minister's Questions (access to be arranged by MPs) and Spending Review announcement in the House of Commons Chamber*
- 16:00 – 18:00 Mock Select Committee for scientists, Committee Room 2, House of Lords
- 18.45 – 22.00 *OPTIONAL - Science Museum Lates: Calculates – Science Museum, Exhibition Road South Kensington, SW7 2DD – or drinks at the pub.*

Thursday 26 November – Government Office for Science Day – Jubilee Room, Westminster Hall

- 10.00 – 10.20 Welcome and Introduction – Alan Pitt, Deputy Director Science Capability, Energy & Climate Change, Government Office for Science
- 10.20 – 11.10 Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies: How Science Informs Our Response to Emergencies – Colin Armstrong and Jack Wardle, Government Office for Science
- 11.10 – 11.30 Break
- 11.30 – 12.20 Panel Session on the work of the Government Office for Science – Claire Craig, Jo House, Andrea Garman and Stephen Bennett, Government Office for Science
- 12.20 -12.50 Distributed Ledger Technology – Beyond Blockchain – Martin Glasspool, Government Office for Science
- 12.50 – 13.30 Making Policy for the Future: Using Horizon Scanning in Government – Richard Sandford, Government Office for Science
- 13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 15.00 Closing Speech – Sir Mark Walport, Government Chief Scientific Adviser
- 15.00 – 16.00 Feedback session
- 16.00 End of Week in Westminster