

RSB annual science policy impact review summary

2022

The original version of the below summary was published in the January 13th 2023 edition of RSB's weekly [Science Policy Newsletter](#).

We **synthesised evidence from our community** and **provided recommendations for policymakers** via five detailed [consultation and inquiry responses](#) and by presenting [oral evidence](#) in Parliament. Our responses focused on our priority areas – ethical biological innovation, biological security, nature and climate, research culture and the research landscape.

Our direct engagement with Parliament and key Government figures comprised focused meetings and communications throughout the year, such as our letter to [the Secretary of State](#) ahead of COP15. Our [collaboration](#) with [IOP](#), [RSC](#) and other organisations, to influence policymaking, included letters to [Government leaders](#) on Horizon Europe. We hosted 18 meetings where the UK Bioscience Sector Coalition brought advice to the Home Office and other related bodies. Our recommendations for Party manifestos summarised key policy advice from across our community for Party leaders, ahead of the next general election.

Our **BiosciencesForAll initiative** included support to the sixth BME Early Career Researcher conference and the seventh LGBTQ+ STEMinar. To commemorate Pride Month, RSB published [information](#) about the LGBTQ+ communities in STEM and advice on improving inclusivity. We published policy-related [feature](#) and [opinion](#) articles in *The Biologist* on a range of topics, including two [articles](#) on [Black scientific history](#) to commemorate Black History Month.

We organised a further 30 collaborative **knowledge exchange meetings, workshops and events**, including our [Policy Lates](#) series and annual [Parliamentary Links Day](#), on topics including research integrity, tackling inequity in clinical research, One Health, bioscience skills needs, international collaboration in science and [plant health and biosecurity](#). As part of our work with [Defra](#) and other partners to provide professional development opportunities to the plant health community, 12 students completed [Plant Health Undergraduate Studentships](#).

Find out more about the impact of our policy work on our [policy impact webpage](#).