



Impact of Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts

The three day conference on creating, improving and evidencing societal impact on a regional, national and global level through collaboration, commercialisation, interdisciplinarity and community engagement.



Wales, United Kingdom



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ADVANCING & EVALUATING THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF SCIENCE

Background

In 2017, AESIS organised the very first international conference on Societal Impact of Social Science, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) in Cardiff, bringing together stakeholders such as research managers, administrators, evaluators, policy makers, funders, entrepreneurs, publishers, NGO's, media and many more. During this conference they exchanged experiences and good practices in order to catalyse developments in strategies, policies, methods, tools and approaches that were being used to make sure that SSHA, in collaboration with societal stakeholders and other disciplines, could have the most positive and inclusive impact on wellbeing, culture, economy, environment, health, education, and all kinds of challenges that are being faced in the world.

Now 6 years later, after touring the conference to Copenhagen, Washington, Toronto, Brussels and Stockholm, we are extremely excited to be returning to where it all began in Cardiff, UK!

In the past years the call to transform interdisciplinary research evidence into accessible, understandable, trusted and useable knowledge for societal stakeholders has grown in importance amidst persisting global challenges such as the pandemic, climate change, poverty, other inequities and more. The Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (SSHA) disciplines are able to offer much value in addressing these challenges yet are often undervalued; therefore it is necessary to enhance supporting structures, policies and strategies, develop a more robust framework for assessing impact, foster coalitions with parties from business, government, and not-for-profits, and engage with the broader public in order to generate a profound impact of SSHA on society.

To facilitate this aim, we will again gather professionals from all around the world to engage in topics regarding the three main themes of **regional development**, **interdisciplinarity**, and **commercialisation**. Specific topic descriptions will be released on our website.

General Information



150+ expected guests



50+ expected speakers



25+ nationalities,
across 5 continents

Target Groups



Research managers
& administrators



Science funders



KE professionals & other
interested professionals in
science and society



Policymakers



Evaluators

Come join this conference to meet your peers from all over the world and accelerate your work in the field of societal impact of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts. It will comprise of experts of all nationalities delivering presentations, skill-building workshops, interactive round tables and social programmes such as dinners and other events. We look forward to seeing you there!