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Our Top Action Tips provide useful tools for putting policy into action and helping researchers, authors, publishers, and others take practical steps towards improving sustainability.

1. Recent events

**Researcher-2-Reader (R2R) Conference, London, 2024**

The Fellows were represented again at this year’s R2R conference in February in London. A small group of Fellows gave a plenary presentation on “Translating research into action: Communicating with professionals, policymakers and the public on sustainability”. We focused on the importance of using plain language summaries or bullets to share the practical implications of research beyond academia, and how AI can help us achieve this at scale. We also emphasized the importance of including implications for policy makers, and practitioners in article abstracts.

There was a good discussion with the audience, enabling us to highlight our two author guides on writing for practitioners, and writing for policymakers and the public.

**London Book Fair, 2024**

The Fellows were invited back to speak at the 2024 Book Fair, this time on the Sustainability Hub. The Book Fair organizers continue to have sustainability as a key thread at the event, and the Fellows led a presentation and discussion on practical actions that can be taken to deliver meaningful change in scholarly publications. We presented our new Top Tips for Promoting equity in research & publishing, and the
report of our Joint Task Force on Outcomes and Impacts, with a refresher on our range of Top Action Tips, and, being at the Book Fair, we had to mention the SDG Rubric!

2. Workstream
   i) We are in the process of updating our core guidance – Top Action Tips – to improve consistency and add cross-references. These will be available online by the time of the next newsletter.
   ii) We are planning a convening of accreditation agencies for later this year to discuss the importance of including education for sustainable development in curricular standards.
   iii) We are working on a comprehensive communications plan to help authors, researchers, journal, editors, publication directors, and others utilize the top action tips.
   iv) Since posting Top Action Tips on Equity, we produced additional guidance on Article processing fees, waivers and discounts for authors, editors and publishers.

3. STM’s Societal Impact Day
STM held a Societal Impact Day on 23rd April in Washington, the day before the STM US Conference. For the session on Inspiring Stories from Across our Industry, a competition was held to submit examples of action being taken by publishers about steps taken to implement the SDGs.

The presentation provided an opportunity for fellows to discuss our work and raise awareness of the SDGs across the research ecosystem. We shared our Top Action Tips and encouraged the audience of publishers, researchers, and others to join us in our efforts.
4. **Feedback on HESI planning meeting at the UN**

In early April, our work was presented at a HESI planning meeting, involving multiple United Nations agencies, in preparation for the upcoming High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2024. We also shared access to last year’s [HESI Annual Report](#) on progress and achievements made in 2023.

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