

**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar**  
**The future for Open Access and the move towards Open Data**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Venue: Royal Aeronautical Society, No.4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ

Agenda subject to change



- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Chris Tyler**, Director, Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology
- 9.05 - 9.35 **'Open Prospects'**  
**Dr Tony Peatfield**, Open Access Policy Lead, RCUK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.55 **Open Access Post-2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF)**  
**Dr Steven Hill**, Head of Research Policy, HEFCE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 - 10.10 **Humanities, Social Sciences and Open Access**  
**Helena Djurkovic**, Chief Executive Officer, Political Studies Association
- 10.10 - 11.10 **Open Access in practice - progress, remaining challenges and next steps for policy**  
*How effective has the RCUK Policy on Open Access been so far; what are the remaining challenges to implementation? What are the current indications that RCUK's expectation of 100% compliance with Open Access policy by March 2018, 75% of which should be 'gold', will be met? How successful has the Access to Research initiative, launched in January 2014, been in expanding access to publicly funded research; how can government and the academic community build on this programme to extend access beyond participation libraries? What will be the likely impact of the changes to the requirements of eligible outputs for the post-2014 REF on Open Access publication; how will it work in practice? To what extent have the RCUK block grants for research council supported organisations addressed concerns about article processing charges (APCs); do adjustments need to be made? How well has HEFCE's Project on Monographs and Open Access addressed challenges facing the sustainability of monograph publishing?*  
**David Ross**, Executive Publisher for Open Access, SAGE Publications  
**Dr Alma Swan**, Director, SPARC Europe; Director, Key Perspectives; Director, Directory of Open Access Journals and Director, Infrastructure Services for Open Access (IS4OA)  
**Rachel Beaton**, Research Policy Officer, University of Stirling  
**Ciara Eastell**, Head of Libraries, Culture and Heritage, Devon County Council and President, Society of Chief Librarians  
**Dr Neil Jacobs**, Head of Scholarly Communications Support, Jisc  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Helena Djurkovic**, Chief Executive Officer, Political Studies Association
- 11.10 - 11.40 Coffee
- 11.40 - 11.55 **Why open data?**  
**Oliver Buckley**, Deputy Director, Government Transparency and Open Data, Cabinet Office
- 11.55 - 12.55 **Moving towards a culture of open data**  
*What is the potential contribution of open data to achieving Government's aim of establishing world-class research in the UK? Beyond the academic community, what benefits might it bring to businesses, particularly in terms of access to research and supporting the speed of innovation, and more widely to economic growth? and more widely to economic growth? What progress has been made in establishing a culture of open data in the UK since the publication of Government's 2012-14 Open Data Strategy? How can the academic community ensure publicly funded research and its underlying data is transparent and openly available? What can be done to optimise the opportunities for researchers to mine for text and data in publications? What safeguards need to be put in place to avoid or overcome the potential challenges linked to open data, such as making it easier to plagiarise or implications for patents and IP? What steps can be taken to allay researchers' fears associated with adhering to an open data culture, for example, mistakes in the original data set, further discoveries not being correctly attributed and misinterpretations of data? How can government and the academic community address issues such as link rot or incorrect citations?*  
**Nicola Perrin**, Head of Policy, Wellcome Trust  
**Dr Susanna-Assunta Sansone**, Associate Director, Oxford e-Research Centre, University of Oxford and Consultant, Scientific Data, Nature Publishing Group  
**Roger Bickerstaff**, Partner and Joint Head, International IT Sector Group, Bird & Bird  
**IJsbrand Jan Aalbersberg**, SVP Journal and Data Solutions, Elsevier  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Oliver Buckley**, Deputy Director, Government Transparency and Open Data, Cabinet Office
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Dr Chris Tyler**, Director, Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology  
**Alex Kenney**, Forum Lead, Westminster Higher Education Forum

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