

How can collaboration improve research and its impact on society

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Research and its societal impact can be optimised through interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration. Not only that, engaging (societal) partners can increase funding opportunities. But which experts or stakeholders would be involved in order to have a positive impact, and in which type of collaborations can you engage?

During this free webinar three experts will share their experiences in internal and external collaboration (structures), discuss challenges and possible policies, facilities and evaluation practices that should be in place within universities to support research and the impact on society it has.

Webinar overview



13th December

GMT 15.00



3 guest speakers



75 minutes



Free of

charge



Webinar programme

15.00 Words of welcome by AESIS and Researchfish

Anika Duut van Goor *Director of AESIS, The Netherlands*

Sean Newell *CEO of Researchfish, United Kingdom*

15.10 Individual presentations by invited speakers

Interdisciplinarity for Impact: Current challenges in academia



Jonathan Grant
Founding Director, Different Angles Ltd

Sub-topics:

- Monodisciplinary structure of universities: challenges;
- Multidisciplinary structure of research institutes: challenges;
- Solutions to encourage interdisciplinarity: funding research outside the scope of universities.

Jonathan Grant is founding Director of Different Angles Ltd, a consultancy that focuses on the social impact of universities and research. His main interests are in biomedical and health R&D policy, research impact assessment, the use of research and evidence in policy and decision-taking, and the social purpose of universities in the 21st century. Jonathan used to be professor of public policy at King's College London, which he joined in 2014 to set up the Policy Institute at King's and was its Director until 2017.

Why is it important to work interdisciplinarily/inter-sectorally and what does it entail?

Thomas Alslev Christensen works as Senior Vice President for Impact at the Novo Nordisk Foundation. He is the former Head of Operations at the Novo Nordisk Foundation. He has worked in the Foundation as from August 2014. He acts as international STI policy advisor and evaluation expert in international research programmes and policy advisory committees in Germany, Norway, Ireland, the European Commission and Singapore. He is also the chairman of RegLab a national STI-network organisation.

Thomas Alslev Christensen
Senior Vice President at Novo Nordisk Foundation



Sub-topics:

- How Novo Nordisk monitors/evaluates interdisciplinary collaborations;
- The high risks and gains of interdisciplinary research activities and how to monitor progress.

Topic description tbc shortly



Margaret Gold
Coordinator of the Citizen Science Lab, Leiden University, the Netherlands

Sub-topics:

- Tbc shortly

Margaret Gold is the Citizen Science Lead within the Open Science Programme at Leiden University, and Coordinator of the Citizen Science Lab, which is a project incubator and knowledge hub that brings together scientists, policy makers, citizens, and other stakeholders in participatory research projects that address scientific questions and urgent societal issues. Her primary research focus is on Citizen Observatories and the impacts they have on monitoring the UN SDGs, national and municipal policy formation, environmental planning, social innovation, and behaviour change.

15.55 Debate and Q&A