SDG 17

**Cross sectoral dialogue about SDGs**

We initiate and participate in cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs

| Name | Discipline | Related SDG(s) | Descriptor of role or involvement | Links |
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| Charles Bestwick | Rowett Institute | 2, 13, 15 | The SEFARI Gateway is the knowledge exchange and Impact hub of the Scottish Environment Food and Agriculture Research Institutes (SEFARI). The Rowett is one of the key institutes within this collective. The Gateway works across sectors on the Scottish Government-funded Strategic Portfolio, to deliver across Scotland’s Environment, Agriculture, Land Use, Food and Rural Communities and Economy agenda.  The Rowett Institute has contributed to a range of educational resources to help with home schooling during the Covid-19 pandemic. As a partner in the SEFARI (Scottish Environment, Food, Agriculture Research Institutes) group, the University of Aberdeen institute has shared educational activities to benefit teachers, parents and learners. | <https://sefari.scot/sefari-gateway><https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/16132/> <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/rowett/policy-industry/community-and-schools-858.php> |
| Abbe Brown and Marcel Jaspers | Law and Chemistry | 14, 16 | Prof Abbe Brown (Law) and Prof Marcel Jaspars (Chemistry) have been contributing to the international policy sector in three UN institutions to bring about a fair, science-informed and legally consistent approach to policy-making. Their collaboration focused on the use which is made of genetic resources to gain new knowledge and build new products.  | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/22685/>  |
| Lucia D’Ambruoso | Applied Health Sciences | 3, 10 | Working with South African communities and government to improve equity in accessing healthcare. The VAPAR learning platform supports across sectors: public, policy makers, analysts, researchers, evaluators and planners to allow engagement and learn by generating local data of practical relevance. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/people/lucia.dambruoso#research> <https://www.vapar.org/>  |
| Baukje de Roos | Rowett | 3 | Baukje de Roos hosted an event (*Fish Are Friends and Food!*) to bring together academic, fisheries, food preparation and public sectors to highlight how fish can be eaten sustainably and cooked simply, benefiting both our diets and the planet. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/22448/>  |
| Davide Dionisi | Engineering | 7, 12 | Davide Dionisi is a part of HyWay – Hydrogen production from waste - an international multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral integrated research and innovation programme that promotes collaborations and knowledge transfer among highly qualified individuals in the field of thermo-chemical conversion of waste materials for hydrogen production. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/23063/> |
| Paul Fowler | Medical Sciences | 3 | Paul Fowler is a member of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) FAF (Food Additives and Flavourings) Panel, 2018-2024 and has contributed to UK Parliamentary calls for evidence on air quality targets.  | <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/scientific-panel/5> <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7686/outdoor-and-indoor-air-quality-targets/publications/written-evidence/?page=3#:~:text=Professor%20Paul%20A%20Fowler>  |
| Aravinda Guntupalli | Applied Health Sciences | 3, 10 | Aravinda Guntupalli is a Steering committee member and one of the founders of the Special Interest Group: Ageing in Africa, Asia and Latin America of British Society of Gerontology | <https://www.britishgerontology.org/about-bsg/special-interest-groups/ageing-in-africa-asia-and-latin-america>  |
| Georgios Leontidis | Computing | 7, 9 | Georgios Leontidis will work with the executive team of the Alliance (a partnership between The Data Lab and the Scottish Government) across sectors in Scotland to deliver the actions laid out in the national AI Strategy. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/16871/> |
| Gearoid Millar | Sociology | 16 | Gearoid Millar is an active member of the [International Studies Association](https://www.isanet.org/) (ISA) for over 10 years. ISA is an interdisciplinary association dedicated to understanding international, transnational and global affairs, across various sectors: academics, practitioners, policy experts, private sector workers and independent researchers. | <https://www.isanet.org/ISA/About-ISA> |
| Manu Lekunze | Politics & International Relations | 4, 16 | On the 1st of March 2024, Dr Manu Lekunze, with colleagues from the Open University and the University of South Africa, provided a technical briefing to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on how to shape education policy to foster peace, security, and prosperity. |  |
| Paul Thompson | Biological Sciences | 7, 12, 14 | University of Aberdeen’s Lighthouse Field Station is dedicated to ensuring that renewable technology, such as wind farms, can co-exist safely alongside marine wildlife populations. The team led cross-sectoral dialogue in stewardship of offshore wind developments | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/sbs/research/research-impact-518.php>  |
| Shaun Treweek | Applied Health Sciences | 3, 10 | Prof Treweek leads Trial Forge, an organisation collaborating with academic and clinical centres, and with NGOs. The aim of Trial Forge is to provide evidence on how to improve trial process and efficiency – Treweek leads the Trial Forge INCLUDE Ethnicity Framework as part of the NIHR INCLUDE initiative to improve trial delivery for under-served groups. The Ethnicity Framework aims to help trial teams to think carefully about which ethnic groups should be included in their trial for its results to be widely applicable and the challenges that might exist in making this possible. | <https://www.trialforge.org/>[Developing the INCLUDE Ethnicity Framework—a tool to help trialists design trials that better reflect the communities they serve | Trials | Full Text (biomedcentral.com)](https://trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13063-021-05276-8#citeas) |