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# Social science and science communication: polar opposites or partners in science?


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# Why this session?

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- Have tried this discussion in the past, but always seem to repeat the same issues
  - Want to explore the issues and discuss solutions to them

# Today – focusing on

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- Examples of when social scientists have collaborated with public engagement practitioners
  - Demonstrate: benefits of this, and perhaps any issues and solutions

# Speakers

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Dr Clare Wilkinson (UWE) – her experiences working in a science focused department in a university; benefits students/ projects have had having social science input


Dr Bella Dicks (Cardiff) – her experiences collaborating with a science centre in Wales; and the benefits social science had to the research project

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# PRESENTATIONS HERE

## Following the presentations

Each group to consider one question below:

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1. Should social scientists collaborate on 'science' communication projects? -- Why or Why Not and how?
  2. If you would like to involve more social scientists in your events/projects:
    - a) what are some of the barriers to working with them?
    - b) What might be potential ways to overcome these?

## Final thoughts...

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Personal experiences to share...? Have you developed an event/activity in conjunction with social scientist and what was your experience?

Contact to discuss!

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