

Parliamentary Links Day 2015

Parliamentary Links Day 2015 took place at Portcullis House on 23 June. Organised by the Society of Biology on behalf of the overall STEM community, the event seeks to bring together scientists, their respective learned societies and MPs to discuss scientific issues of national and international significance.

This year's event was notable for its synchronicity with the new parliamentary cycle and, as such, it featured a number of new faces including a new Chair of the Science and Technology Committee, Nicola Blackwood MP (Oxford West and Abingdon), and a new Minister for Universities and Science, Jo Johnson MP (Orpington). Dr Hetan Shah gave a talk during which he stressed the need for UK researchers and government policymakers to have access to private sector science data. He also praised the role of the social sciences in policymaking.

For more information, visit The Society of Biology's website [here](#).

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