

Annual Report 2022/23

sciencewise

Placing diverse **public voices** at the heart
of UK research, leading to **better research,**
better policy & better futures.



**UK Research
and Innovation**

AT A GLANCE

480

Participants

6285

Hours of public participant deliberation

89

Oversight Group Members

67

Specialist Speakers

7

Insights Reports

600

Event sign ups

2022/23

Over the last year, UKRI has supported Sciencewise public dialogues on topics including climate adaptation, the future of flight, genome editing in farmed animals, biomass and BECCS and data stewardship.

The commissioners of these public dialogues have used the outcomes to inform research and policy thinking throughout the policy cycle, from strategy to implementation. They have found that when the public are included, the resulting approaches are more likely to land well with wider society and to deliver what is needed.

The recent reaffirmation of the UK's commitment to becoming a science superpower and driving economic growth, as declared by both the Prime Minister and Chancellor in early 2023, amplifies the potential impact of such exemplary practices.



DIALOGUES

£766,845

Funding contribution for public dialogues and evaluation of dialogues



Dialogue

- [NHS AI Lab](#)
- [Biomass](#)
- [Net zero scenarios](#)
- [Future Flight](#)
- [GE Animals](#)
- [Data public engagment panel](#)
- Additional Data public engagement panel workshops
- [Climate Adaptation](#)

Commissioner

- NHS AI Lab
- DESNZ
- GO-Science
- Innovate
- BBSRC/ Nuffield
- Scottish Govt
- Scottish Govt
- DEFRA

Theme

- Data
- Climate / Environment
- Climate/ Environment
- Data/ AI/ Robotics/Climate
- Life Sciences/ Biotech
- Data
- Data
- Climate / Environment

OVER THE COMING YEAR

7 DIALOGUES

Currently live, across all four Sciencewise priority themes

3 SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

To be compiled by the British Science Association in its role as a member of the Sciencewise consortium

NEWSLETTER

A brand new Sciencewise newsletter will be launching Autumn 2023

LUNCH & LEARN

Two Lunch & Learn events will be taking place over the coming months

ANNUAL EVENT

Our Annual Event will be taking place Spring 2024

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A man and a young girl are seen from behind, holding hands and looking out over a field of wind turbines at sunset. The man is wearing a light blue shirt and khaki pants, and the girl is wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The wind turbines are silhouetted against the bright sky.

ABOUT SCIENCEWISE

Sciencewise is an internationally recognised public engagement programme which enables policy makers to develop **socially informed research and policy** with a particular emphasis on science and technology.

We do this by supporting primarily government and government funded bodies to commission deliberative public dialogue. Our support includes up to 50 percent co-funding, expert advice and guidance.

Public dialogue provides in-depth insight into the views, concerns and aspirations of a reflective sample of the population. This allows decision makers to develop **research and policy that resonates with public views**.

Established in 2004, the programme has supported **70 dialogue projects** and helps to ensure research and policy is informed by the views and aspirations of the public.

The programme is led and funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and managed by Involve, the UK's leading public participation charity.

