

Keynote Kathryn Oliver – #EIE2023

From relationships to systems: transforming how we make, mobilise and use evidence

The keynote

In this talk, I will discuss the interdisciplinary research/practice community, which studies the production, mobilisation and use of evidence. I will talk about how different disciplines and sectors bring insights, tools, concepts and theory to enrich the discussions about how evidence interacts with decision-making. In particular, I will discuss:

- how the research field has evolved over the past 40 years
- the lag between practice and research in our field
- the choices for individual researchers wanting to improve their practice and study of evidence uptake

Drawing on examples from the UK and Europe, I will talk about recent innovations in how evidence use has been supported at different levels, and share insights on how we can work more fruitfully to support more effective evidence systems.

About Professor Kathryn Oliver

Kathryn is a social scientist with interests in how evidence is made and used in public policy, particularly around theorising this relationship and evaluating interventions which seek to improve evidence use. She is currently seconded to the UK Government Office for Science, where she works closely with funders and science advisors to improve the science system, and with Annette Boaz co-directs the Transforming Evidence initiative, a global collaborative seeking to bring together learning and practice from different sectors and disciplines to improve research on evidence use.

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