

Public Dialogue Review

Lessons from Research Councils UK public dialogues

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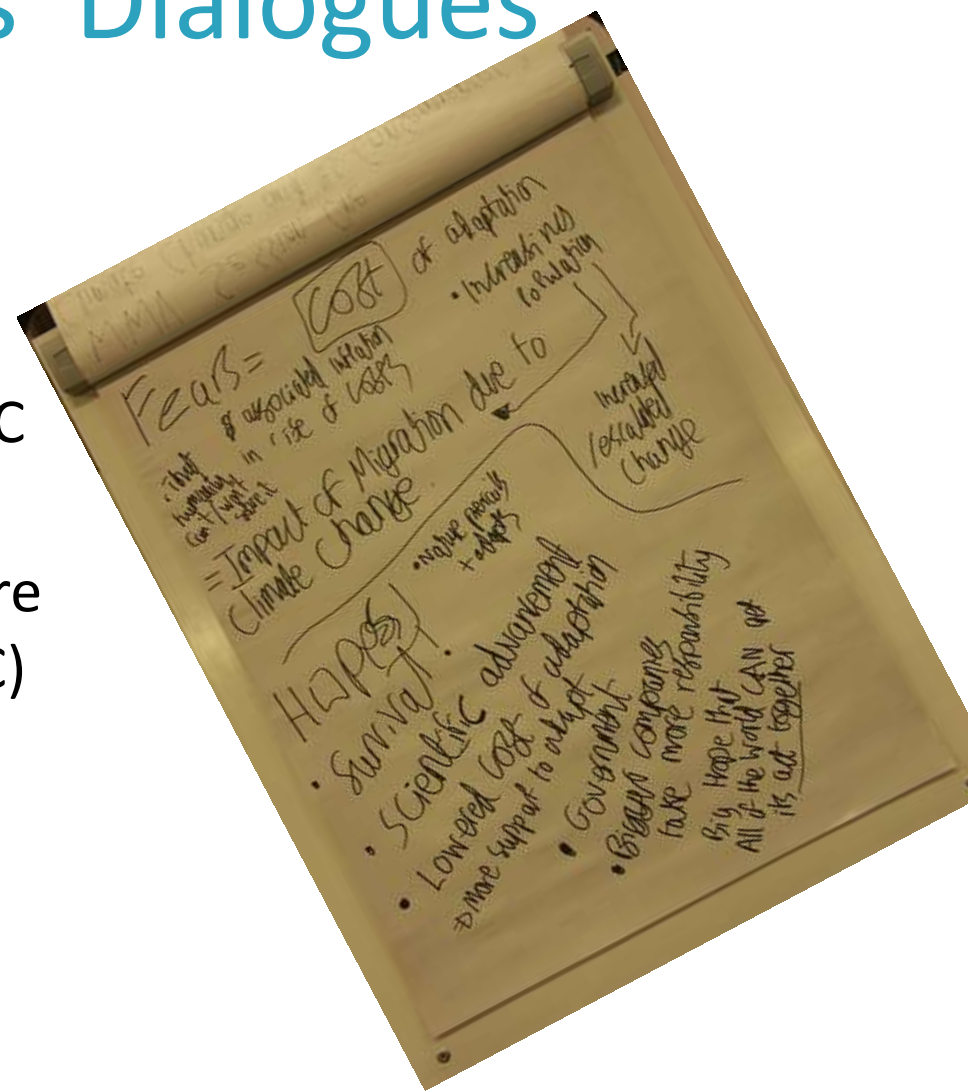
Aims of the Review

- Characterise common/ differing views of the public to developing research in different areas
- Consider the effectiveness of dialogue methods
- Consider benefits of public dialogue to the Research Councils

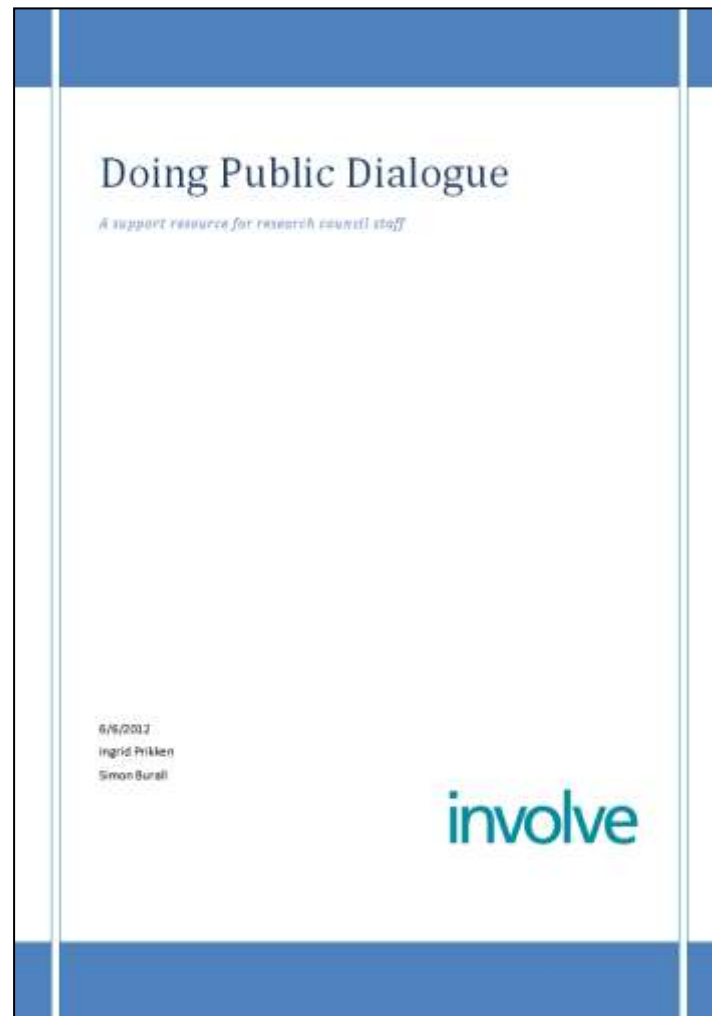


Research Councils' Dialogues

- Geoengineering 2010 (NERC)
- Citizens Advisory Forum 2010 (LWEC)
- Synthetic Biology 2009 (BBSRC and EPSRC)
- Nanotechnology for healthcare 2008 (EPSRC, BBSRC and MRC)
- Stem Cell Dialogue 2008 (BBSRC and MRC)
- Energy Research 2007 (RCUK)



Research Councils' Dialogues



Public's most common responses

- Conditional support
- Equitable distribution
- Business welcome
- For clear social need
- Incremental solutions
- 'Naturalness'
- Value for money
- Anticipatory regulation



Benefits for the Research Councils



Understanding public attitudes



Anticipating social implications



Wider public debate



Engaging public as consumers



Promote stakeholder engagement



Informing strategy



Maximising impact



Upfront planning



Securing support



Value of 'being there'



Capacity to learn



Oversight

