



**Dr. Claire McNulty –Director of Science, British Council**

Claire leads the British Council Science and Research Team, which develops and supports science and research-related projects across the British Council global network, and builds and maintains relationships with key stakeholders in the UK and overseas. She leads on the 'Researcher Links' initiative and UK participation the European Commission's 'Euraxess' initiative, both of which aim to enhance and support researcher mobility.

After finishing her degree in Chemistry and Biochemistry at Leeds University, Claire moved into the field of Developmental Biology, completing her PhD in heart development at King's College London in 2000, and then working as a post-doc in the Netherlands at the Hubrecht Institute for Developmental Biology. In 2004 she moved into scientific publishing, working for Excerpta Medica, an Elsevier company. In 2005 she became an independent Science Consultant. From 2005 to 2008 she worked on several science-related projects for the British Council, including 'Next Generation Science', aimed at school children, and 'Network UK', a support service for international researchers in the UK.

In 2008 she was appointed Adviser in Life Sciences and Science Policy, for the British Council and in May 2012 she was appointed to the Director of Science role.

From September 2011 – May 2012 she also took on a part-time role at the Royal Society, as a senior science policy adviser, where she worked on the Pfizer-Royal Society African Academies Programme; an initiative aimed at building capacity within the national academies of science in Ghana, Tanzania and Ethiopia.