



### Member Networks Annual Report Form 2016

To enable us to better support our networks and their activities all member networks (Local Sections, Interest Groups and Analytical Division Regions) are asked to complete this form and return it to [networks@rsc.org](mailto:networks@rsc.org). The information is shared with the members of your networks, staff and governance Boards and Committees (inc. Division Councils).

Or by post to; Networks Team, Royal Society of Chemistry, Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0WF.

This report form will be uploaded to the appropriate web page (signature deleted) unless requested otherwise.

<b>GROUP NAME</b>	Birmingham and West Midlands Local Section
<b>Submitted by</b>	Les Cheriton
<b>Signed (may be signed electronically)</b>	<i>L. Cheriton</i>
<b>Date</b>	26/01/17

Please list below the dates of your planned AGM and Committee Meetings (where applicable).

#### Annual General Meeting (if being held)

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Novotel Birmingham Centre, 70 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HT

#### Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017  There will be approximately 2 more meetings during the year at roughly 3 monthly intervals	Akbar's, 184 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 9NY

#### **Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016**

Deadline for receipt of Financial Accounts by RSC Finance Team: **14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by Networks Team: **24<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

## EVENTS

Please attach any meeting reports, newsletters or other reports which are relevant.

Please report below on activities undertaken in the past year. If you have more detailed information about any particularly successful events, or advice to share please use a separate sheet. For more events continue as necessary.

**EVENT KEY:**

- Education Event
- Public Lecture
- Retired Members Event
- Scientific Conference - 1 day
- Scientific Conference - multi day
- Social Event
- Training/workshop
- Award Lecture

<b>Event Name</b>	Top of the Bench Regional Final
<b>Event Type (key)</b>	Education
<b>Comments</b>	This event took place on Saturday January 21 <sup>st</sup> 2017 at Birmingham University amongst the top 6 teams from the preliminary quiz round. The preliminary quiz for the 2018 competition will be held in October 2017.

<b>Event Name</b>	Whisky Tasting at Nickolls & Perks Ltd., Stourbridge
<b>Event Type (key)</b>	Social
<b>Comments</b>	The event was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

<b>Event Name</b>	Greyhound Racing at Perry Barr with a Balti supper.
<b>Event Type (key)</b>	Social
<b>Comments</b>	Well attended and a great time had by all.



### **AWARDS AND BURSARIES**

Please list any awards or bursaries presented by your committee in 2016 and indicate any which will be open for nomination/application in 2017.

14 x £75 awards were given to local schools for either the RSC Global Experiment or the encouragement of things like school science clubs. These will be available again in 2017

£500 grants were given to Warwick and Wolverhampton University ChemSocs to help them with their programs. These will be available to local Universities again in 2017.

£230 of book tokens were presented to the top 3 teams in our Regional Top of the Bench Final. This will also be repeated in 2017

£712 was awarded to Wolverhampton University and £650 to Coventry University for their Chemistry Week programs. These awards were reimbursed by RSC central.

**Other information/comments:**

### PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Please report below on activities proposed. For more events continue as necessary.

<b>Event Name</b>	Retired Members Lunch
<b>Comments</b>	Being organised by Christian Zerfaß, at the Almanack in Kenilworth on Sunday January 29 <sup>th</sup> 2017. Further events will be organised in other parts of the region.  30 members and their partners participated and the event was very much appreciated. It is planned to hold another event on the South West side of Birmingham later in the year.

<b>Event Name</b>	Gin Tasting
<b>Comments</b>	Being organised by Rebecca Butler

<b>Event Name</b>	Chemistry Week in November
<b>Comments</b>	

<b>Event Name</b>	
<b>Comments</b>	

## COMMITTEE

(this information will be used to update our membership database and your web page where appropriate)

Position	Name	Dates on committee (20xx – 20xx)
Chair	Jack Roberts (stepping down at the AGM on 1 <sup>st</sup> March)	2006-2017
	Tariq Javed	2015-
Secretary	Les Cheriton (stepping down at the AGM on 1 <sup>st</sup> March)	2006-2017
	Mark Read	2014-
Treasurer	Judy Simcox	2014-
Ordinary Members	Trevor Birt Education rep, Shazia Zafar Women Chemists, Jack Roberts Les Cheriton Soyfur Miah Education James Nelson Perkin Kevin Doherty Analytical Rebecca Butler Outreach Uni of Wolverhampton Sharon Williams Education Coventry Uni Jacob Punter Warwick ChemSoc	1996- 2015- 2006- 2006- 2016- 2002- 2013- 2015- 2015- 2016-
Benevolent Fund Representative (if relevant)	Christian Zerfaß	2015-
Co-opted members and their affiliation		



## Diversity & Inclusion

Our trustees are aiming to embed diversity and inclusion in all of our activities and networks. Our [online network handbook](#) contains more information to support our networks in achieving this.

Please comment on how your group is showing that it has embraced Diversity and Inclusion within its practices.

We have 4 women members on the committee, 3 British Asians and an age range from undergraduates to fully retired. We tend to hold our meetings at mutually convenient dates close to the centre of Birmingham which has good public transport links. Meetings are held in the evenings so that those working full time can participate.