



**My research: what is its
potential impact?**

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Impact on *what?*



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- Impact on *practice*
- Impact on *policy*
- Impact on the *discipline*

An example: science education for citizenship



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- Early 90s: ‘scientific literacy’, ‘public understanding of science’
- Early 90s: Young People’s Images of Science
- Late 90s: ‘Beyond 2000’
- Into the 00s: Public examination courses - ‘Science for Public Understanding’, ‘21st Century Science’

Lessons:



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- Understand networks of influence
- Academically credible publications, range of disciplines, practitioner concerns, policy concerns
- Luck!