

## COMMON OBJECTS OF LOCAL SECTIONS IN THE RSC

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The object of a Local Section is to represent the Society by promoting, within the Section's geographical area, the objects of the Society as set out in Article 3 of the Charter. The Section shall thus prosecute such activities as will disseminate scientific information to members and others, lead to the development of a corporate spirit among members, and promote the standards of qualification, competence and conduct of those who practise chemistry as a profession.

To this end the Section Committee will:-

- a) Co-operate with the Officers of the Society in connection with local aspects of the administration of the Society's services and exercise any powers which may be delegated by the Council under the By-Laws.
- b) Obtain opinions on matters of Society policy, making full use of the Honorary Representatives for this purpose, and bring to the notice of the Council (through the Committee for Local Sections, Membership Affairs Board or otherwise as appropriate) proposals for promoting the interests of the Society, and the science and practice of chemistry; to advise the Council on matters of local interest or concern, and in all respects to act as a channel of communication between the membership and the Council.
- c) Actively encourage the recruitment of suitable candidates into the Society.
- d) Encourage members to apply for the grade of membership for which their qualifications and experience best fit them.
- e) Provide information to young people in the area who wish or might wish to enter the profession by introducing them to the work of the Society and advising them on the prospects of chemistry as a career and on matters of training and qualification.
- f) Take steps to promote a better public understanding of the importance of chemistry to the community and of the work and outlook of chemists, especially among persons concerned with local government, commerce, industry, agriculture, other professions and the press, broadcasting and other local means of communication.

- g) Arrange a programme of local activities including lectures, discussions and conferences on relevant scientific, professional and educational topics; to organise such other events, some of which may be purely social, as will contribute to a corporate spirit among members.
- h) Liaise and co-operate with other Local Sections, with the Boards of the Society, with the Divisions and the Subject Groups to promote activities of mutual interest; Co-operate also with other local scientific organisations and societies, for example student chemical societies.
- i) Encourage support for the Benevolent Fund; to assist the Benevolent Fund Committee and Volunteer Visitor Network in ensuring that contact is maintained with members and their dependants who may need support from the Fund, and, if requested by the Benevolent Fund Committee, with those who are currently receiving help.
- j) Appoint a representative of the Sections to serve on the Committee for Local Sections.