



Social Science in Parliament: Improving the Evidence Base for Policy

Tuesday 10th September, 4.30–6.15pm.

Attlee Suite, Portcullis House

In partnership with the Economic and Social Research Council and with the support of University College London, the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) is establishing a dedicated Social Science Section to provide parliamentarians with more access to social science research evidence.

This seminar will mark the launch the new Section. Chaired by Kelvin Hopkins MP, it will bring together parliamentarians and external experts from across the social sciences to discuss the role of social science in Parliament, how social science can improve the evidence base for policy making and the role of the new Social Science Section at POST. The full agenda is provided overleaf.

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Agenda

- 4.30pm** Registration and refreshments
- 4.45pm** Welcome from **Adam Afriyie MP**, *Chair of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology*
- 4.50pm** Chair's introductory comments by **Kelvin Hopkins MP**, *Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Social Science and Policy*
- 5.00pm** Speakers
- Dr David Halpern**, *National Adviser of the What Works Centres and Director of the Cabinet Office Behavioural Insights Team*
- Professor Teresa Rees AcSS**, *Board Member of the Campaign for Social Science and former Pro Vice Chancellor (Research), Cardiff University*
- Ms Jane Tinkler**, *Manager of the Public Policy Group and Research Fellow at the Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science*
- Professor Paul Boyle**, *Chief Executive, Economic and Social Research Council*
- 5.20pm** Reflections from **Baroness Lister of Burtersett CBE FBA**, *Emeritus Professor of Social Policy, Loughborough University*
- 5.30pm** Speaker's panel discussion and Q&A, facilitated by the Chair
- 6.05pm** Key thoughts on the role of the new Social Science Section, **Dr Chris Tyler**, *Director of POST*
- 6.10pm** Chair's closing comments
- 6.15pm** Close

PLEASE NOTE: Attendees are invited to attend POST's annual reception from 6.30-8.30pm in the Cholmondeley Room, Palace of Westminster, for refreshments.

Guests will be welcomed by **Adam Afriyie MP** (Chair of POST), **Professor Paul Boyle**, (Chief Executive, ESRC) and **Professor David Price** (UCL Vice-Provost (Research), and a keynote address will be delivered by **Lord Winston**.

