What skills do experts and policymakers need for better dialogue?

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What do both groups need?

- Empathy and respect
- Comfort in dealing with uncertainty





Scientists

- Sense of timing and rhythm of policy advice
- Open-minded
- Interested in working across disciplines





Policymakers

- Asking the right questions
- Acknowledging the "lenses"





Science and the law

- Engaging with scientific concepts
- Royal Society 'primers'
- Inclusivity





The myth of a 'post-truth society'?

- Trust in some experts remain strong
- Public is not monolithic (differentiation and targeting)





Thank you

