

Sample citation for the Royal Society of Chemistry 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.

Citation criteria

- All nominations must be supported by a citation which demonstrates how the activities of the committee relate to the purpose of this award.
- Citations longer than 350 words will be cut off at the word limit.

Citation

Example of an **excellent** citation which includes:

- Details of the novel activity or approach for which the committee should receive recognition.
- Details of how this activity or approach improved the inclusivity of the committee or activity.
- Details of the impact on the community and committee of their activities.

The XYZ committee has always run the local heat for the RSC's Top of the Bench competition. While we've always had a good level of interest from schools we took the advice to review the diversity of participants and it became obvious that almost all of the schools taking part in the event were independent or grammar schools.

In order to address this imbalance we decided to work together as a committee to identify the head of science at local state schools and to try to contact them directly to explain the benefits of their school taking part in the competition. It became apparent that the main barrier to involvement was the cost of transport to take students to our event. As a committee we agreed to offer grants to subsidise the cost of travel to the event, which was well received by our local state schools.

This year's heat was the best yet with even more schools taking part and it was great to see a far more diverse range of students taking part on the day.