



Citizens, Science and Science for Citizens

**Professor Dame Athene Donald,
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7.30pm, Monday 20th February 2017

Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Churchill College, Storey's Way, Cambridge, CB3 0DS

Event Information

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Location: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Churchill College, Storey's Way, Cambridge, CB3 0DS

Refreshments: Coffee and biscuits are available in the Wolfson Foyer from around 7pm. Before lectures, attendees can use the college canteen for dinner (from 5:45pm) and, after lectures, the bar. Cash can be used at both.

Car parking: Attendees may park in the Senior Car Park on Churchill Road off Storey's Way. More parking is available further along Churchill Road, and in the Möller Centre at the far end.

Membership: You can join online at csar.org.uk or at the reception desk in the lecture theatre foyer before the talk

Athene writes:

"Historically science was not the domain of scientists since the concept of 'scientist' did not exist. Many aristocratic or professional gentleman could dabble in it, along with other pursuits. However science is now too often seen as a specialist topic, only for the smartest or most dedicated, an attitude to the detriment of society collectively as we attempt to solve solutions to the global problems of the 21st century. Scientists can try to communicate the excitement of their research, but that can also pose challenges with (and for) the media. Finally, in some arenas citizen science provides a way for the public to become personally involved in certain projects, such as Galaxy Zoo, enabling not only their active participation but a means for them to contribute directly to the research.

Athene Donald did her first and second degrees in Cambridge. After 4 years postdoctoral experience in the USA she returned to Cambridge. She became a Professor in 1998 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1999. Her research is in the general field of soft matter and physics at the interface of biology; she has published over 250 papers in these fields. She has chaired many committees within Cambridge and beyond and has served on University Council (2009-14) and as the University Gender Equality Champion (2010-14). She is currently a member of the Scientific Council of the ERC and a Trustee of the Science Museum. As well as various prizes from the IOP and Royal Society, she won the 2009 L'Oreal/Unesco Laureate for Europe award. She was appointed DBE in the 2010 Birthday Honours for services to Physics. She took up the role of Master of Churchill College in October 2014.

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