

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	North Staffordshire Local Section
Completed by	
Date	February 2018

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

Annual General Meeting (if being held)

Date:	TBC (Likely May/June)
Venue:	Keele University

Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue
TBC	TBC

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Registered Charity Number

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

Event Name	River Weaver Exhibition
Event Type (key)	Education Event
Comments	<p>The N. Staffs local section provided funding for printing science-focused information panels for Nantwich Museum's "River Weaver - a meander through time" summer exhibition, which ran from 12 July - 9 Sept 2017. The first main panel introduced the concepts of water quality and in particular factors affecting the quality of River Weaver water in the Nantwich area. The second talked about the industries which have depended on the river, such as local salt production, the chemical industry in north Cheshire and the sustainable energy historically produced by windmills .</p> <p>There was also a half-day seminar event for members of the public entitled "What's in the water?", at which two of our committee members spoke ("Tap to Toilet and Beyond" by Glynn Skerratt and "The River Weaver's Water: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly" by Helen Cooke). In addition, Keele Sustainability Hub sponsored well received eco-detective events at the Museum for two primary schools and a family fun day, during which the quality of the river's water was tested.</p>

Event Name	Rotary Science 2017
Event Type (key)	Education Event
Comments	Funding for a demonstration lecture for both primary and secondary school students as part of Science Week programme of events.

Event Name	Retired Members Lunch
Event Type (key)	Retired Members Event
Comments	The lunch held at Barleston was attended by 25 retired members and partners and has become an annual event for the local section.

Event Name	Chemistry Week Grants
Event Type (key)	Education Event
Comments	<p>5 x £50 grants were issued to schools across the region:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Scholar Green School, Congleton (Primary)</u>. They plan to run some fun experiments with both the teachers and students to double up as CPD as well as Chemistry Week fun. 2. <u>Discovery Academy, Stoke on Trent</u>. Going to do: exploding lunch bags, slime making and rainbow fizz for their growing science club. They would like to purchase glue, food colouring, disposable cups, ziplock bags, sodium hydrogen carbonate, vinegar and borax 3. <u>Hart School, Rugely</u>. Doing Mission Starlight. 4. <u>St Thomas More Catholic Academy, Stoke</u>. Funding for some pH probes and is going to have the students make red cabbage indicator and test loads of everyday substances 5. <u>St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Stoke</u>. Year 6 Victorian Science project including making sewage and looking at filtration and other treatment methods.

Event Name	Top of the Bench Regional Heat
Event Type (key)	Education Event
Comments	<p>5 schools attended the combined theory and experimental based regional heat, with teams from: Adam's Grammar School, Denstone College, John Taylor High School, Endon High School, St Thomas More. The winning team was from Denstone College.</p> <p>Venue funding for this event comes from Keele University, with the Local Section providing refreshments.</p>

Event Name	Keele Chemical Society
Event Type (key)	Social Event

Comments	We provided funding (£180) towards the Keele Chemical Society annual ball.
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Event Name	Endon High School Science Club
Event Type (key)	Education Event
Comments	The section provided funding (£94.52) towards the establishment of a science club at Endon High School.

Event Name	Keele University Spooktacular
Event Type (key)	Education Event
Comments	Keele University Sustainability Hub is ran a science event on the 28 th October 2017, which was aimed at members of the public, ages 4+. The aim was to use Halloween themed workshops to disseminate science related research and teaching into the community. The local section donated £250 to cover the cost of chemistry related materials and ambassadors needed to run the sessions to ensure that they were of the highest quality. It was estimated that around 150-200 individuals attended.

Event Name	Ottley Science Festival
Event Type (key)	Education Event
Comments	Dr David Thompson (Keele) requested £180 to fund consumables to run a chemistry based 3D printing activity at the Ottley Science Festival in November 2017.

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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.

Event Name	Undergraduate Student Prizes
Event Type (key)	Education
Comments	We funded 4x £50 prizes for Keele University Chemistry students and 1x £50 prize for Staffordshire University Forensic Science student.

Other information/comments:

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.

Event Name	Pottery About Science
Comments	Dr Katherine Haxton and the Local Section have been awarded a RSC Outreach (public engagement) grant for £4950. The project is "Pottery about Chemistry" and is aimed at adults and children and is joint between Keele University and the local section. Events are designed to draw on the heritage of the potteries and will be roughly one chemistry of work type event and an adult evening event. Events will include at least 4 hands-on chemistry activities plus related crafts etc. with displays etc. during the evening event – with 100 visitors per event.

Event Name	Pottery Science Festival
Comments	28th and 29th June. The section will be contributing to a number of outreach events across 3 potential venues including Keele University. In addition funding (up to £250) will be provided to help ensure sufficient chemistry is included as part of the festival.

Event Name	Poetry Competition
Comments	Local section committee will be judging the poetry competition as part of the Pottery Science Festival.

Event Name	Top of the Bench
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Comments	The regional heat of the Top of the Bench competition will be held in November and will consist of a combination of theory questions and practical experiments similar to previous years, with an expected expenditure of around £250 (with the room hire being donated by Keele University).
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Event Name	Retired Members Lunch
Comments	The retired members lunch will be held on Tue 10th April at The Upper House, Barlaston with an estimated 25 attendees from across the region. The expected expenditure for this event will be approximately £1200.

Event Name	Rotary Science
Comments	Funding (£500) to cover a series of events as part of Science Week led by the Cheshire Rotary Club.

Event Name	Nantwich Museum
Comments	£250 for a Water Quality Testing school event, to be held on 9 th /10 th July with the funding to cover consumables.

Event Name	Discover Science Day
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Comments	Joint funding (£250) and organisation of a discover science day similar to those previously held at RAF Cosford, but to be arranged with the local section area and held during 2018.
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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	Katherine Haxton	2013 - onwards
Secretary	Richard Darton	2016 - onwards
Treasurer	Denis Morgan	2005 onwards
Industry Representative		
Early Career Representative		
Education Representatives	Colin Fogarty	2015 - onwards
Ordinary Members	Peter Borrell Steve Thompson Helen Cooke Daniela Plana Glynn Skerratt	2005 – onwards 2010 – onwards 2015 – onwards 2016 - onwards 2016 - onwards

Chemists Community Representative	Peter Calder	1985 - onwards
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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.