



The 2019 ASDC National Conference

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November 2019 at The Science Museum, London





Thursday 21st November Programme

9:00 - 9:30am	Registration, Coffee, Pastries and Networking Session 1: Chaired by Chas Bishop, CEO of the National Space Centre, Leicester	
9:30 - 11:15am	Chas Bishop , Chairman of ASDC, CEO of the National Space Centre	Opening Address by the Chairman of ASDC
	Sir Ian Blatchford Director and Chief Executive, Science Museum Group	Welcome to The Science Museum
	Dr Penny Fidler CEO of ASDC	Vision 2030: Inspiring National Strategic Change around Climate
	Professor Sir Mark Walport Chief Executive, UKRI	Vision 2030 for UKRI
11:15 - 11:45am	Coffee and Networking	
	Session 2: Chaired by Dr Penny Fidler, CEO of ASDC	
11:45 - 1:00pm	Sims Witherspoon DeepMind, Programme Manager	Artificial Intelligence versus Climate Change
	Dr Grant Hill-Cawthorne Head of The Parliamentary Office of Science a Technology (POST)	Striving towards Net Zero in the UK and
	Discussion Session	
1:00 - 2:00pm	Lunch and Networking, with Exhibitors	
	Session 3: The National Showcase: A Series of Lightning Talks Chaired by Ben Ward, incoming Chair of ASDC and CEO of Winchester Science Centre	
2:00 - 3:00pm	The glorious and fast-paced Lightning Talks. Six excellent speakers exploring the theme 'Vision 2030'. Full speaker biographies and abstracts are available on the ASDC website.	
3:00 - 3:15pm	Coffee and Networking	
	Session 4: The Round Table Discussions: Sharing Ideas and Practice Chaired by Dr Penny Fidler	
3:15 - 4:30pm	Led by CEOs and senior experts from across the public engagement sector. 2 x 35 minute discussions to share ideas, success, challenges and good practice on topics of importance. Details o all the discussion topics are on the reverse of this programme and in your delegate pack. You will be able to choose and sign-up to discussions in the morning of the conference.	
4:30 - 5:00pm	Finalé Session: Chaired by Dr Penny Fidler	
	Professor Teresa Anderson, MBE CEO of Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre and Founder of BlueDot	Our part in saving the planet: Widening Engagement with Climate Change
	Closing Remarks ASDC CEO and Chair	
5:00 - 6:30pm	Finalé Drinks and Networking for Delegates in the Smith Centre	





Our 2019 Speakers



Chas BishopChairman of ASDC and CEO of the National Space Centre



Professor Sir Mark Walport Chief Executive of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Vision 2030 for UKRI



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Ben Ward
Incoming Chairman of ASDC
and CEO of Winchester Science
Centre and Planetarium

Our 2019 Lightning Talks

1. Dr Emma Robertson

Project Manager, Science Skills Academy, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

STEM Provision in the Highlands & Islands: Overcoming Barriers of Geography and Scale

2. Laurence Butler

Museum Manager, Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum **Engaging Early Years with STEM**

3. Chris Dunford

Head of Sustainable Futures, We The Curious

A Climate Emergency Declaration

4. Per-Edvin Persson and Linda Conlon

Per-Edvin Persson: Professor and consultant Linda Conlon: CEO of the Centre for Life, Newcastle

Being Clear About your Goals

5. Shaaron Leverment

Deputy CEO, ASDC

Exploring Equity and Participation for a National STEM Programme

6. Ed Cervantes-Watson

CEO, FIRST UK

Building More than Robots





Discussion Tables

3:15pm: Session 1

1. Engaging with Parliament and creating advocacy for your work (repeated in Session 2)

Chaired by Dr Grant Hill-Cawthorne

Head of The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, UK Parliament

2. Designing the future

Chaired by Anna Ramsay

Public Engagement Development Manager, Wellcome Trust

3. It's a rap: Using music and art to reach wider audiences

Chaired by Consensus

Rapper and Data Analyst, A/V Revolution

4. How to create an engaging vision and strategy through participation

Chaired by Per-Edvin Persson and Linda Conlon

Professor and Independent Consultant, and CEO of Centre for Life

5. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in our workforce

Chaired by Susan Raikes

Director of Learning, Science Museum Group, Chairing on behalf of the National Forum for Public Engagement with STEM

6. How should Science Centres respond to the Climate **Emergency?**

Chaired by Chris Dunford

Head of Sustainable Futures, We The Curious

7. Does your Science Centre marketing reflect your values around inclusion and environment?

Chaired by Simon Jones and Claire Van Dyk

CEO and Marketing Manager, Digital Visitor

8. How much of climate change can we measure from space?

Chaired by Catherine Fitzsimons

NCEO Outreach, National Centre for Earth Observation

9. Exhibit Afterglow: Making connections beyond a visit

Chaired by Bridget Holligan

Director of Education and Engagement, Science Oxford

10. Finding climate scientists and engineers through the STEM Ambassador Programme

Chaired by Rui Octavio

STEM Ambassador Project Officer, STEM Learning & ESERO-UK

11. Science Capital, our communities and social change

Chaired by Louise Dorrian

Senior Community Learning Coordinator, Glasgow Science Centre

12. Ethics and funding

Chaired by Tudor Gwynn

Operations and Projects Director, Eureka! The National Children's Museum, Halifax

3:55pm: Session 2

1. UN Global Climate change Conference COP 26 comes to the UK (Glasgow, 9-19 November 2020)

Chaired by Joanne Ward

Higher Education and Science Division, The Scottish Government

2. Taking positive action on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Chaired by Clio Heslop

Cultural Partnerships Manager, British Science Association

3. What do we know about our visitors? Findings from ISF (The Inspiring Science Fund)

Chaired by Rebecca Hurwitz

Projects Coordinator, Graphic Science

4. Maths: Do we need to promote it more?

Chaired by Katie Chicot

CEO of MathsWorldUK and Senior Lecturer in Mathematics, The Open University

5. Environmental Sustainability: The strategies, teams and structures to future-proof your organisation

Chaired by Chris Dunford

Head of Sustainable Futures, We The Curious

6. The latest in VR technology for your centre

Chaired by Dave Ranyard and Edd Stockwell

CEO of Dream Reality Interactive, and Head of Partnerships of **MEL Science**

7. Staff exchanges, internships and nurturing talent

Chaired by Susan Raikes

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8. How accessible are Science Centres to the needs of those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Chaired by Ben Ward

CEO of Winchester Science Centre

9. Collaborative environmental projects

Chaired by Natalie Walls

Science Engagement and ATLAS Project Officer, Dynamic Earth

10. ASDC members feed the minds of tomorrow. Is the ethos of your exhibition reflected in your café?

Chaired by Hannah Caswell and Clare Clark

Development Managers, Soil Association Food for Life

11. The impact of robotics and AI on venues across the UK

Chaired by Matt Parkes

Chief Commercial Officer, Tech Up and Go

12. Engaging with Parliament and creating advocacy for your

Chaired by Dr Grant Hill-Cawthorne

Head of The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, **UK Parliament**



