

Interest Group Forum 2023

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

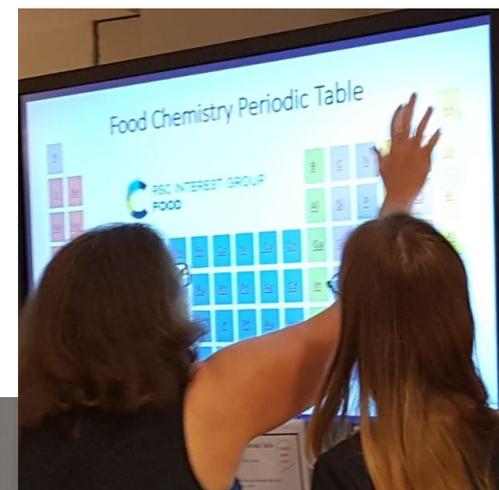
To recognise member networks committees that have initiated novel activities or approaches in order to engage or provide services for their communities. This should include initiatives to make the committee or events more inclusive to engage new members, an activity which has had a significant demonstrable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

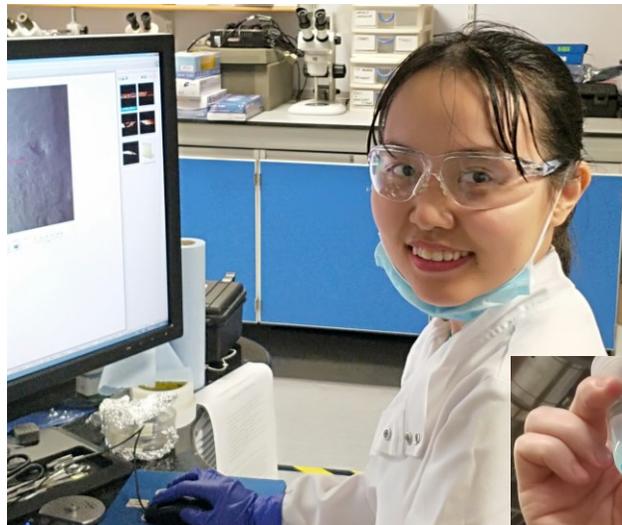


Inspirational Member Award

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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

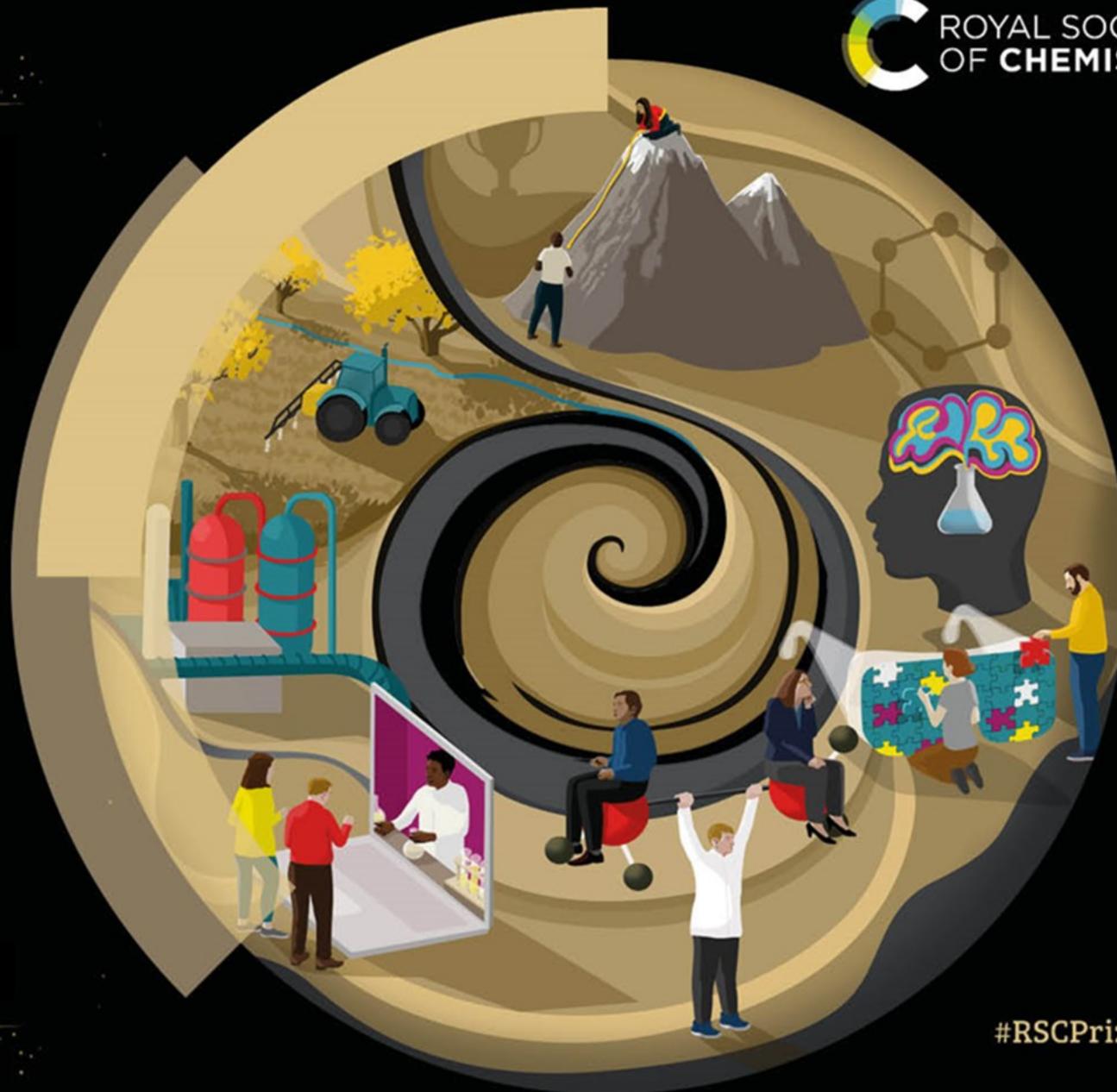


2024 Prizes Nominations open soon

- 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

Post pandemic

Committee health check

Discussion points

- *How are you?*
- *How is your committee doing post pandemic?*
- *Has the pandemic changed your committee?*
- *Do you need new volunteers?*

Interest Group Forum 2023

Lunch break

We'll be back ~ 13:00



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Developing our Interest Group portfolio

Aurora Walshe

Programme Manager,
Member Community Development





Outline

- Why do we want to develop our portfolio?
- What does this mean for you?
- Share your experience and expertise
- Next steps



Agricultural Sector	Analytical Biosciences Group	Applied Catalysis Group	Applied Materials Chemistry Group	Astrophysical Chemistry Group	Atomic Spectroscopy Group	Automation & Analytical Management Group	Biological & Medicinal Chemistry Sector	Biomaterials Chemistry Group
Biophysical Chemistry Group	Biotechnology Group	British Carbon Group	Carbohydrate Group	Chemical Biology and Bioorganic Group	Chemical Education Research Group	Chemical Information and Computer Applications Group	Chemical Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Group	Colloid & Interface Science Group
Consultancy Group	Coordination and Organometallic Discussion Group	Educational Techniques Group	Electroanalytical Sensing Systems Group	Electrochemistry Group	Energy Sector	Environmental Chemistry Group	ESR Spectroscopy Group	Fluorine Chemistry Group
Food Group	Formulation Science & Technology Group	Gas Kinetics Group	Heterocyclic and Synthesis Group	Higher Education Group	Historical Group	Industrial Physical Chemistry Group	Inorganic Biochemistry Discussion Group	Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms Group
International Network of Environmental Forensics	Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group	Law Group	Macro Group UK	Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry Group	Main Group Chemistry Group	Management Group	Marketing Group	Microanalytical Group
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Porous Materials Group	Process Chemistry and Technology Group	Protein & Peptide Science Group	Radiochemistry Group	Secondary and Further Education Group	Separation Science Group	Solid State Chemistry Group	Solid Surfaces Group	Speciality Chemicals Sector
Spectroscopy & Dynamics Group	Statistical Mechanics & Thermodynamics Group	Surface Coatings Group	Surface Reactivity & Catalysis Group	Theoretical Chemistry Group	Thermal Methods Group	Toxicology Group	Water Science Forum	

Analytical Science

Physical Chemistry

**Chemistry Biology
Interface**

**55 general
interest
events**

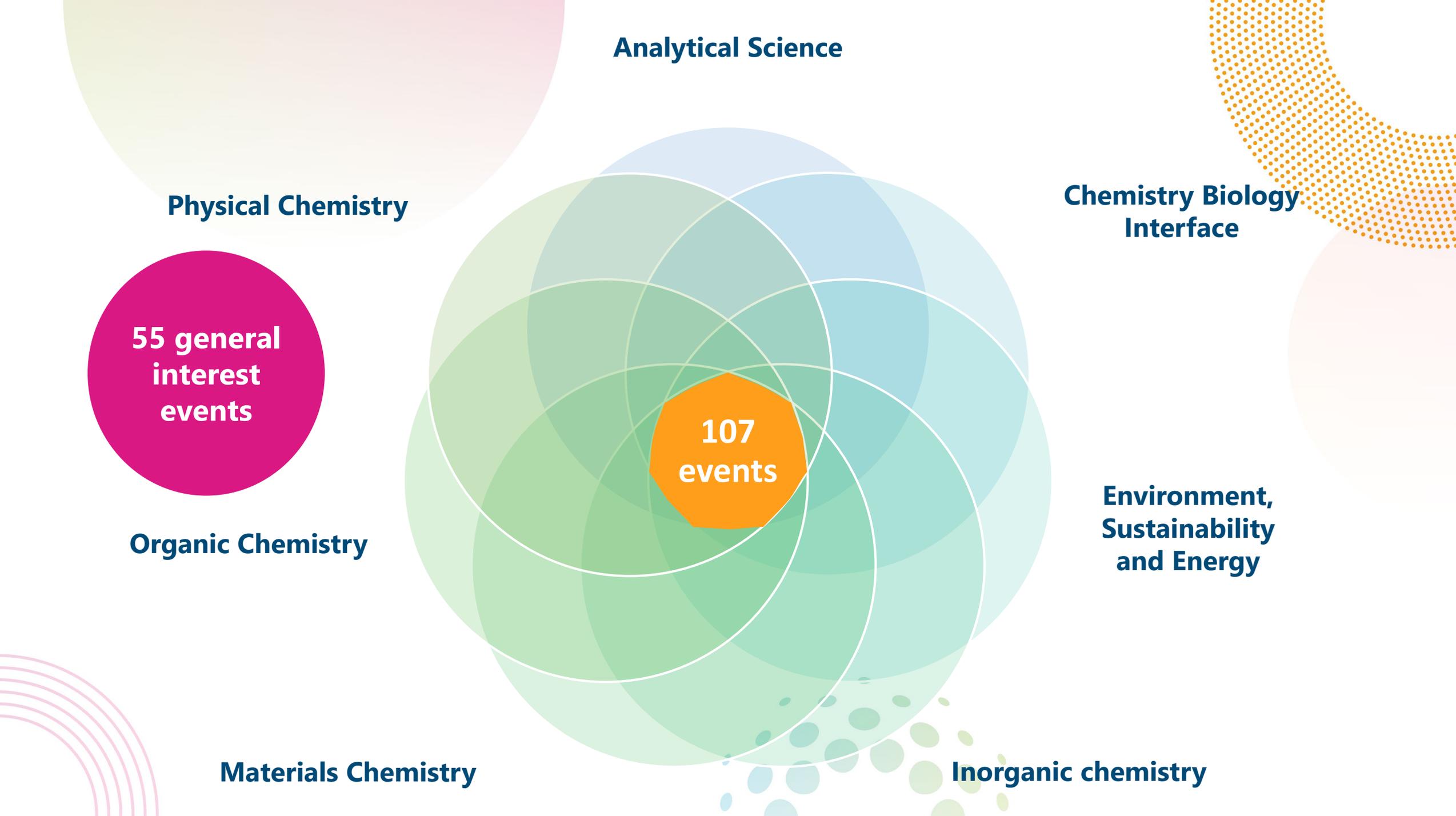
**107
events**

Organic Chemistry

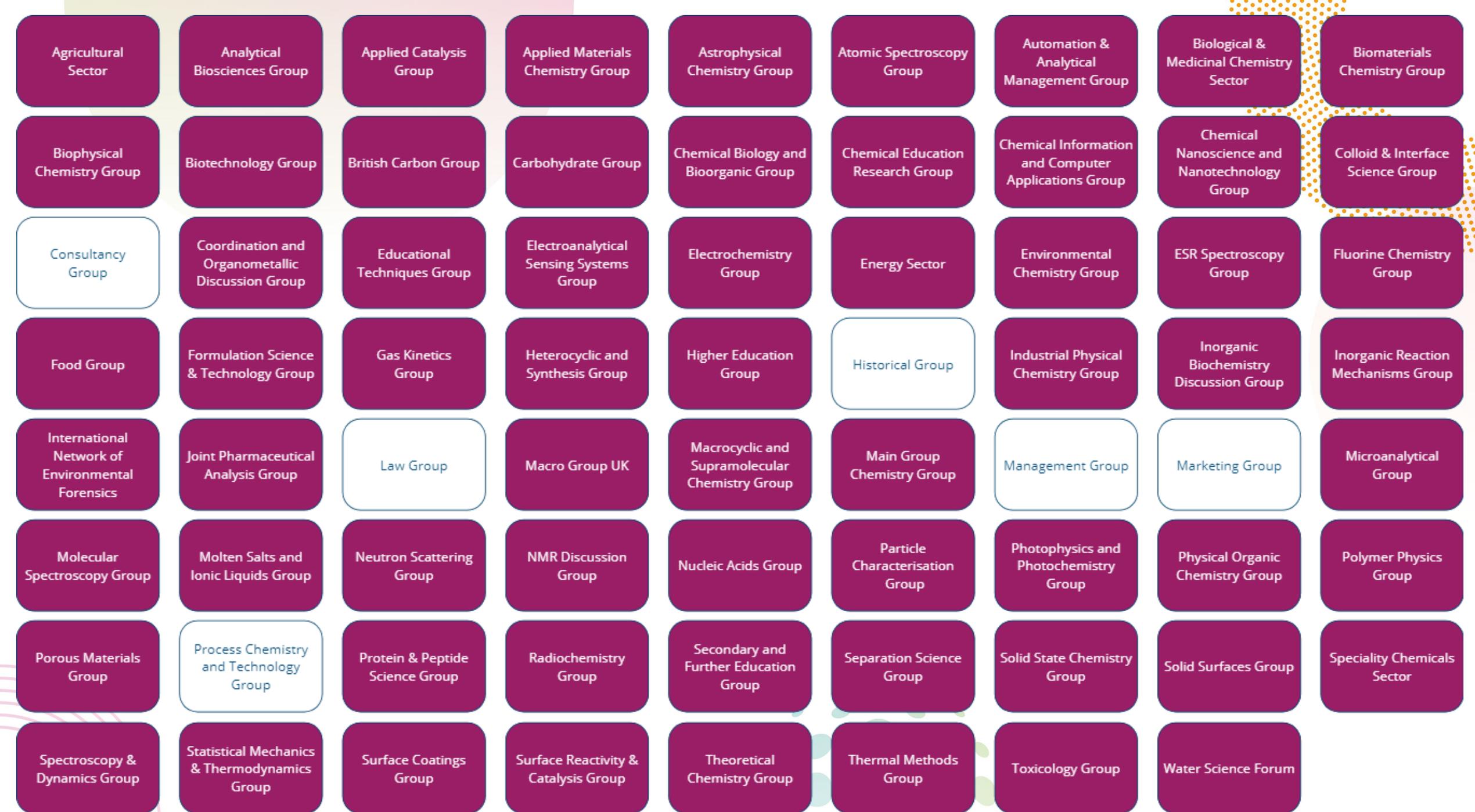
**Environment,
Sustainability
and Energy**

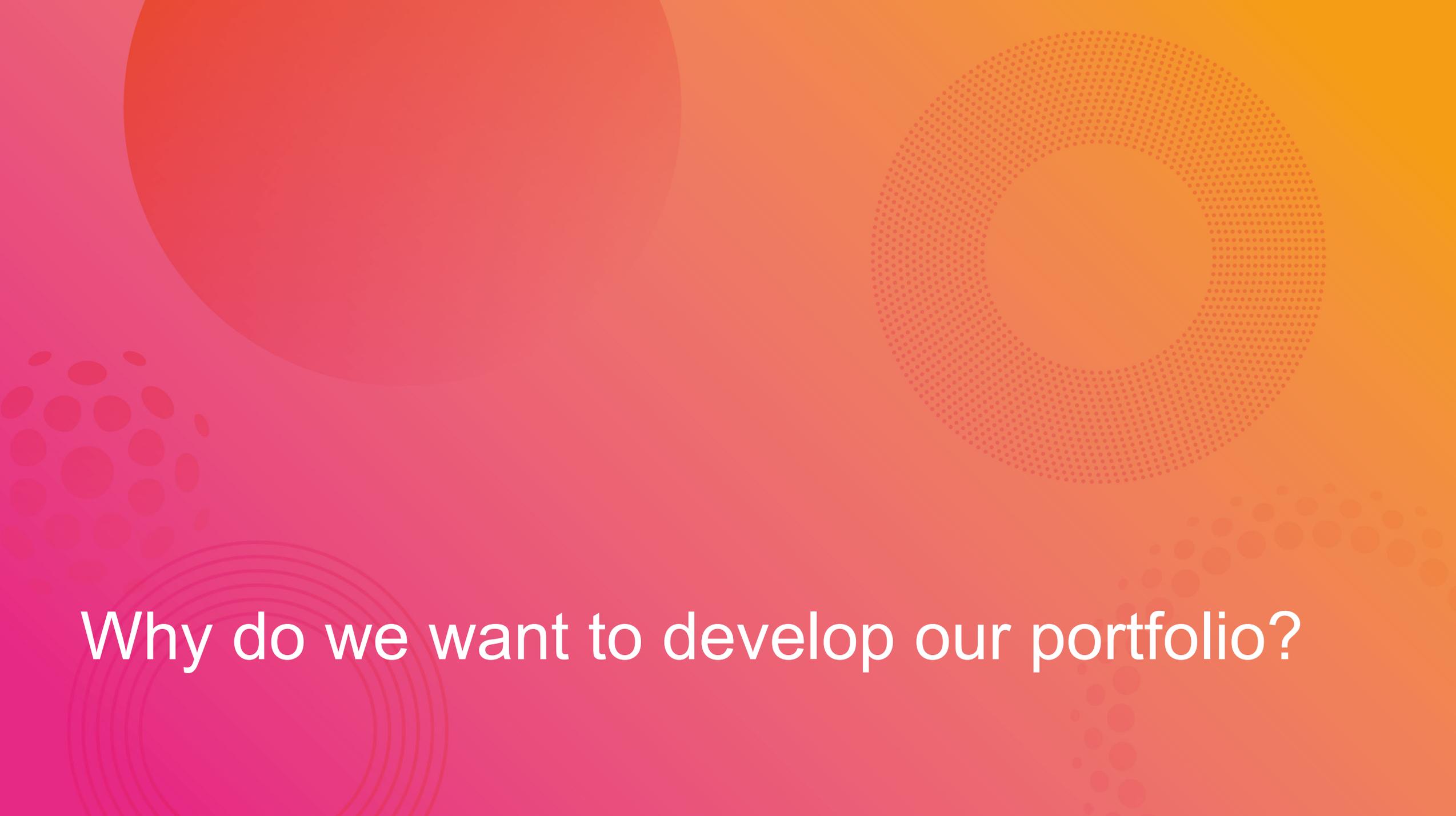
Materials Chemistry

Inorganic chemistry



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Why do we want to develop our portfolio?



Member Community Development

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How will we do this?

- Gather data and evaluate the chemical sciences landscape
- Map current portfolio of events and activities
- Examine societies and professional bodies relevant to our community
- Identify gaps and analyse opportunities
- Make recommendations

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What does this mean?

How will this impact you?

- There shouldn't be any direct impacts for existing networks
- If a new Interest Group is proposed, we will consult with all networks likely to be affected



How you can get involved

- Share your knowledge and expertise as member network committee members
- Share your insights and experience as members and scientists
- Support the programme

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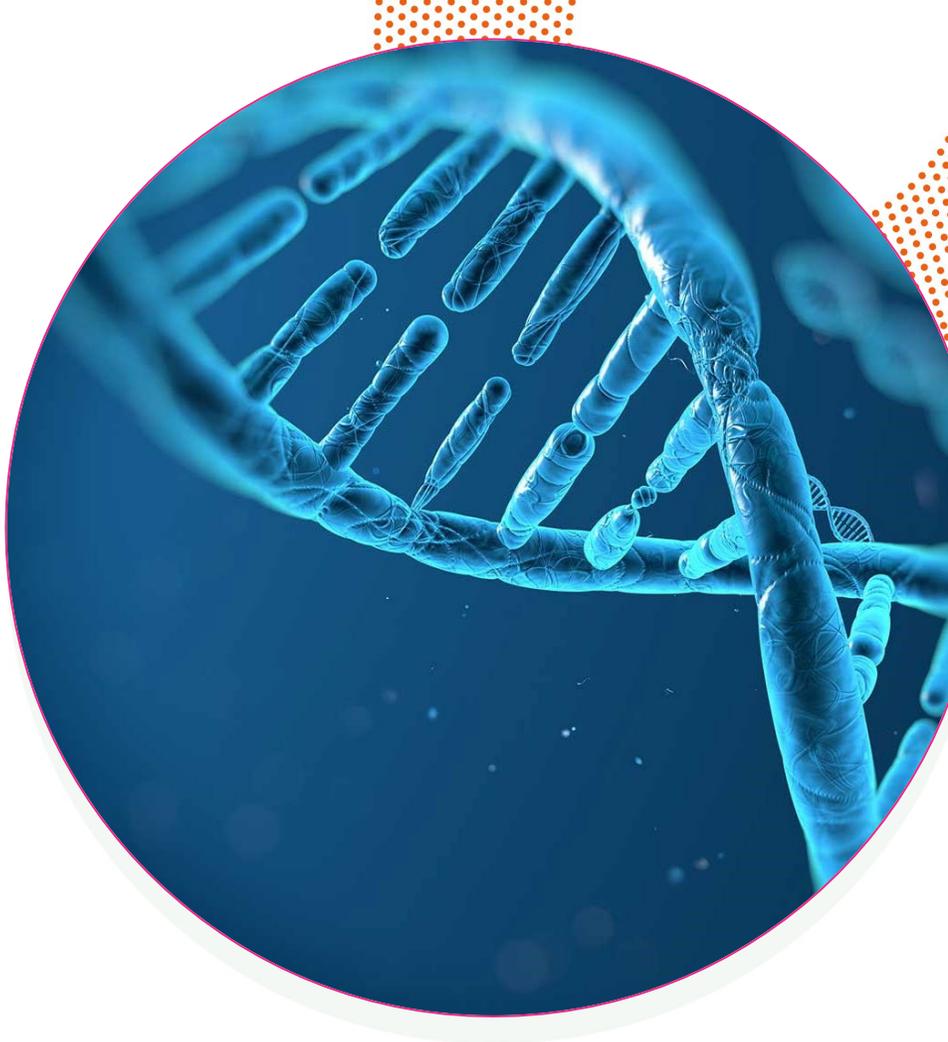
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Please share your thoughts and comments to support the member community development programme.

Scan the QR code to share your responses on our Easy Retro board – you can also vote for ideas or comments you agree with to help us prioritise your feedback.





New
networks



What are the defining factors for creating a successful Interest Group?

What makes an Interest Group work?

Where would community or peer-peer support have a positive impact?



New
communities





How can we bring like-minded professionals together?

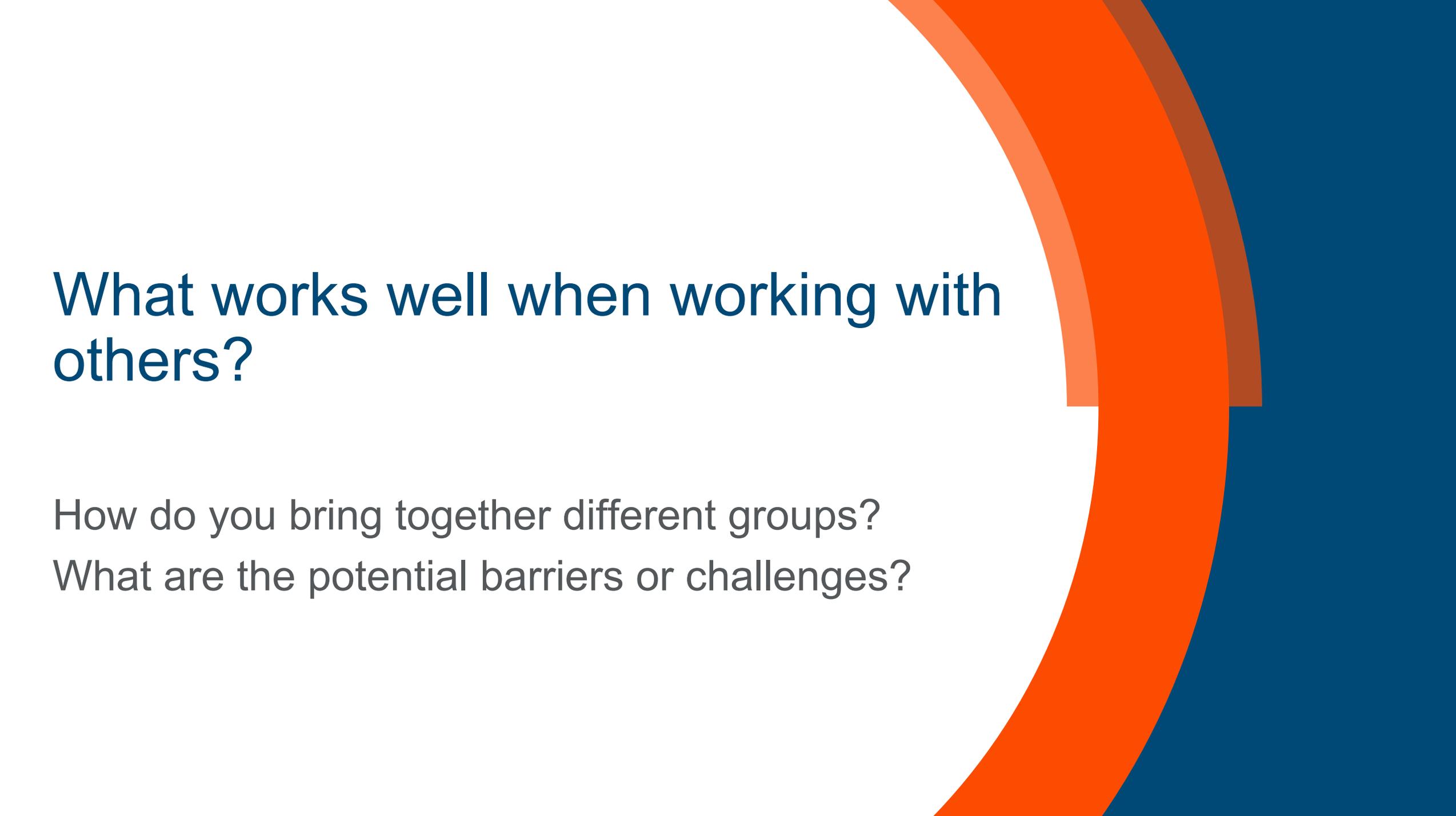
What advice would you give to someone starting from scratch?

What are the challenges or pitfalls in setting up a new community?



Forging
partnerships





What works well when working with others?

How do you bring together different groups?

What are the potential barriers or challenges?



What's next?

- Mapping the landscape and portfolio
 - Working with Subject Community Councils and Member Communities Board
 - You will be kept informed of developments
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Thank you



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Open Access publishing at the RSC

Laura Fisher

RSC Member Networks Conference

17–19 October 2023

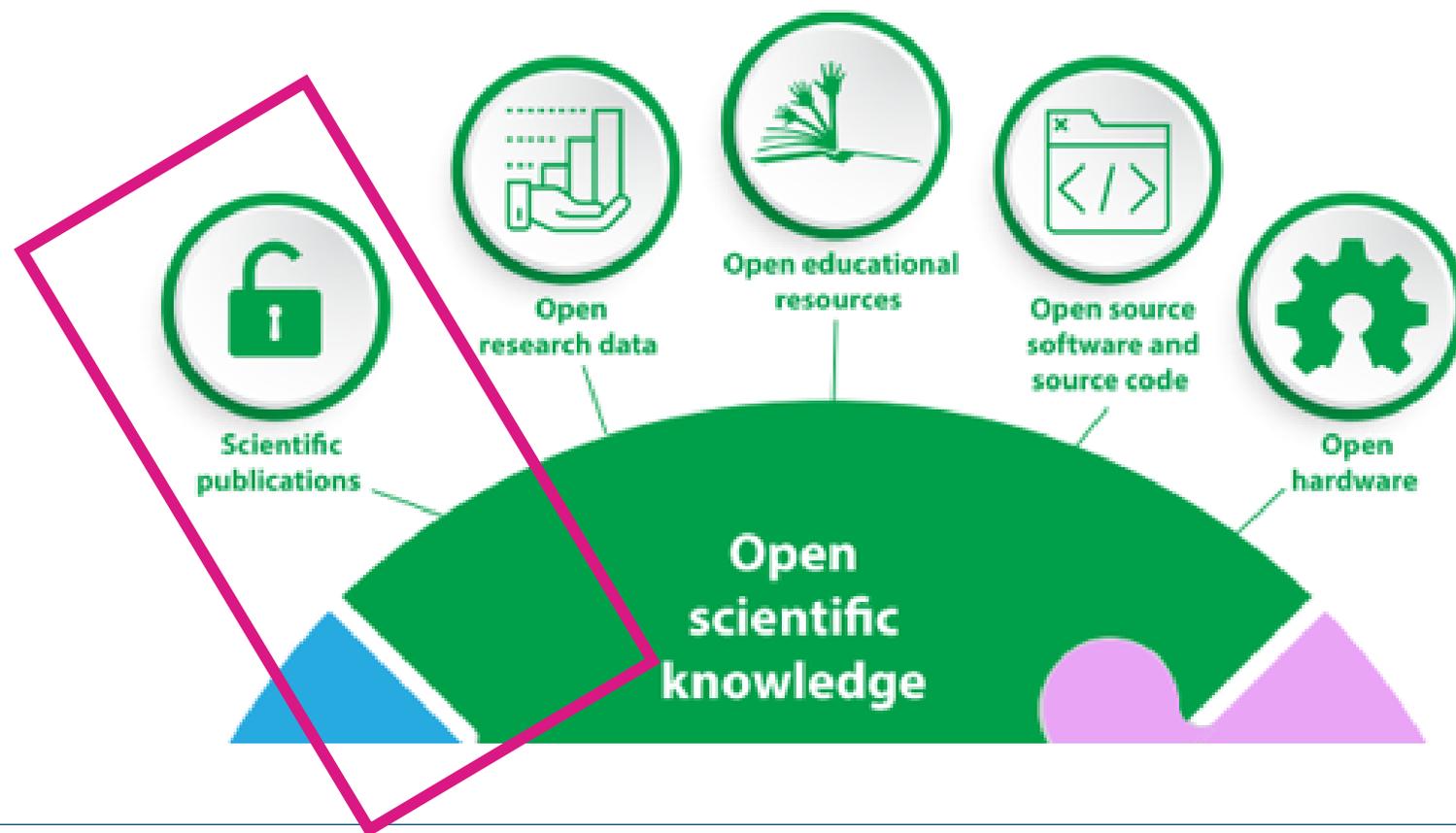
About me

- **2003 – 2011** Undergraduate degree and PhD at University of Bath, UK
- **2012 – 2013** Postdoc at Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- **2014 – 2015** Publishing Editor, *Soft Matter*, *Biomaterials Science*, *Polymer Chemistry*, *Reaction Chemistry & Engineering*, and *MSDE*
- **Sept 2015 – March 2016** Supplier Relations Executive – working with external editors and typesetters across all RSC journals
- **April 2016 – June 2019** Deputy Editor, *Soft Matter*, *Biomaterials Science*, *Polymer Chemistry*, *Reaction Chemistry & Engineering*, and *MSDE*
- **July 2019 – present** Executive Editor, *RSC Advances*



Open Science & Open Access

Open Access to scientific publications is a **key component of Open Science**



What is Open Access?

A research output is Open Access (OA) if it is:

- Digital
- Online
- Free of charge
- Free of most copyright and licensing restrictions



Why Open Access?

Open Access is part of our mission at the RSC to help chemists to make the world a better place.

The benefits of Open Access are clear:

- **Fairness**; everyone has the same potential to read and build upon cutting edge research
- **Visibility and Impact**; the more people that can access research, the more people will read it and ultimately cite it
- **Interdisciplinary collaboration**; when work is OA, researchers are more likely to read work that is out of their research area and think outside the box
- **Transparency**; research integrity is strengthened by the free availability of research.

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Open Access is the future

- The publishing landscape is moving further and further towards a fully Open Access environment
- All cOAlition S and UKRI funded research now Open Access. Plan S funding for 'Transformative Journals' and Transformative Agreements ends in 2024
- The US will require *immediate access* to federally funded research after it is published, starting in 2026
- Japan will require *immediate access* to research after it is published, starting in 2025

NEWS | 26 August 2022 | Correction [30 August 2022](#)

US government reveals big changes to open-access policy

Biden administration instructs all US agencies to require immediate access to federally funded research after it is published, starting in 2026.

[Jeff Tollefson](#) & [Richard Van Noorden](#)

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-02351-1>

The question is no longer *if* Open Access, but *when* (and *how*).

Publishers are adapting

Cambridge University Press have publicly committed to transitioning their entire journal portfolio to OA **by 2025**

ACS have committed entire portfolio to 'Transformative Journal' status, effectively committing to fully transition to OA (most likely in the **next 3–5 years**)

Large publishers are investing heavily in growth (to prep for OA future), acquisition and **transformative agreements**

Large OA publishers are growing exponentially – and **investing heavily in growing institutional level agreements**

Royal Astronomical Society have committed to 100% OA **by 2024**

De Gruyter commits to mostly OA (320 journals!) **by 2028**

Health

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ACS Publications commits its entire hybrid journal portfolio to become transformative journals

This development represents a major step in ACS' long-standing commitment to open science, signaling a future in which all publications are open access (OA).

Royal Astronomical Society announces all journals to publish as open access from 2024

1 Mar 2023 — The **Royal Astronomical Society** (RAS) has today announced that all journals published by the Society will be **Open Access** (OA) from January 2024.

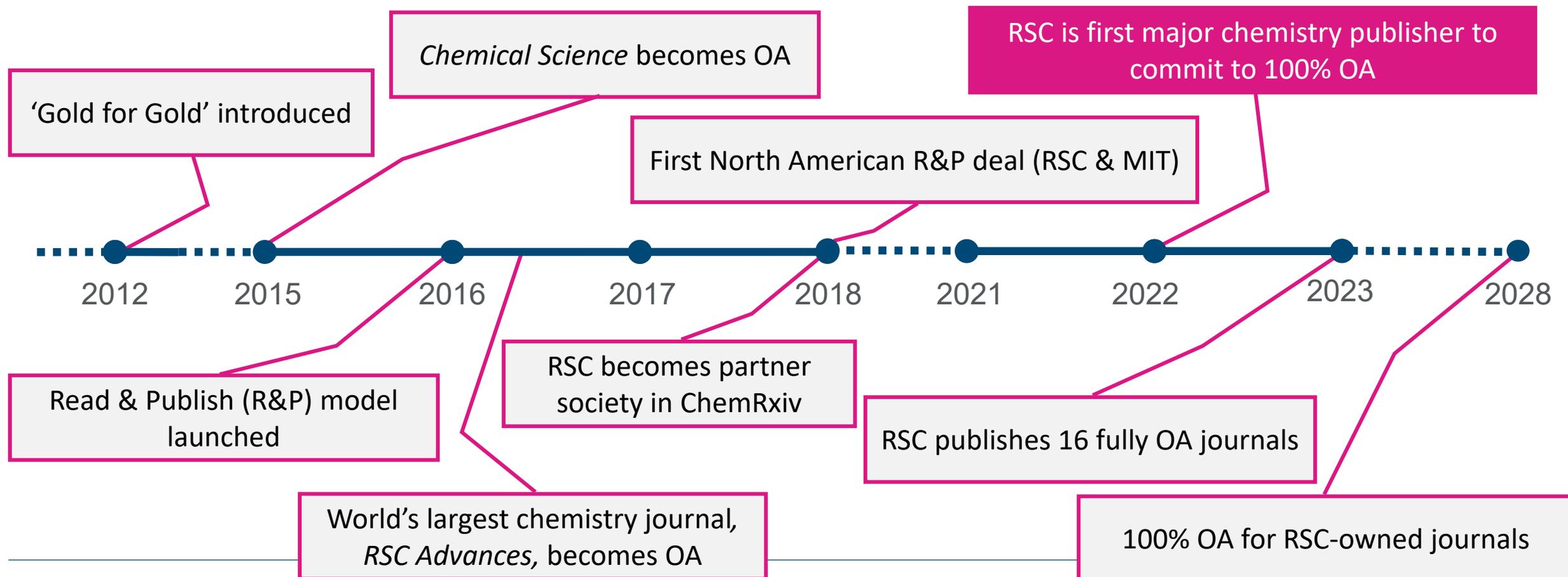
Our vision of an Open Access future

Everyone, everywhere has the same potential to access critical knowledge and build upon it, **accelerating the pace of innovation and discovery**

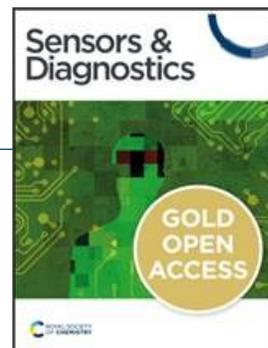
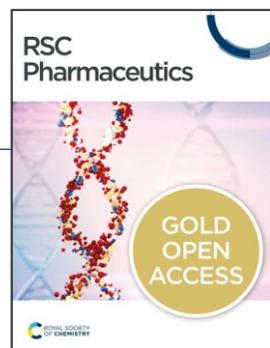
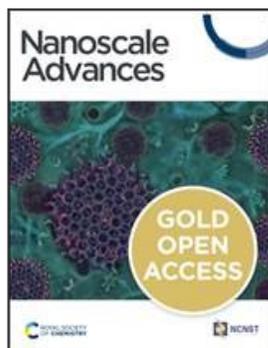
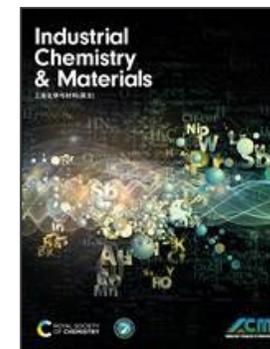
Authors should not pay for Open Access; libraries, governments and funders should reinvest subscription funds to cover these costs through new Open Access business models

A global understanding that **Open Access = quality, integrity and transparency** (just as much, if not more so than subscription journals)

RSC Open Access Timeline



RSC Open Access Portfolio



Chemical Science; Diamond OA

Chemical Science, our flagship journal, is Diamond Open Access. This means that it's **free both to read and to publish in *Chemical Science***.

This is possible because we, the RSC, cover the cost of publication in *Chemical Science*.

The costs associated with this are covered by the revenue we make from our other journals – either via subscriptions or Open Access charges.



Our fully OA future

The RSC has committed to achieving 100% Open Access by 2028.

English version of our press release went out on 31 October 2022.

The announcement was shared in several industry news outlets including *Chemistry World*, *The Chemical Engineer*, *Chemical & Engineering News*, *Research Professional News*, *Knowledge Speak*, *Library Learning Space*

Royal Society of Chemistry commits to 100% Open Access

31 October 2022

The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) announced today that it aims to make all fully RSC-owned journals Open Access within five years, making it the first chemistry publisher and one of the first society publishers to commit to a fully Open Access future.

Open Access is at the core of the RSC's mission to help the chemical sciences make the world a better place. Free, unrestricted global access to all of the cutting-edge research published in Royal Society of Chemistry journals is a key component of this, aligning with the RSC's organisational strategy, which highlights the crucial role of collaboration and the open sharing of scientific knowledge in addressing global challenges, from disease to climate change. Nations in the "Global South", which will be the worst affected by these issues, are those with the least access to such crucial information. Open Access ensures that everyone, everywhere has the same potential to access and contribute to the latest discoveries, leading to a better future for us.



英国皇家化学学会将以实现完全开放获取为远景目标

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The RSC commits to 100% open access within five years

Article by Kerry Hebden



版 50 余种高水平的化学及相关学科领域的学术期刊以及图书。期刊不仅以前沿的科研论文和权威的研究综述享誉全球化学界的同行评审、迅速的出版速度而广受好评。

发布了在学术期刊开放获取方面的远景目标，即在科研单位和同行推动下，计划在未来五年内 RSC 自有期刊陆续实现完全开放获取，承诺实现开放获取的化学科学类学术出版机构。

Our goals for achieving 100% OA

Ensuring that everyone, everywhere can still publish with us

- We want to remove barriers so **all authors have the same potential to access and publish research**

Partnering with institutions to develop new Open Access models

- We want to **transform our current subscriptions to new OA models** that cover as much of our global author community as possible
- We are spending the next 2 years speaking to our community and in particular librarians, to understand their priorities, requirements and goals for OA; **our aim is to move away from models that rely solely on authors paying article processing charges – we want these to be covered by institutions & funders.**

Leading the way forward

We are the first major chemistry publisher to commit to 100% Open Access.

By signalling our commitment to Open Access, we want to show the world (and our institutional partners) that we value Open Access and are **openly inviting key stakeholders across the globe to partner with us towards achieving this goal.**



What can *you* do?

Get in touch and let us know your thoughts, encourage your librarians to get in touch, keep an eye out for future RSC OA community initiatives. And keep talking about Open Access!

Thank you!

Any questions?

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Updates for Interest Groups

Update to member benefits

	Current IGs inclusive of membership	New number of IGs inclusive of membership
Student member	1	3
Affiliate member	1	3
Associate Member	2	4
Member	3	5
Fellow	3	5

Discounts for members

Rule 8.8

Member Networks should apply and promote to RSC members at least a 15% discount for conferences and events if they are scientific meetings of one-day or more, and if delegate fees are being collected. For joint groups and joint events held in collaboration with sister societies, the same discount can be applied to members of either society.

Exemptions can be considered if there are conditions that make it unfeasible to offer the minimum members' discount level. These should be discussed with the Networks Team as soon as possible, and for events that need MCB approval, the request for exemption can be built into the approval process.

Feedback



H. Rachel Lagiakos • 2nd

Senior Principal Scientist at Schrödinger

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Was privileged to present a lecture at the superb SCI/RSC Med Chem Symposium this past week in Cambridge. Commendably, not only did the organizing committee assemble a top notch scientific program, there was clearly an effort made to ensure a strong and diverse line up of speakers. It was noticed and deeply appreciated - thank you! This is how it should be done!!

The icing on the cake was reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

Looking forward to returning to this excellent conference in the future!!

Diversity matters



Prof Saiful Islam
@SaifulChemistry



Just declined an invited plenary talk at the Global Materials Science Conference 2024. Mentioned that the diversity/inclusion on top speakers could be better.

Of the 10 plenary speakers, not a single one is a women scientist. I sent them suggestions.

Annual review of networks finances

- Pilot - 31 October 2023
 - Kent Local Section
 - North East Analytical Science Community Region
 - Chemical Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Group

And finally...

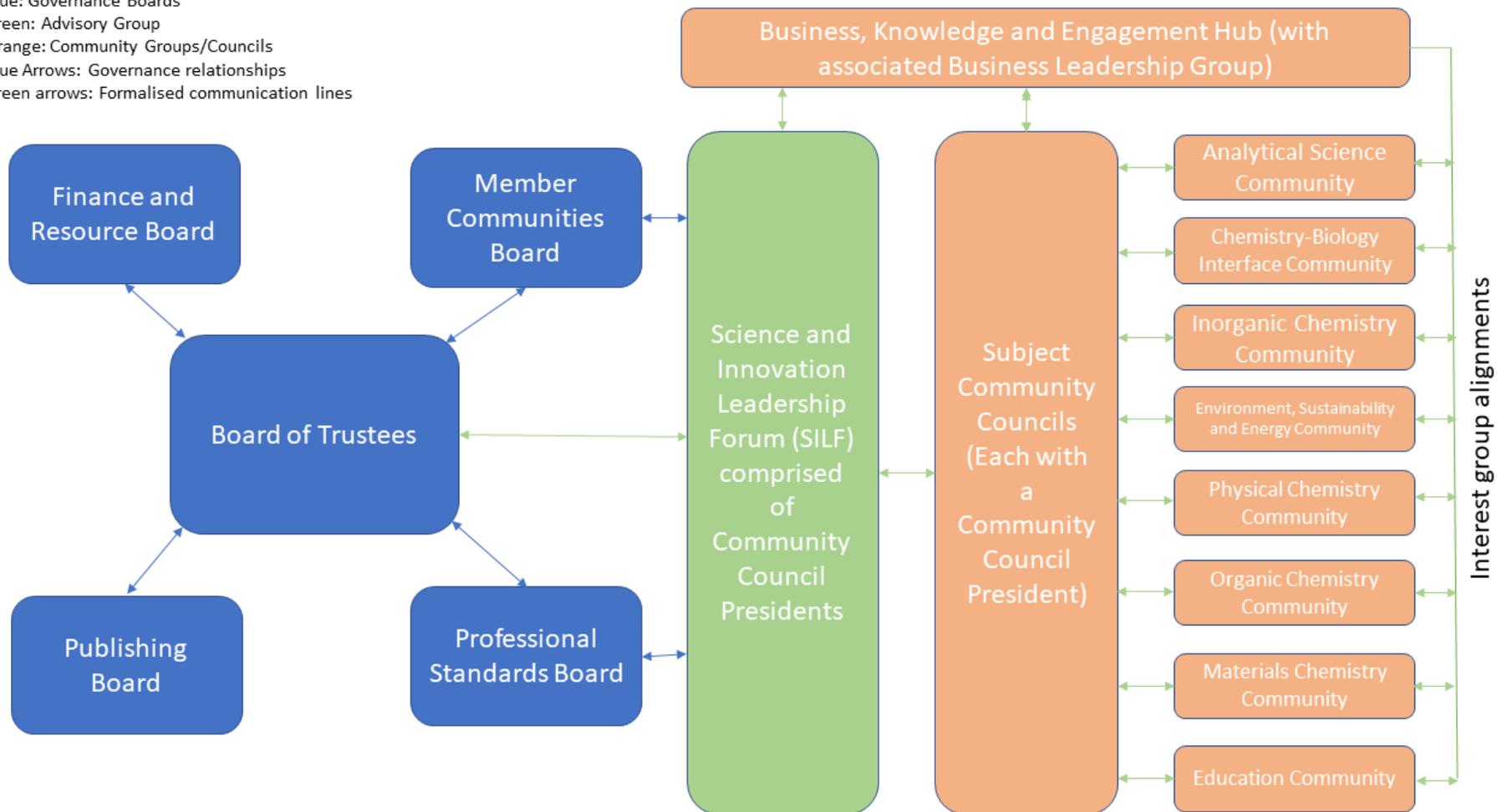
- Images
 - Licenced images are available via the Networks Team.
- Conflicts of interest
 - All conflicts of interest or loyalty must be recorded in the minutes and registered with the Networks Team.
- Contractors
 - Anyone being paid for work on behalf of the RSC **must** have a contract.
- Minutes
 - Please send them to the Networks Team – we're here to help.

Any questions?

Subject Communities and Interest Groups

Sharing scientific topics
and activities from your
community

Blue: Governance Boards
 Green: Advisory Group
 Orange: Community Groups/Councils
 Blue Arrows: Governance relationships
 Green arrows: Formalised communication lines



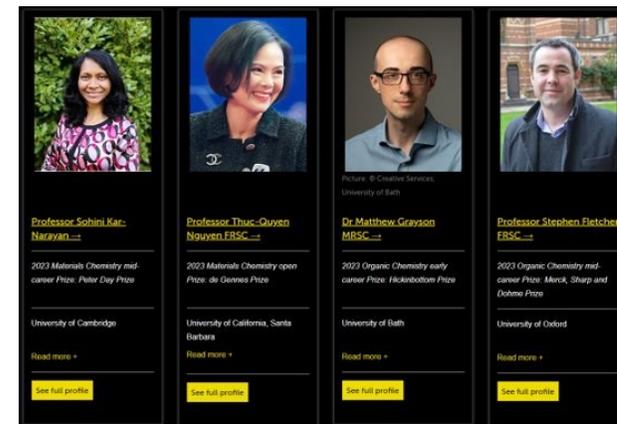
Subject Communities



Scientific meetings and symposia



Sustainable Laboratories at Faraday Joint Interest Group Forum



RSC Prizes



Funding: Researcher Grants



Discussion points

- What topics is your committee currently focussing on?
- Are there topics you are considering in future? Why?
- Are there any current opportunities or gaps in the subject or community?
- Are there potential collaborations with other groups?