

EVENT SUMMARY



UKRIO
RESEARCH INTEGRITY OFFICE

2026
symposium

13 MAY 2026 | ONLINE

About the symposium

AUDIENCE

The 2026 symposium was UKRIO's largest to date, bringing together stakeholders from across disciplines, sectors, and roles within the research community.



396
attendees



162
organisations

THEME



Research integrity as a driver of growth, knowledge, and innovation

The theme examined the UK government's renewed emphasis on research as a catalyst for economic growth and innovation – and the central role that research integrity plays in achieving these ambitions.

AGENDA

The symposium comprised two tracks, including – for the first time – a morning programme that was open to the wider research community.

10:00–12:30 BST

MORNING PROGRAMME

Open to all members of the research community, this session explored the symposium theme through a keynote address and panel discussion.

13:30–16:00 BST

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Exclusive to members of UKRIO subscriber organisations, this session featured practice-based discussions, an inspirational speaker, and updates on UKRIO's work.

Introduction & keynote

2026 symposium | Morning programme

10:00–11:00 BST

SPEAKERS



Stephanie Neave
CEO,
UKRIO



Linda Partridge
Chair,
UKRIO



Keynote speaker
Patrick Vallance
Minister for Science, Innovation,
Research and Nuclear
DSIT & DESNZ

SUMMARY

In the opening session of the symposium, Stephanie Neave welcomed attendees before introducing UKRIO's Chair of Trustees, Professor Dame Linda Partridge, who reflected on the importance of research integrity in supporting innovation, growth, and public trust.

The session featured a fireside conversation between Dame Linda and Lord Patrick Vallance exploring the government's renewed focus on research and innovation as drivers of economic growth. Discussions highlighted the importance of maintaining strong standards, transparency, and trustworthy research cultures within an increasingly fast-paced and competitive environment. As Lord Vallance remarked, 'research without integrity is pointless', underlining the central role integrity plays in ensuring research can deliver meaningful public benefit.



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Panel discussion

2026 symposium | Morning programme

11:15–12:30 BST

SPEAKERS



Panel chair
Linda Partridge
Chair of Trustees
UKRIO



Sophie Duncan
Co-director,
NCCPE



James Morris
Senior Policy
Officer,
Science Europe



Miles Padgett
Co-chair,
UKCORI



Tom Stafford
Senior Research
Fellow,
RoRI

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Following the keynote, the symposium moved into a panel discussion featuring speakers from across the research system, offering perspectives on research assessment, policymaking, public engagement, and research culture. Moderated by Dame Linda Partridge, the discussion explored how ambitions for growth can be balanced with the need for trustworthy and transparent research practices, and the role of research culture in sustaining confidence in research. The session concluded with a live Q&A.

Supplementary Q&A responses

Due to the high level of engagement, not all questions could be answered live. Panellists have prepared written responses to address themes from outstanding attendee questions.

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