



Member Networks Annual Report Form
Reporting events held in 2017 and those planned for 2018

In line with the rules for member networks and 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 or by post to; Networks Team, Royal Society of Chemistry, Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0WF.

Deadlines

Deadline for receipt of Financial Accounts by RSC Finance Team: **9th February 2018**

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by Networks Team: **26th February 2018**

If there is any reason that your committee will **not** be able to meet either or both of these deadlines please inform networks@rsc.org as soon as possible.

This report will be uploaded to your web page to share with the members of your network. Staff will also share a digest of all member networks activities taken solely from these annual reports with appropriate staff and governance boards and committees including Division Councils with similar interests.

Committee	Newcastle & North East Coast Local Section
Completed by	Mark Gray (Hon Sec)
Date	23 rd Feb 2018

Please list below the dates of all of your planned committee meetings and, if held, AGM.

Annual General Meeting (if being held)

Date:	5 th Feb 2018
Venue:	Ellison Building, Northumbria University, Newcastle.

Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue
March 12th May 21st September 17th December 3rd	All normal committee meetings are held on Monday evenings starting at 6pm. The usual venue is Northumberland Building Room NB258, Northumbria University, Newcastle.





2017 Events

Please append electronic copies of any meeting reports, newsletters or relevant materials to this report.

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 (including outreach activities for school students or the general public)
- Public Lecture
- Retired Members Event
- Scientific Conference - 1 day
- Scientific Conference - multi day
- Social Event
- Training/workshop
- Award Lecture
- Other

Below is a section of our events rather than a comprehensive list. Please see the accompanying meeting notes for a full gamut of our activities.

Event Name	Astrochemistry
Event Type (key)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Lecture
Comments	Held in conjunction with Sunderland Astronomical Society, March 2017

Event Name	Sunderland Seminar Series
Event Type (key)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Lecture
Comments	A series of monthly seminars held during the main academic year at the University of Sunderland. Due to the nature of the speciality of the institution these are largely geared towards the chemical aspects of drug discovery and development.

Event Name	Girls in Science
Event Type (key)	Education Event
Comments	Held at the "Lit and Phil", Newcastle

Event Name	Christmas Lecture
Event Type (key)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Lecture
Comments	Held at Newcastle, in honour of Prof Golding

Event Name	Professional Awareness Evening
Event Type (key)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training/workshop
Comments	Held at Newcastle, and organised by postgraduates at that institution, this was a careers focused evening.

Awards and Bursaries

Please list any awards or bursaries presented by your committee in the past 12 months and indicate any which will be open for nomination/application in the next calendar year.

Please ensure that all members of your network are notified of any awards or bursaries for general application.

Annual Christmas Card competition was awarded. This competition is aimed at pupils at the younger end of the secondary school age range. We will run this again, and also a photography competition, aimed at those up to and including 6th Form. The winning entries within the latter will go towards the production of a local section calendar.



Future Activities

When planning any activities please remember to ensure that all events are logged on our events database and ensure that all contracts are sent to our Legal Team with enough time for amendments and, where necessary, approval by the Board.

Please outline any activities already in planning for the next calendar year.

Again, this is a partial list. The full gamut is reflected within the accompanying meeting notes.

Event Name	Resilience and Wellbeing Workshop on 22 nd February
Comments	Ran in conjunction with CCF.
Event Name	Innaugural Deadalus Lecture
Comments	Prof Martin Poliakoff will initiate the first in what will hopefully be a series of unusual and thought provoking seminars.
Event Name	Retired Members Event at Woodhorn Museum
Comments	The venue encapsulated the mining and engineering heritage of North-East England
Event Name	How I became an Academic
Comments	Dr Jason Camp will deliver the first in a series of Lectures on topics specifically chosen for their interest to the local undergraduate community. The undergraduates themselves will invite and organise these events with support from the local section.

Committee

This information will be used to update our membership database and your web page. Please ensure that any changes to the committee are sent to networks@rsc.org as soon as possible.

Position	Name	Dates on committee (20xx – 20xx)
Chair	Nick Walker	2017-2020
Secretary	Mark Gray	2016-2019
Treasurer	Graeme Turnbull	2015-2018
Ordinary Members	Graeme Clark (Vice-Chair) Kay Gray Mike Green Amy Heptinstall Peter Hoare	
Chemists' Community Fund Representative (if relevant)	Hannah Sykes	
Co-opted members and their affiliation	Stephanie Meyers (Sunderland) Stephen Childs (Sunderland) Remya Norris (Akzo Nobel) J. Jonathan Harburn (Newcastle Pharmacy School)	



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.

The age range within our committee has a reasonable spread for each decade of life from undergraduate age, into retirement age.

A current constitution of 8 males vs 5 females reflects a reasonable balance within what is still considered a male dominated profession. At present it probably should be said that only one member comes from an ethnic minority background, but at the recent AGM we had a more diverse audience and we were at pains to invite any who were interested to get involved, and potentially join the committee.