

STANDING UP FOR SCIENCE WEBINAR

Friday, 27th March 2020

SESSION 1 PANELLISTS - Media

PROFESSOR MATTHEW COBB

Matthew Cobb is Professor of Zoology at the University of Manchester, where he studies the sense of smell in maggots, and the history of science. He has just published *The Idea of the Brain: A History*. On Twitter he is @matthewcobb where he gets cross about the lack of Covid-19 testing for NHS staff as well as tweeting pictures of insects and other animals.



MIKE ADDELMAN



Mike Addelman is a media relations officer with responsibility for the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health and has been based at The University of Manchester since 2006. He is a former journalist, writing for national, regional and local titles.

In his spare time he's a keen photographer and sing in a death metal band.

KEVIN FITZPATRICK

Kevin has worked as a BBC reporter, newsreader, producer and presenter for nearly 20 years.

He has reported for Radio 5Live and Radio 4 and is currently a political reporter for BBC Radio Manchester and BBC North West Tonight, frequently presenting the Sunday Politics North West programme.

Kevin is a former professional rugby league player who gave it all up to tell stories for a living. Lives in Oldham with his wife and three children.



SESSION 2 PANELLISTS - Policy

DR CHRIS PETERS

Chris heads up the operational team within Policy@Manchester, coordinating engagement with faculties and liaising with external policymakers at both regional, national and international level. Chris has previously worked at the National Assembly for Wales, the British Ecological Society, Carbon Brief and most recently, the charity Sense about Science. Before that Chris completed his PhD in plant ecophysiology at the University of Sheffield.



DR SARAH BUNN

Sarah is scientific adviser in biological sciences and health at the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) in Westminster. POST specialises in providing independent, impartial scientific briefings for MPs and Peers. The focus of much of Sarah's work has been on biotechnology, bioethics, pharmaceuticals, vaccines and public health. Recent projects include various subjects in crime and justice, immunisation, cancer, gambling, science diplomacy, vector-borne disease and science funding.

Sarah holds a BSc in pharmacology at UCL and a PhD in neuropharmacology and biophysics at Imperial. This was followed by post-doctoral research with the pharmaceutical company Novartis, working on drug discovery programmes for novel analgesics. Sarah left research in 2005 to take a position as a scientific adviser in the office of the Chief Medical Adviser at the Department for Work and Pensions covering a variety of medical policy areas in public health and epidemiology.

This was followed by her move to Parliament in 2006 working for POST, including a stint as specialist adviser to the House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee in 2007.

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DR HAMID KHAN



Hamid joined Sense about Science in January 2019 as the public engagement coordinator and is now senior partnerships coordinator. He heads the Voice of Young Science (VoYS) network in the UK, our unique, Europe-wide network of early career researchers (ECRs). Hamid coordinates institutional partnerships with the VoYS programme, developing new relationships and helping partner organisations to build confidence in media, policy and public engagement among their ECR communities.

Hamid is the first point of contact for the thousands of ECRs and volunteers in the network who want to stand up for science. He chairs our 'Standing up for Science' workshops around the country and also contributes to the VoYS programme's twice-yearly 'Peer Review: the nuts & bolts' training workshops.

Through training researchers, delivering keynote conference speeches and appearing on panels, Hamid is a leading voice in discussions about how researchers can make their voices heard in public and policy debates about science, evidence and research quality.

Hamid also performs the essential role of recruiting and managing our brilliant interns and leads on facilitating the nomination and judging processes for the John Maddox Prize.

Hamid has a PhD in nanoscience from the University of Southampton, where he also completed a Master's in chemistry.

ILAINA KHAIRULZAMAN



Ilaina joined the team in October 2017. Ilaina has a research Master's in immunology from Trinity College Dublin and is trained as a bioinformatician. After a year of clicking away on her computer looking at dolphin genes, she realised she much preferred spreading the word of science over doing the science. Ilaina works on building the VoYS network in the EU and encourages early career researchers to start standing up for science.

JOSHUA GASCOYNE

Joshua is studying for a PhD in Microbiology at the Synthetic Biology Research Centre, University of Nottingham. He joined the team in February 2020 for an 8-week placement to feed his passion for the use of evidence in policy making. He is supporting the Voice of the Young Science campaign, specifically working to encourage other early career researchers to discuss the impact of their research on society.

