

Increasing the visibility and impact of your research

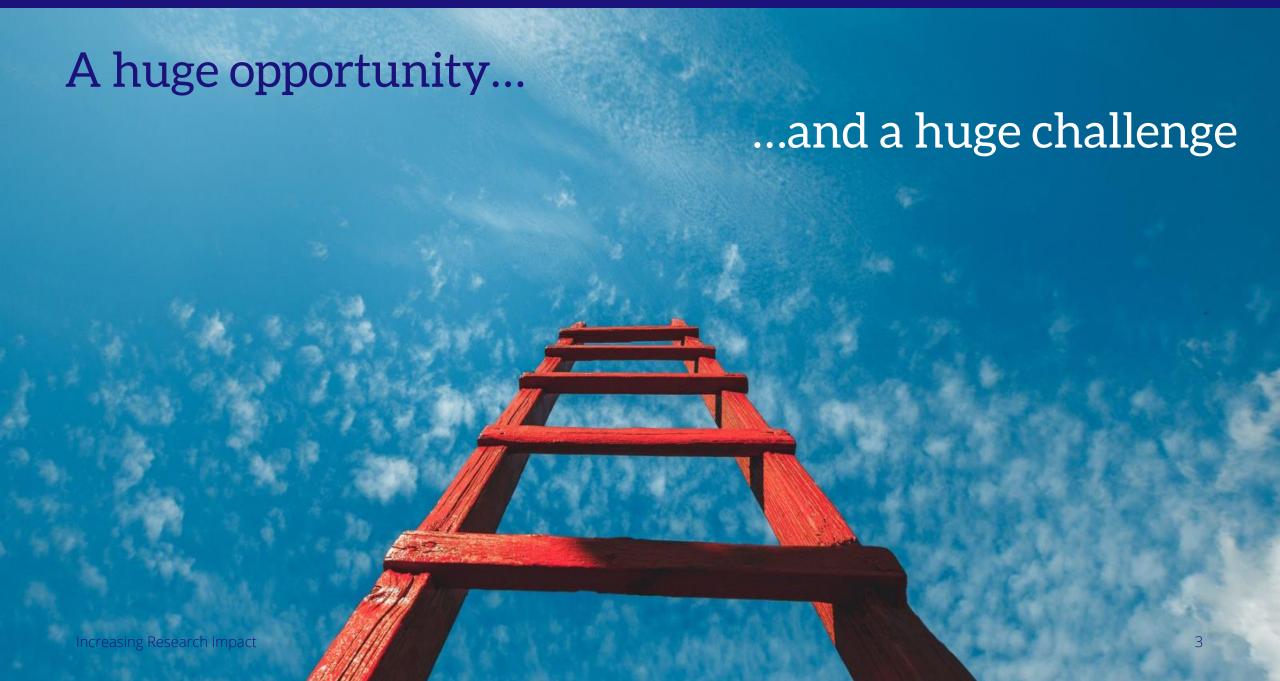
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# Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Why does it matter for authors to share their research?
- 3. Channels for authors to share their research
- 4. PR & media
- 5. Social media
- 6. Resources & training for authors
- 7. Questions and discussion







#### Who needs to know?



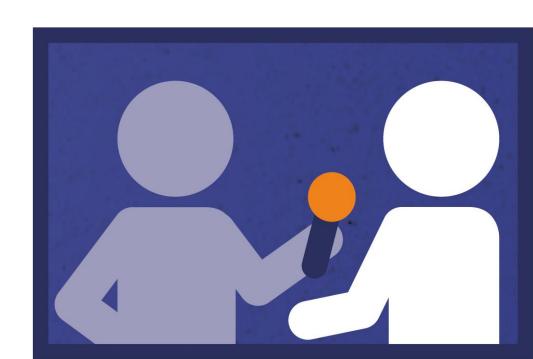


# Why does it matter?



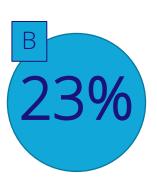
### Why promote your research?

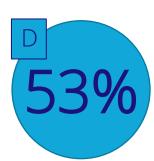
- Ensure research is discovered by peers (other researchers)
- Build upon meaningful breakthroughs
- Deliver value to institution / research funder
- Help author career development
- Support dissemination of research to non-academic stakeholders (e.g. policy makers / general public)
- Justify value of the research
- Enable journal development



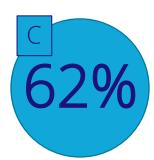


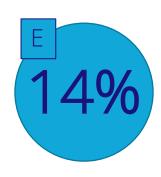
#### Public attitudes to science...











Want to learn more about science

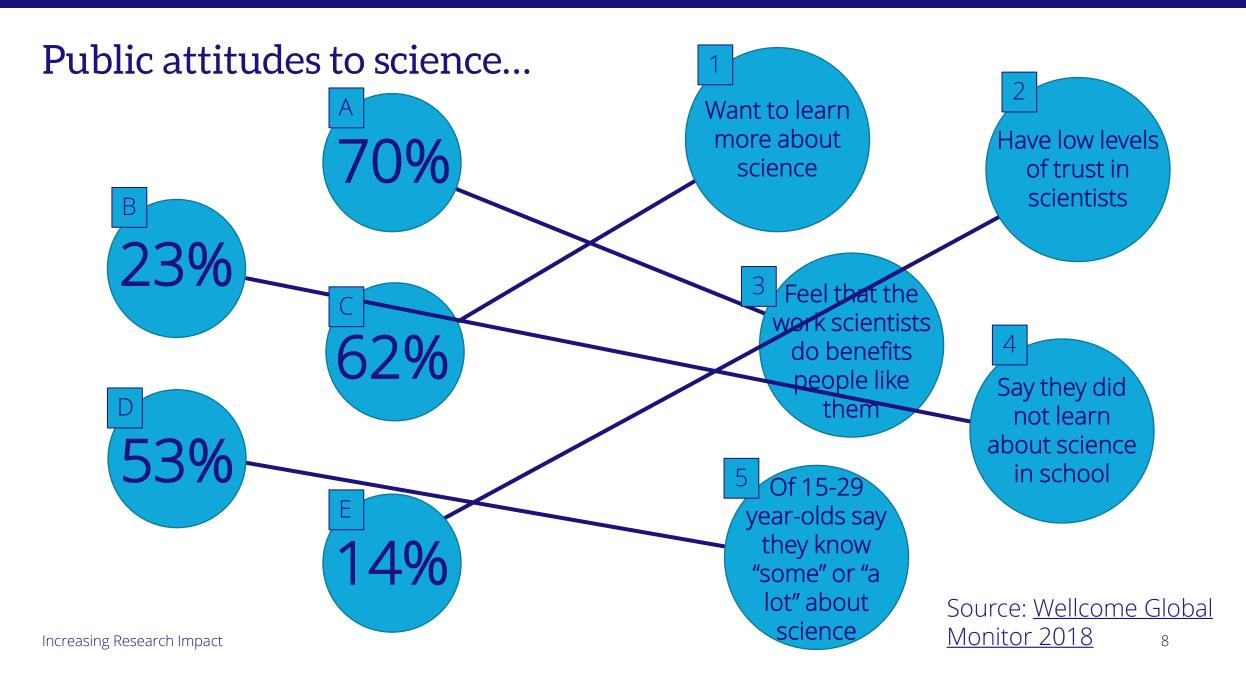
Feel that the work scientists do benefits people like them

year-olds say they know "some" or "a lot" about science Have low levels of trust in scientists

Say they did not learn about science in school

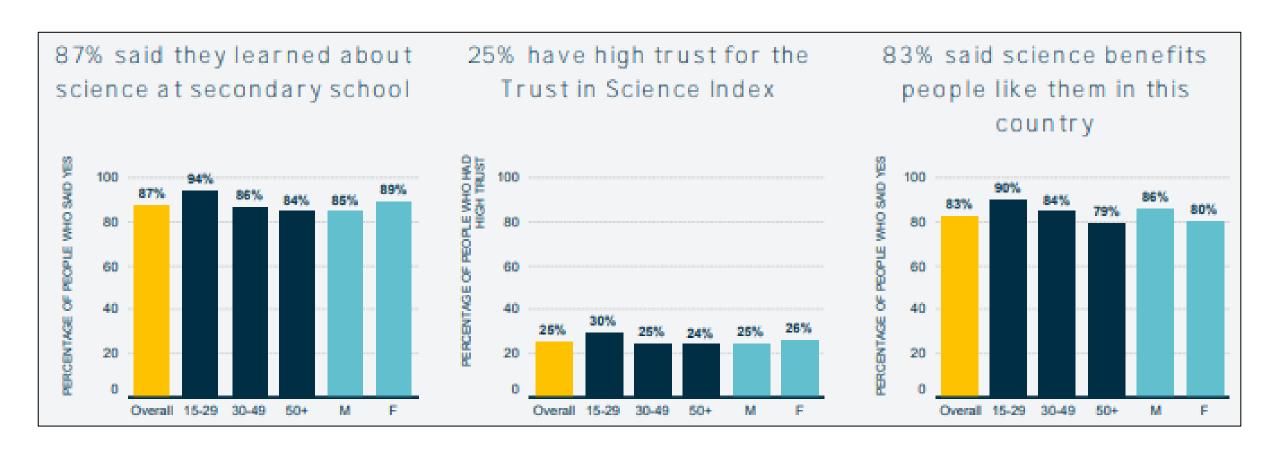
Source: Wellcome Global Monitor 2018 7







#### Data from USA



Source: Wellcome Global Monitor 2018



# How can authors promote their research?



"Publicizing an article is work, but it's worth it. I have received more emails about my article in the past two months than I have about all my other work in the previous year. Another university has invited me to visit because of my work, and my students are more excited about research because they see the attention it is getting. Not every article I write will be as interesting to the public, but I will definitely be working to do what I can to rustle up some interest in my work in the future."

Russell Warne, Assistant Professor, Utah Valley University



#### Promotional channels for authors

Repository (Institutional / Subject)

Media / PR

Personal Blog / Website

Conferences

Videos

**Email** 

Preprint

Social Media

Teaching

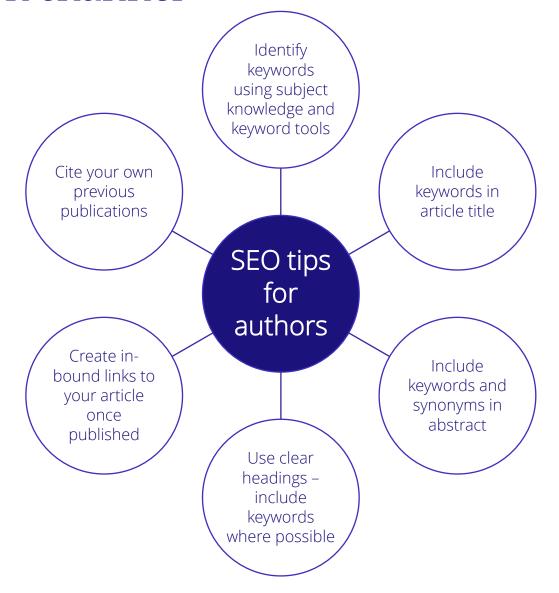
**Policy Briefing** 

Workshops

**Podcasts** 

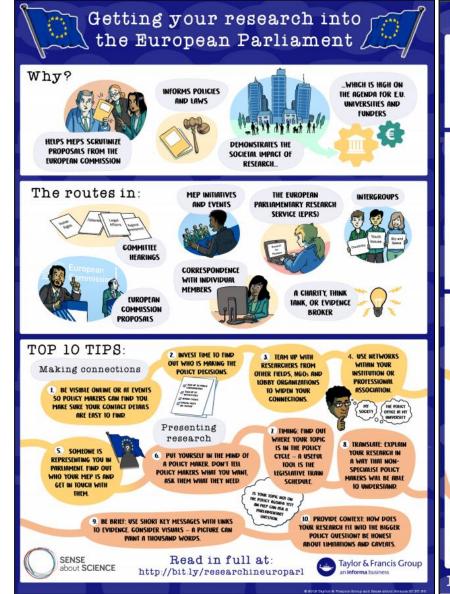


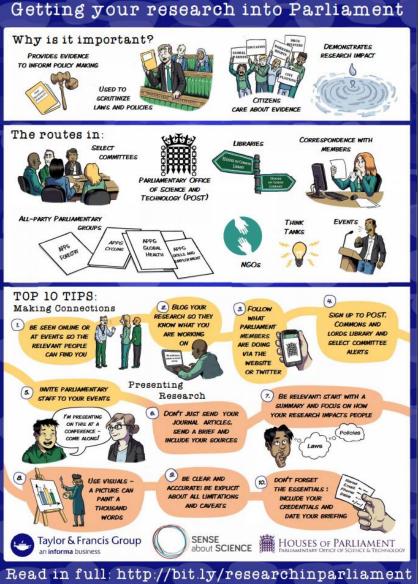
#### SEO - the hidden channel





# Influencing policy





### Conferences – Tips & Tricks

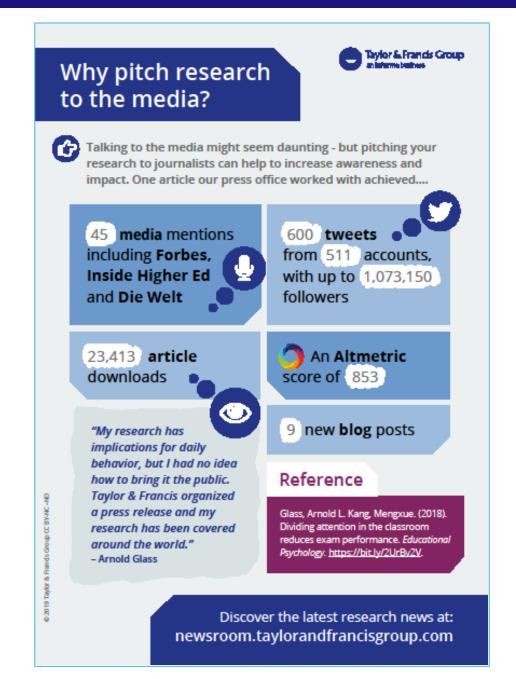
- Arrange meetings in advance
- Look for sessions relevant to your research can you present your paper? Ask a question?
- Use social media before, during & after
- Present your research in a poster session
  - Prepare a 2-3 minute elevator pitch
  - Don't include too much text think about the design
  - Direct researchers to your article



# Press releases & media



# Promoting research to the media





### Things to consider



Is a press campaign the right strategy?



Do you have a clear message?



Will you gain positive impact?



#### What research makes the news?





Academic research often appears in the news - whether it's a breakthrough drug trial, a new policy proposal or an exciting discovery.

To give you an idea of what the media is looking for, we've gathered some of our top-performing media campaigns and how they appeal to journalists.

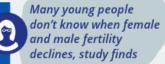
A major breakthrough in the field: Significant advancement on a popular subject ...



New species of the 'first bird' **Archaeopteryx** uncovered

- Altmetric 341
- Article Views 6,735
- Media hits 66

Impact on society: Relevant to the everyday lives of people ...



- Altmetric 319
- Article Views 2,464
- Media hits 80

Recommendation for change: An idea to help improve practice or policy ...



Web-based teaching can improve science understanding for struggling pupils

- Altmetric 188
- Article Views 1,981
- Media hits 63

Timely:

Relating to current events or popular ideas ...

Urgent need to reduce meat and dairy consumption to meet climate targets, says expert

- Altmetric 310
- Article Views 6,852
- Media hits 92

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- 1. Involves major discoveries
- 2. Has an impact on society
- 3. Recommendation for change
- 4. Timely





# Things to avoid

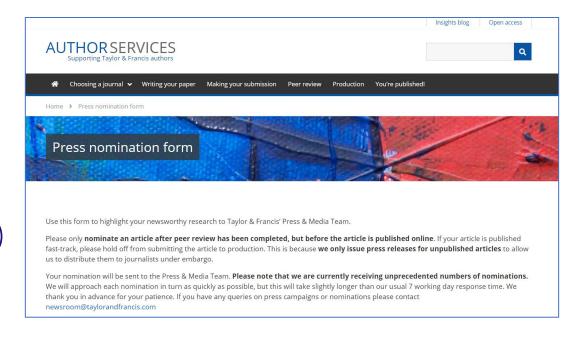
- 1. Published research
- 2. It's interesting but not news
- 3. Niche areas of research
- 4. Small sample sizes
- 5. No one available to talk



#### Resources

- Taylor & Francis Author Services
- Media centres.
  - Science Media Centre (UK, Australia, NZ, Germany, SciLine)
  - Education Media Centre (UK)
  - MCERA (Australia)
- Institutional press office

newsroom@taylorandfrancis.com





# Social media



# Why use social media to promote research?

"People are going to tweet and blog about your articles no matter what...take the opportunity to engage with interested audiences!"- *Euan Adie, founder of @Altmetric* 





#### Value & risks



- Our audience are there already (in some spaces)
- Real time interaction
- Huge wealth of useful data through social
- Testing and learning quickly
- Brand building

- Tracking ROI can be difficult
- To do it well you need to spend time
- Trolling
- You might make a mess of things
- You don't really own it



## Key points to remember









## Tips for using social media to promote your research

- 1. Know your audience think about who you want to reach.
- 2. Think about what you want to achieve overall what is your objective?
- 3. Then choose your social platform based on the information above.
- 4. Create compelling posts what will resonate with this audience?
- 5. Build your community social media should be social!



#### Resources







# Resources & training for authors



### Barriers to public engagement

What are the reasons that researchers felt unequipped to participate in public engagement?

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### Barriers to public engagement

What are the reasons that researchers felt unequipped to participate in public engagement?

Lack of training 30%

Lack of experience 30%

Lack of time 12%

Not confident 11% Don't have the necessary skills 9%

Don't know how to get involved 8%



## Resources and training for authors

#### Taylor & Francis Author Services



#### Institutional support



#### YouTube tutorials



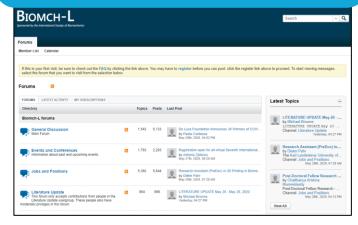
#### Funder support – e.g. Wellcome



#### Podcasts / Webinars



#### Community blogs / forums





### Learning Programmes

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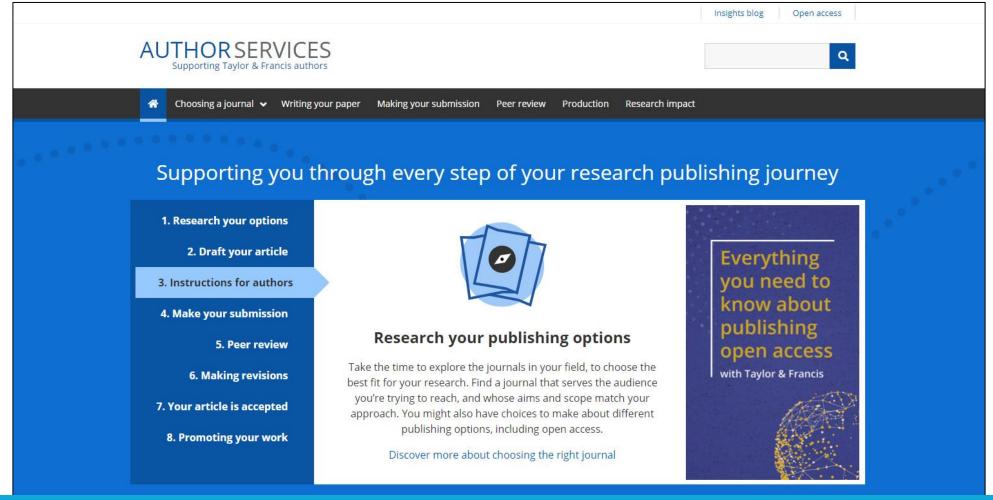
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