

Member Networks Conference 2023

Local Sections Meeting

18 October 2023

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Post pandemic - how things have changed?

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Has attendance at your events changed since the pandemic?

What events work well for your Local Section?

Has your Local Section committee changed since the pandemic?

What have been the positives and challenges for your committee since the pandemic?

Questions?

Lunch

Volunteer Recognition Awards

Celebrating innovation and
inclusion in member
networks' activities

Winners

- 9 Interest Groups
- 8 Local Sections (Worldwide)
- 2 Subject Community Regions

Inspirational Committee Award

Purpose

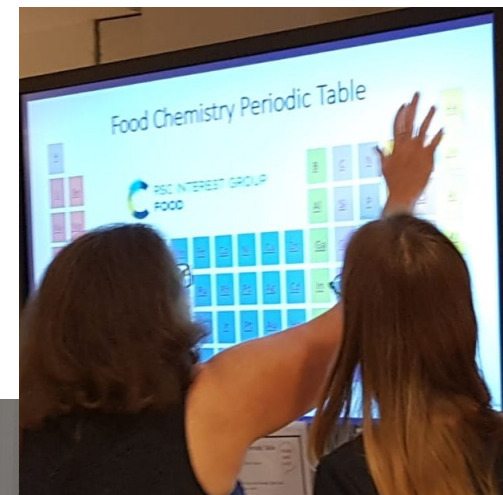
To recognise member networks committees that have initiated novel activities or approaches in order to engage or provide services for their communities. This should include initiatives to make the committee or events more inclusive to engage new members, an activity which has had a significant demonstrable impact in the community or other novel/significant activity which demonstrably supports our wider strategy.

Inclusivity



Impact on the community

 RSC INTEREST GROUP
FORMULATION SCIENCE
& TECHNOLOGY



Supporting RSC strategy

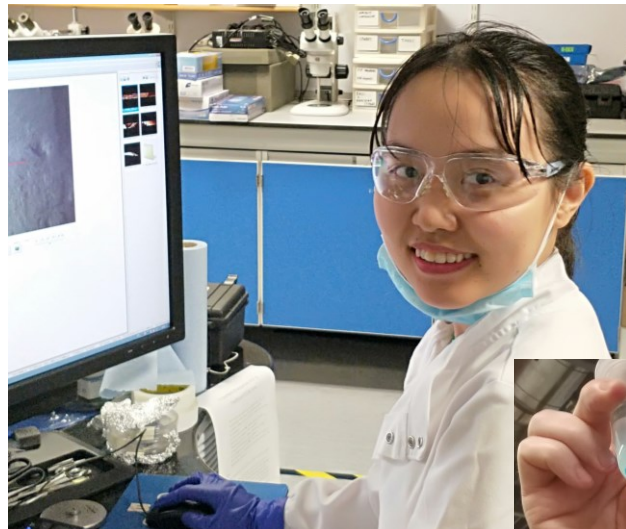


Inspirational Member Award

Purpose

To recognise the contribution of individual members who, through our member networks, have been instrumental in introducing and driving new ideas and approaches to support the full breadth of our community.

Winners

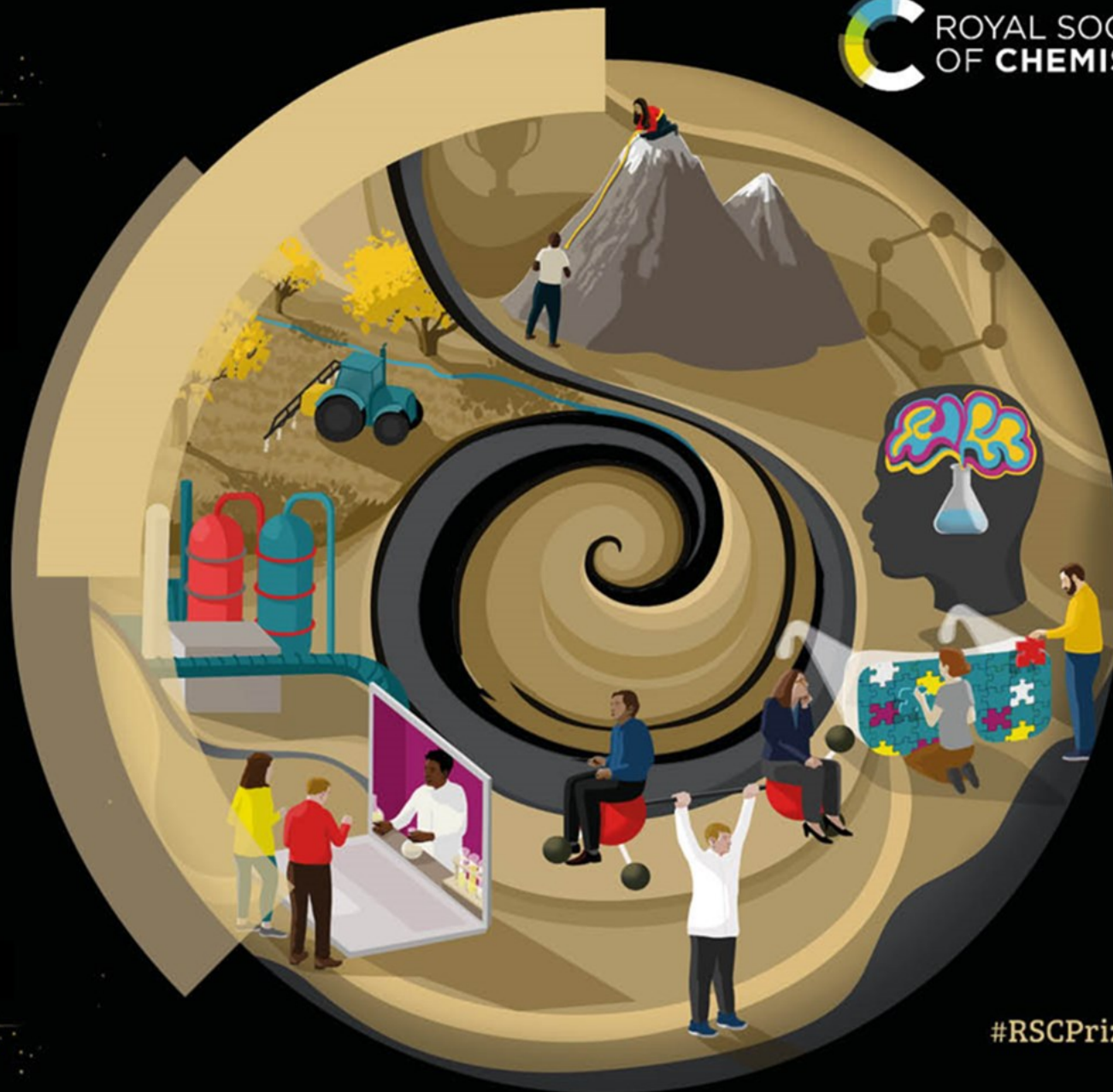


2024 Prizes Nominations open soon

- Horizon Prizes
- Inclusion & Diversity Prize
- Research & Innovation Prizes
- Volunteer Recognition Prizes

Find out more and nominate at
rsc.li/prizes

Closing date for nominations: 5pm (GMT) 18 January



#RSCPrizes

Are you on an inspiring committee?

- Engaging members through inclusive action
- Impacting your community through new or novel activities
- Supporting RSC strategy

Looking to future

5-10 years and beyond

Vision for future

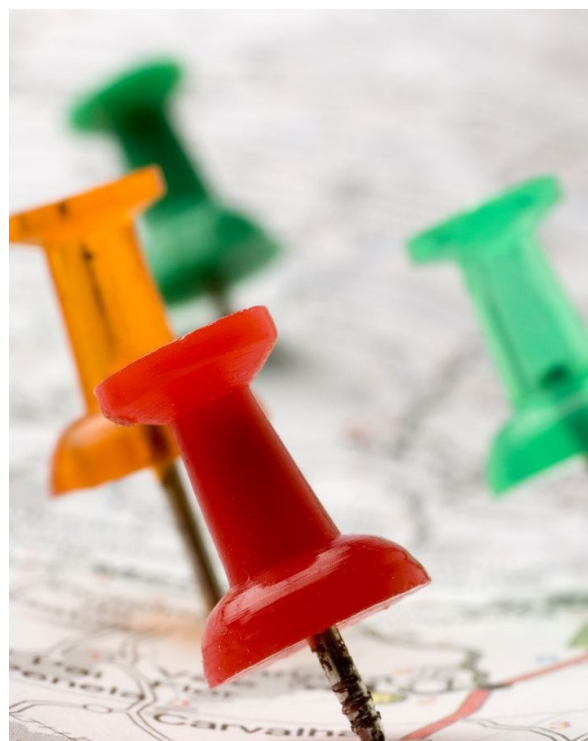
- Opportunity to step away from 2023
- Step back and think about what “ideal” looks like for 5-10 year period, and beyond
- Think about the trends and external factors that may impact that
- Generate ideas on what we need to be planning now to prepare for the future
- Ideas generated can feed into ongoing strategy developments



Vision for future



Ambition if
no constraints



Landscape of
chemistry – locally
and globally



Wider landscape –
future generations
and other trends

Vision for future

Ambition – imagine if there were no constraints

- What would success look like for your local section?
- What might local sections in UK and worldwide be collectively achieving?



Chemistry and membership

Landscape for chemistry/RSC – what factors may impact the ambition?

- How might the demographics of your membership change?
- Any changes expected or trends in the landscape of (local) industry or Higher Education?
- Any changes specific to chemistry that will change what local members may need?
- What might it mean for the pipeline for volunteers on your committee?



External landscape

External trends – what external factors may impact the ambition?

- How do/will younger generations want to engage? What opportunities might motivate them to be involved? What format might that need to take?
- What will ongoing shifts to digital engagement mean for local section priorities
- What trends are there in volunteer sector and how people want (or are able) to give their time?
- What trends in education local to you might impact how teachers want to or can engage



Preparing for future

- What things could we do now?
- Any factors for local sections to think about?
- Any areas the RSC needs to prepare for?
- What might need to be different?



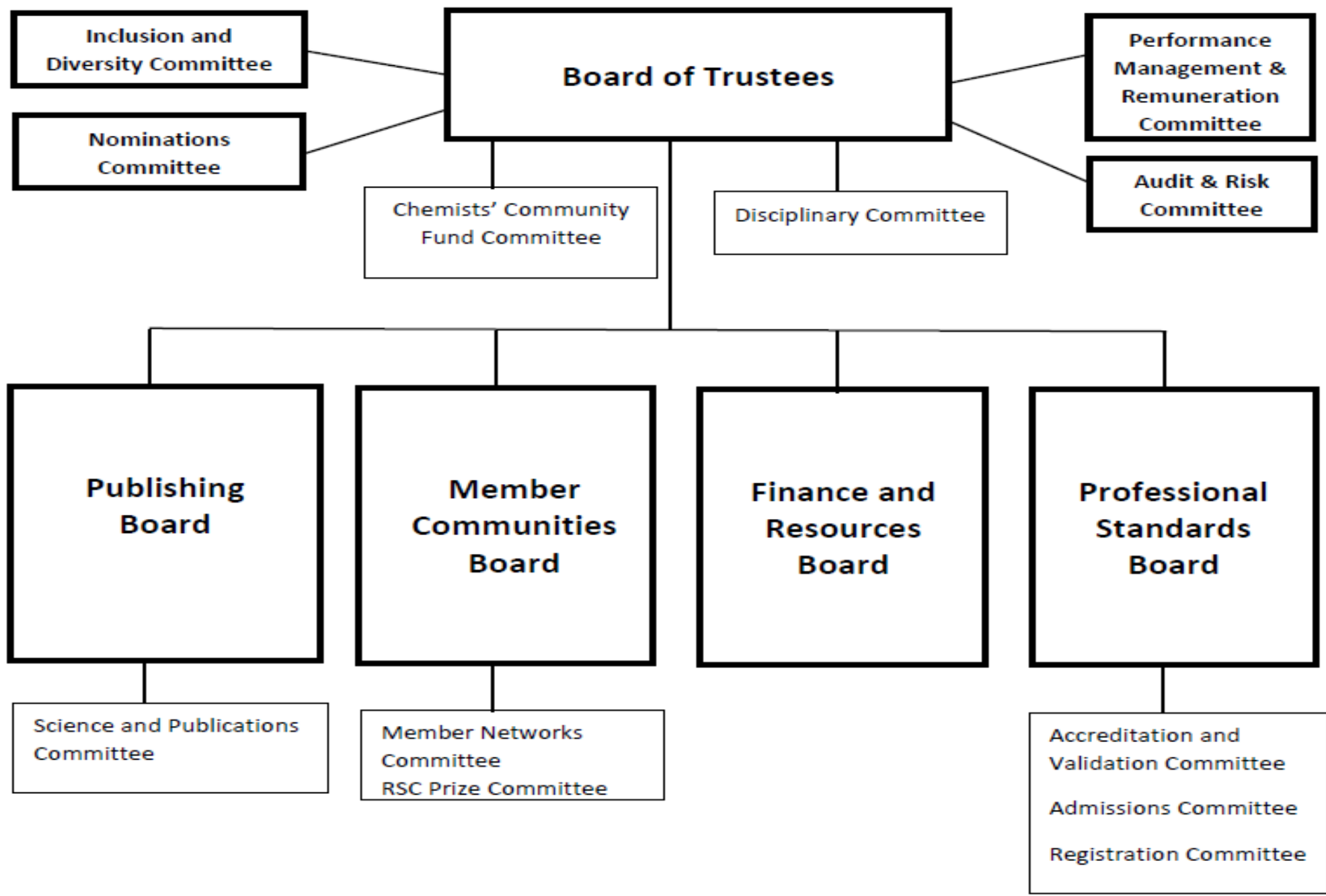
Refreshment break

Annual reports

How we use them

Charitable organisation

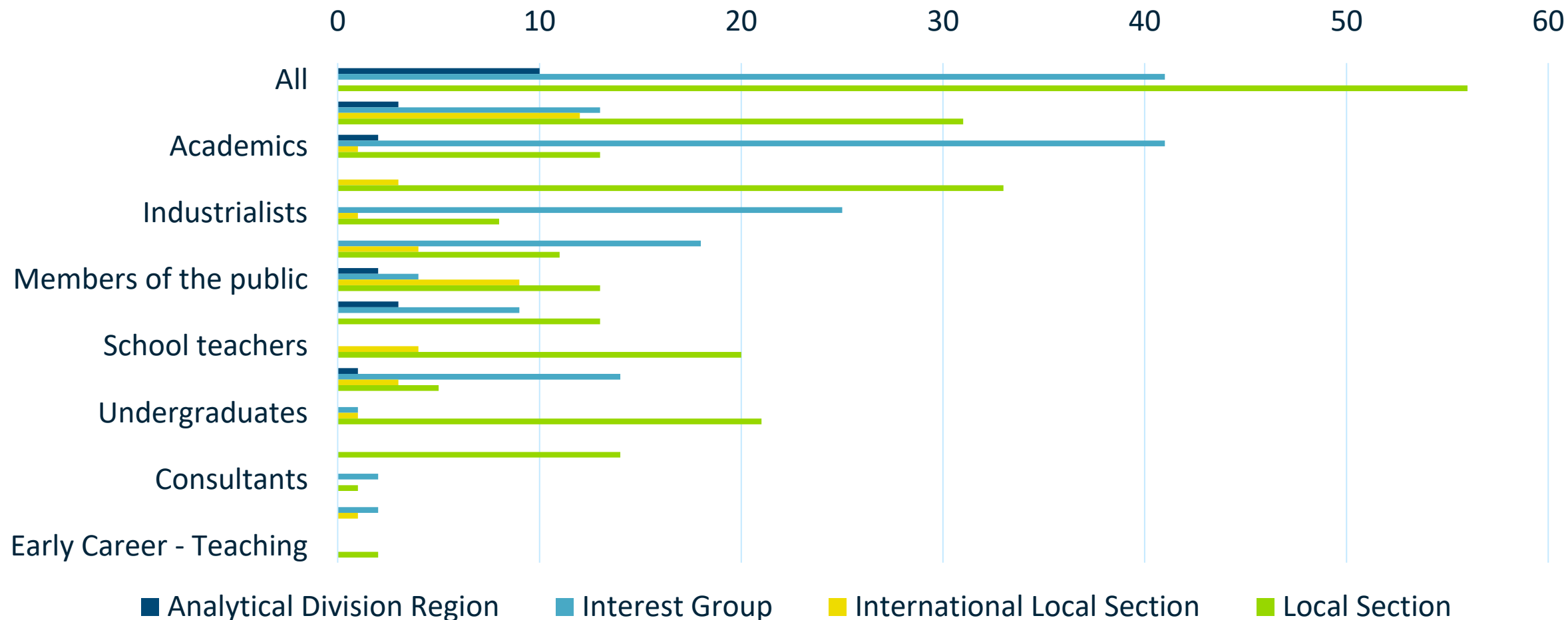
- RSC is a charity
- Local sections have the purpose: “*...carrying out, in the local area, activities that support the purpose of the Society for the convenience of local members.*”
- Across Member Networks there is over £2.2m held in bank accounts and over £1m turnover per year
- Board of Trustees delegates oversight and formal governance of Member Networks to the Member Communities Board, including to:
 - *Review annual financial and activity reports from interest groups, Local Sections and other member groups*



Event types



Target audience of events



Qualitative reporting

Examples:

- Positive outcomes you learn from those participating in your activities
- Repeat attendees, building “sense of community”
- Where are the challenges and issues
- Commentary on diversity for all activities

Can the report help you?

- Is there visibility of the reports within your committees
- Can it be a tool to support sharing and reflecting on impact within or between committees:
 - Comparison between years or events
 - Attendance at events compared to anticipated numbers or audience
 - Any challenges experiences
 - Prompt for discussions on diversity
 - Space to capture anecdotal feedback/qualitative impacts
- Are there ways that we could adjust the report to be more useful to you as a committee in the future?

Questions?

Open Questions