



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. 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.

GROUP NAME	Hull & East Yorkshire Local Section
Submitted by	Mr Philip Caygill
Signed (may be signed electronically)	
Date	24 th February 2017

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

Annual General Meeting (if being held)

Date:	13 th April 2016
Venue:	Staff House, Hull University

Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date – all 2016	Venue
18 th January 15 th February 14 th March 4 th April 9 th May 6 th June 4 th July 12 th September 3 rd October 1 st November 5 th December	All Staff House, Hull University, except 5 th December Lucca's Restaurant



Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016

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

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by Networks Team: **24th 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

Event Name	AGM and Beer Brewing talk – 13 th April 2016
Event Type (key)	Social Event
Comments	Venue: University Staff House 7pm – 9pm 19 members and guests attended. Excellent talk about brewing followed by a finger buffet supper. All stayed on for the AGM which was short and to the point but no volunteers to join the Committee.

Event Name	Retired Members' Lunches – 11 th May & 29 th July 2016
Event Type (key)	Retired Members Event
Comments	23 members and guests attended the annual fish and chip lunch at Staff House, Hull University, on the 11 th May. Because of travel distances, the Committee invited more northerly members to another lunch at Bridlington Belvedere Golf Club on 29 th July. With roast beef on the menu this attracted 8 members and guests and was hosted by the Local Section Chairman.

Event Name	Visit to Hull Transport Museum and guided tour of the Arctic Corsair trawler – 8 th June 2016
Event Type (key)	Social Event
Comments	31 members and guests were given free access to the Transport Museum before dividing into groups of 6 or 7 to tour the trawler. The guides were excellent with a wealth of experience and knowledge of the fishing industry. The evening concluded with a finger buffet. Very positive feedback.

Event Name	Visit to Croda laboratories, Snaith near Goole – 15 th June 2016
Event Type (key)	Social Event
Comments	18 members, mainly University post-graduates, visited the development and product application labs. After an introduction to Croda from the Group Quality Director, we split up into 3 groups for an hour long tour before returning to reception for an excellent buffet supper.

Event Name	Tour of Atom Beers Brewery, Hull – 29 th September 2016
Event Type (key)	Social Event
Comments	Following on from the AGM, 11 members toured Atom's brewery with detailed explanations of their beer making process with tastings. All in all a very enjoyable evening.

Event Name	You & Your Skin – 19 th October 2016
Event Type (key)	Training/workshop
Comments	Local beauty consultant Dr Katerina Steventon presented the science of skin and skincare to an audience of about 15 members and guests. After light refreshments Dr Steventon took the participants over a series of facial yoga exercises. With lots of Q&As, this proved to be a very informative and enjoyable evening.

Event Name	Top of the Bench – 10 th & 17 th November 2016
Event Type (key)	Education event
Comments	8 schools took part in this year's ToTB, which was extended to two nights with the inclusion of a practical exercise. The first week was our standard chemistry knowledge test and table-top exercises. The following week the teams were required to carry out the chemical clock experiment. Under the watchful and helpful guidance of a supervisor the teams had to adjust the mixture of solutions to produce the colour transition at 2.5 minutes. For the final assessment the teams gathered together to carry out the experiment and scored on their proximity to the target time. The overall winner was St Mary's College followed closely by Hymers College. St. Mary's will go forward to the national competition in Loughborough.

AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Please list any awards or bursaries presented by your committee in 2015 and indicate any which will be open for nomination/application in 2016.

Comments	The Local Section does not support bursaries but does provide prizes for the winners of events in our area organised by RSC groups where on request, as appropriate and within budget.
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Other information/comments:

Café Scientifique

The local section continued to sponsor Café Scientifique for another year. The speakers and topics covered in 2016 were:

Katerina Steventon - "The science of beauty"

Vicky Skoulou - "Biomass, an old known source of green energy"

Chris Peters/Danae Dodge - "Why everyone should be asking for the evidence"

Sheona Urquhart - "Galaxies, it's all about location, location, location"

Ann Hutchinson - "Living with breathlessness"

Constantine Simintiras - "The Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) of making babies"

Mark Avery - "Extinctions - who cares?"

Gareth Few - "What Atoms tell us about Galaxies"

Analytical Division Schools' Analyst Competition - 24th February 2016

Organised by Professor Gillian Greenwood at Hull University, 6 teams from 5 schools took part in the competition. The local section provided prizes for the winners of the event. Two committee members assisted in the marking and final assessment of the teams' results. Hymers College were selected to represent the NE Region and went on to win the national competition in Coventry.

Chemistry at Work - 18th March 2016

The Committee were involved in and supported this event at Hull University.

Hull University Chemistry Seminar Programme incorporating the RSC Awards Lectures – 13th and 25th April 2016

Professor Steve Liddle from the University of Manchester presented his lecture entitled "Recent progress in the chemistry of novel Uranium ligand bonds". Members of the local section were invited to attend.

Professor Omar K Farha from Northwestern University also gave his award lecture – no details.

NE Regional Steering Group Meetings – 3rd March/5th September 2016

Local Section Secretary Dr Amy Dawson attended the NE Regional Steering Group meeting in Hull on the 3rd March while Chairman Phil Caygill went to Durham for the meeting on 5th September. These meetings provide excellent networking opportunities for the Local Section.

General Assembly, Belfast – 18/19th November 2016

Dr Olga Efremova represented the Local Section at the General Assembly in Belfast.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

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

Event Name	Science Fair, Hull University – Saturday 1 st – Tuesday 4 th April 2017
Comments	Currently devising suitable experiments/demonstrations/workshop for the public's enjoyment.

Event Name	AGM & talk about chocolate with samples – April 2017
Comments	Following the success of last year's AGM and talk, the Committee are aiming for a repeat with the same format.

Event Name	RSC Award Lectures – Hull University Seminar Programme May 2017
Comments	Professor Kotov will give his lecture on 10 th May. No details about Professor Stupp.

Event Name	Retired Members' lunch or lunches – May 2017
Comments	With the temporary closure of Staff House for refurbishment the Committee is looking for an alternative venue for its annual fish and chip lunch.

Event Name	Trip on the North York Moors Railway - Saturday 30 th September 2017
Comments	We will support this trip if organised by Central Yorkshire Local Section.

Event Name	Mixer Meeting – October 2017
Comments	Under discussion.

Event Name	Top of the Bench – November 2017
Comments	This will follow last year's format with a different practical exercise.

Event Name	Trip to Spurn Point – summer 2017
Comments	Under discussion.

Event Name	British Steel, Scunthorpe visit – summer 2017
Comments	Contact still to be made.

Event Name	City of Culture events
Comments	The Committee agreed to review successes from the Science Fair above.



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	Mr Philip Caygill	
Secretary	vacant	
Treasurer	Mr Lee Priest	
Ordinary Members	Mr Eddy Ojak Dr Olga Efremova Dr Alberto Diego Taboada Dr Amadeu Bonet (resigned November 2016)	
Benevolent Fund Representative	Mr Philip Caygill	
Co-opted members and their affiliation	Dr David Carrington, Retired Head of Science, Hessle High School, Hessle, East Yorkshire	

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.

Comments	<p>The Local Section has made no special effort to attract members with disabilities to join the committee or attend events. However, we would welcome such members regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation</p> <p>We ask retired members if they would like assistance getting to lunches.</p> <p>We are aware that Café Scientifique meetings are somewhat inaccessible to members with mobility problems due to the meetings being held in an upstairs room with no disabled access.</p>
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