



Frequently Asked Questions

Why have you chosen to hold this Faraday Discussion virtually?

Ensuring the safety of all participants in the Faraday Discussion and the local community is our number one priority. After careful consideration of all of the options, we have taken the decision to hold the Discussion virtually. This will ensure safety while at the same time allowing the Discussion to proceed and the research to be discussed. If you have any questions please contact us at events@rsc.org.

When will the virtual Faraday Discussion take place?

The meeting will take place virtually over the same three days as the originally scheduled meeting, from Monday 20 July to Wednesday 22 July. A programme with more detailed timings will be available to download from the website. Timings may vary to allow for participation in different time zones.

What is the registration fee for the virtual Faraday Discussion?

The fees for the virtual Faraday Discussion, which have been reduced as an introductory offer to our series, are as follows:

Delegate type	Standard fee
RSC member	£25
Non-member	£30
RSC student member	£10
Student non-member	£15

Why is the virtual Faraday Discussion not free?

Although many of the costs of the physical meeting (e.g. venue and catering) no longer apply, we are still incurring costs associated with the collation of abstracts and papers, the organisation of the meeting, and staff time in addition to software licenses and technical support. However, we are offering the virtual meeting at an introductory reduced fee.

What is a virtual meeting?

Virtual meetings use a dedicated and professional web-based conference platform that provides the infrastructure for delegates to interact and share information online.

What equipment will I need to participate in the virtual Faraday Discussion?

The virtual event platform can be accessed using computers / tablets / smartphones with a stable internet connection and integrated speaker, microphone and webcam. Delegates may find that using headphones improves the audio quality and that using a webcam, while this is not essential, enhances their experience by allowing face-to-face interaction.



Smartphone users can also participate in the meeting using the dedicated app <https://inevent.com/en/live-event-mobile-app.php>. Search the App Store or Google Play for Inevent App.

What are the minimum internet requirements?

The minimum internet requirements for participating in this virtual Faraday Discussion can be found on the virtual event platform website at <https://inevent.com/en/requirements.php>

What preparation do I need to do in advance?

We recommend that you test your audio (speaker and microphone, and headphones if applicable) and video (webcam) before the meeting. It should be possible to test your microphone and speaker connection via the settings option on your computer or device. To further test your speaker, microphone and bandwidth connection, we suggest you try streaming an audio or video file from the internet and/or conduct a test audio/video call using e.g. Zoom, Skype or FaceTime.

The online platform is compatible with the most common internet browsers. You may wish to consider installing more than one internet browser on your computer or device so that you have the option of using the browser that gives the best quality.

If you wish to participate using the dedicated app please download it to your device in advance of the meeting.

How will the virtual Faraday Discussion work?

In the same way as a physical Faraday Discussion, the virtual meeting will allow delegates to attend sessions, hear and watch talks, and participate in the discussion through live text chat and audio/video Q&A. PDFs of each preprint will be available on the RSC website and also on the virtual event platform for delegates to refer to during the meeting.

There will be a poster session and a session for flash poster presentations. Poster presenters will be able to make full use of a state-of-the-art poster platform for an enhanced multimedia poster experience.

We understand the importance of networking outside of the scientific sessions. The virtual event platform provides the opportunity for delegates to interact by joining online networking rooms or having direct one-to-one chats. Time will be scheduled in the programme for this purpose.

How will I participate as a speaker?

The normal Faraday Discussion format will be followed such that speakers will present for five minutes followed by approximately 15 minutes for discussion, questions and comments. Speakers will be able to present their work using all the audio/video features of the virtual event platform. They will be able to screen share PPT, text, video, image and audio files while presenting via webcam, and also make these files available to other delegates via the platform.

Speakers will be able to receive questions from delegates and respond using the live text chat and audio/video Q&A. This process will be managed by the session chair.



Speakers will have the opportunity to join a demonstration of the virtual event platform to familiarise themselves with it in advance of the meeting.

How will I participate as a poster presenter?

Poster presenters will be able to make full use of a state-of-the-art poster platform for an enhanced multimedia poster experience.

During the poster session, the presenters will be able to interact with delegates via text chat or audio/video Q&A. Outside of the poster session, delegates will be able to send messages / questions.

Links to online tutorials and templates on how to prepare your poster will be provided on acceptance of your poster.

How will I participate as a delegate?

Delegates will be able to ask questions and participate in the discussion using the live text chat and audio/video Q&A. Delegates will also be able to share files with other delegates via the platform. The Q&A process will be managed by the session chair.

During the poster session, delegates will be able to interact with the poster presenters via text chat or audio/video Q&A. Outside of the poster session, delegates will still be able to view the posters and send messages / questions to the poster presenters.

Networking will be available to delegates in the form of virtual networking rooms or direct one-to-one chats. Time will be scheduled in the programme for this purpose.

What happens if I can't attend the virtual Faraday Discussion live?

Recordings of sessions will be available to view shortly after the live session finishes. Delegates who have missed the live session will be able to email any questions to faraday@rsc.org

Will the sessions be recorded for post-conference viewing?

The sessions will be recorded and along with the posters will be available to delegates for post-conference viewing for up to 28 days after the event.

Can I submit an abstract?

Oral and poster abstract submission are now closed.

Can I participate in the virtual meeting as a sponsor or exhibitor?

It is possible to participate in the virtual meeting as a sponsor or exhibitor. Please contact our sales team at solutions@rsc.org to discuss the opportunities available.