

# Introduction to the 2024 Annual Report

A guide to the form and information collected

## What is the member network Annual Report?

The Annual Report is a **report on the activities of your committee** during the past year. In line with the **rules for member networks**, all member networks are asked to submit an Annual Report to the Networks Team each year.

The RSC has over 130 volunteer-led member networks (Local Sections, Interest Groups and Division Regions). Each year the RSC provides over **£300,000 in grants** across our member networks. Through these grants, our volunteers generate a substantial amplification in our reach and impact, and contribute to our charitable purposes. The Annual Report enables us to **measure and quantify this reach and impact**, in line with our legal obligation to report how we use charitable funds, and we use the data to promote to existing and potential members the breadth and quality of our community-led activities. We also use the information you provide to **identify common challenges** so that we can develop bespoke training and resources for you and your committee.

With so many committees, it is essential for us to standardise the reporting process. The Annual Report form has been designed to be easy to complete, while also streamlining the collection and collation of the information you provide.

This form has five parts:

- <u>Committee information</u> Information about past meetings and your current committee members
- <u>2024 Events</u> Information about planned events in 2024
- <u>Community support</u> Information about how you have supported your community
- <u>Member recognition</u> Information about everything from formal prizes to informal thank yous
- Future events Let us know about any events you are planning for 2025 and beyond

This guide has been created to help you complete the form.



# What's new on the 2024 form?

We've fixed some bugs, tidied up the form and made a few changes from the 2024, hopefully these will make the form easier to complete.

- Diversity & Inclusivity
  - Simplified the questions to ask what was considered when organising the event to promote I&D.
- CCF Representative
  - On request by the CCF Team, an additional question has been added to the "Committee" tab asking if you have a CCF coordinator and if so, who they are. This is only relevant for UK/Ireland Local Sections.
- Clarifications
  - Following your comments and feedback we have revised "how was your grant received?" question to make it clearer that we are looking for feedback from those who accessed the grant scheme not how it was physically provided e.g. over BACS.
- Removed the button to submit minutes
  - Minutes would be best sent as soon as the meeting has occurred, when they were all sent at the end of the year the actions were normally dealt with earlier.



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### I don't have Excel, how do I open or edit the form?

The form can be opened and edited using OpenOffice or LibreOffice. Both work well on Windows, Linux or Mac devices and are available for free. You can set up a free OneDrive account and edit the form using the web-browser access. This also works on a Mac and on an iPad using the free app in the App Store (the Excel app is not free for an iPad larger than 10.1").

Apple Numbers will work but it automatically converts the form into a Numbers file, thereby removing all protections and affecting the formatting, so the form will look different from the screenshots in this guide. You will also need to export the file to the .xls/.xlsx format.

#### We have no events to report

That's ok! Please complete the <u>Committee information</u> section and return the report. You can also include comments and feedback to us in the form or <u>via email</u> if you think there are ways we can help your committee.

### I've found a bug!

Please email <u>networks@rsc.org</u> and we can fix and send back to you, update the master downloadable file on the website and share the update with other network committees.

### Why do we need to do this?

The Annual Report enables us to measure and quantify the reach and impact of our member networks, in line with **our legal obligation to report how we use charitable funds**. As such, under the <u>rules for member networks</u>, we **require a report from all member network committees each year** before we can release your committee's annual grant.





### Cover page

What will you see when you open the 2024 Annual Report form?



The first page is the **Cover page**. This outlines the justification for and structure of the form – each part is a different page in the spreadsheet

### Member Networks Annual Report 2024

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#### Why do we need the Annual Report?

There are over 130 volunteer-led RSC member networks (Local Sections, Interest Groups and Regions). The Annual Report enables us to **measure and quantify the reach and impact** of these member networks.

#### What do we do with the information?

We use the information you provide to identify common challenges so that we can **develop bespoke training** and resources for you and your committee.

#### Why are we asking you to complete this form?

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#### This form has five parts:

Committee information

Information about past meetings and your current committee members

2024 Events

Information about planned events in 2024

Community support

Information about how you have supported your community, e.g. through grants or bursaries, or by sponsoring grass-roots events, etc.

Member recognition

Information about everything from formal prizes to informal thank yous

Future events

Let us know about any events you are planning for 2025 and beyond

Please use this checklist to ensure that each section has been completed.

Please complete this form by Friday 31 January 2025.



You can navigate the form by clicking on the relevant **links** or clicking on the appropriate **tab** at the bottom – just like any other spreadsheet

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### Checklist

The **Checklist** page is to help you track your progress in the 2024 Annual Report The **Checklist** page will update as you fill in the form – remember to go over it before <u>submitting your report</u>.

You can click on the links to go to the relevant section to provide additional information.

Please remember to include the name of your network – this will help us connect exported data with the correct committee!



### Annual Report 2024 - Checklist

Which committee are you completing the report for?

Member network	Please complete
Network type	Please complete

#### Committee information

Add information about your current committee members and 2024 meetings on the Committee page

 Chair
 Please provide details for the Chair

 Secretary
 Please provide details for the Secretary

 Treasurer
 Please provide details for the Treasurer

You have provided information for 0 ordinary committee members You have provided information for 0 committee meetings

#### 2024 Events

You have provided partial information for 0 2024 events You have provided complete information for 0 events in 2024 The parts we need you to complete will be highlighted with **bold red text** 

Future events

Click on the event number to edit or complete the corresponding entry on the 2024 Events tab. These rows will update to "Complete" when you have provided all of the necessary event information.

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### Committee

What information are we asking for on the **Committee** page?



Please provide the **full name** and RSC membership number for your committee members to ensure we add the correct people to our records – not all members use their given name and we have several duplicate names in our membership database!

If a committee member is not a member (i.e., they are a coopted member, or they are a member of the partner learned society for a joint Interest Group) then please provide an email address. spac

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Role (e.g. PhD rep, OCM) Chair Secretary Treasurer Industry Rep PhD Rep Member	Full name Sheena Fiona Debbie Kat Heather Claire	Membership number           123456           34567           34566           456789           567891           678912	Term of Office (e.g. 2018 - 2023) 2020-2023 2021-2024 2022-2025 2022-2025 2023-2026 2012-2014 2023-2026			The <b>Checklist</b> page will update as you enter information on the <b>Committee</b> page
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ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY				Meeting 1 Meeting 2 Meeting 3	Date 01/01/2023 Zon	Venue/ platform



### 2024 Events

How to complete the **2024 Events** page



### The 2024 Events page is for **all events your committee planned for 2024**. If you sponsored or supported an event, this goes in the <u>Community support</u> section.

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Which subject community would your event best align with? Was it a cross-cutting multidi         Analytical Science Community         Chemistry Biology Interface Community         Dalton Community (Inorganic Chemistry)         Education Community         Environment, Sustainability and Energy Community         Faraday Community for Physical Chemistry         Cover page       Checklist         Community support       N	isciplinary activity, or would it appeal to a general audience?	Information needed	In July 2022 the RSC Divisions became the RSC Subject Communities. Our subject communities will bring together members from different sectors, career stages, disciplines, and locations with similar scientific and professional interests to advance their subject areas. These communities collaborate with our interest groups and other disciplines to develop and deliver activities; they enable our members to gain overview of activities in their subject area, including relevant activities run by our interest groups, and support collaboration and innovation.

# The **Supporting information** provides background and context for the questions. Here you'll also find links to the <u>contract review process</u>, our <u>risk assessment</u> and <u>safeguarding policies</u>, and <u>inclusion & diversity resources</u>.

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As you fill in information for your event "Information needed" will disappear. Once you've provided the necessary information, the event will be marked as "Complete".

If the questions are not relevant to your event, that's ok! You can answer "NA".

This section is for all events planned or hosted by the committee during 2024. The questions are designed to capture information for the full breadth of member network activities, from retired member lunches to multi-day conferences. If the questions are not relevant to your event, please respond with "NA" or "Not Applicable". Please include events sponsored by the committee on the Community support page.

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# **RSC Subject Communities**

From July 2022 the RSC Divisions became RSC Subject Communities. We want to know which of the new subject communities you believe your event would align with.

We want you to tell us the relevant subject communities for your event, or let us know if your event is cross-cutting and multidisciplinary or if it would appeal to a general audience. We collate and share this information with the new Subject Community Councils.

Which subject community would your event best align with? Was it a cross-cutting multidisciplinary activity, or would it appeal to a general audience?

Analytical Science Community
Chemistry Biology Interface Community
Dalton Community (Inorganic Chemistry)
Education Community
Environment, Sustainability and Energy Community
Faraday Community for Physical Chemistry
Materials Chemistry Community
Organic Chemistry Community
Cross-cutting or multidisciplinary event relevant to multiple subject communities
General appeal for scientific audience (e.g., training or workshop)
General appeal for non-scientific audience (e.g., public engagement activity)
Not a scientific event (e.g. social event)

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## What to include as **Additional information**

We would love to see any **quantitative or qualitative information** you have to demonstrate the impact of your event or activity. This might include general data such as top level statistics from feedback surveys, or something more specific such as quotes from attendees or collaborations that resulted from the event. We will use this information to **show the value of member network events** to our community.

You can also share links to surveys, social media posts, blog articles, etc., here.

### Additional information

If you would like to provide additional information about your event (e.g. statistics or quotes from feedback surveys, outcomes from the event, links to social media posts or blog article, etc.), please include it here.

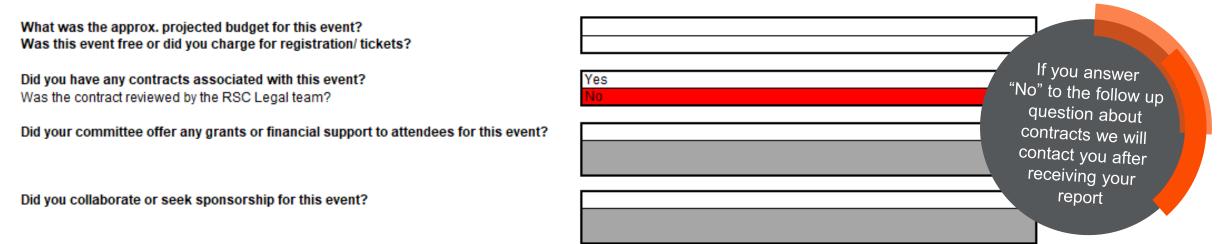


# What are we asking in Finance & Legal?

We are checking to make sure that all events have been through the appropriate financial and legal review processes.

Any event with a **budget over £15,000** requires MCB approval. All contracts must be reviewed by the RSC Legal Team and signed by a member of staff – committee members **must not** sign contracts or agreements.

### Finance & Legal



# What are we asking in **Health & Safety**?

We are checking that all hazards and risks have been assessed for member network events; **this is a legal requirement**.

All events must comply with <u>our risk assessment policy</u>. An online event without children does not require a blue, green or red risk assessment, however **all** events with children (physical or online) require a risk assessment. Any event with children must comply with our <u>safeguarding policies</u> (in line with rule 8.3 of the <u>member network rules</u>).

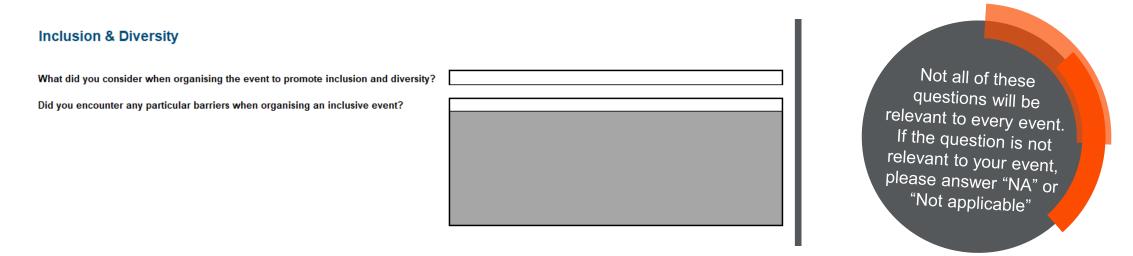
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Which Risk Assessment was completed for this event?	Red	If you answer
Did you submit a declaration form for your red risk assessment?	No	"No" to either
Did your audience include children? Did your event comply with Rule 8.3 of the member network rules?	Yes No	follow up question we will contact you after receiving
Please provide any relevant additional health & safety information for your event		your report

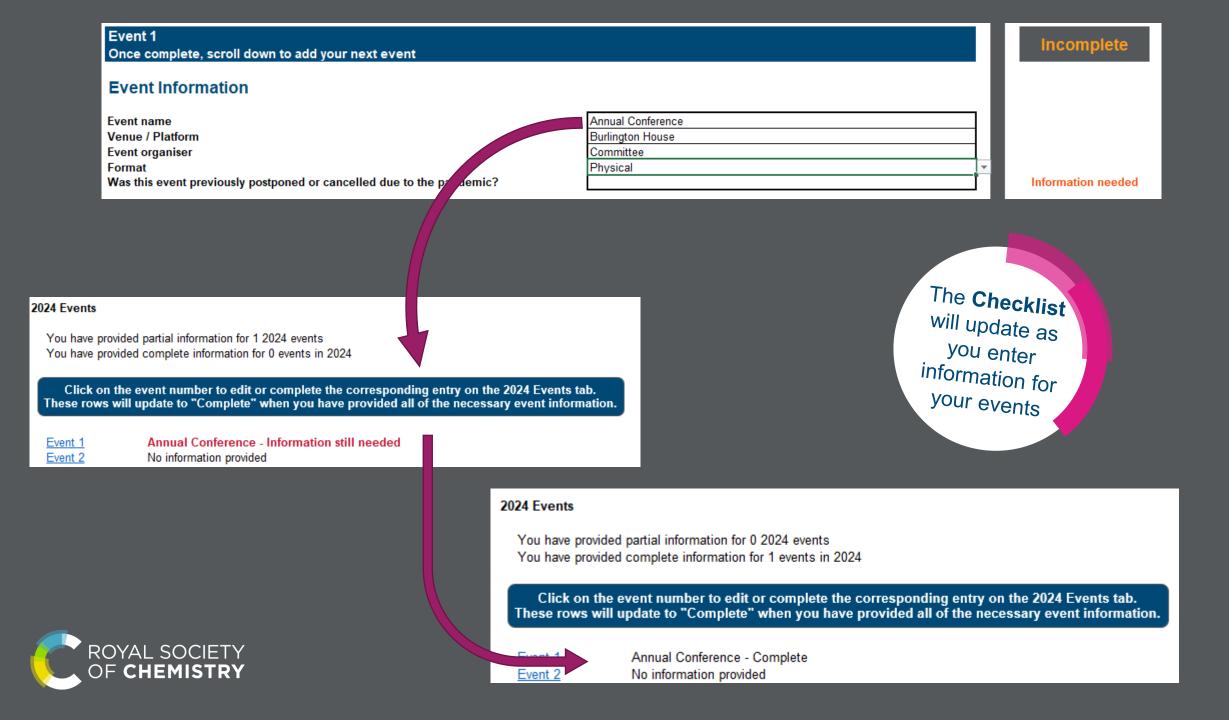
# What are we asking in Inclusion & Diversity?

We have a responsibility to **promote inclusivity and accessibility in all of our activities** in order to improve diversity. There should be a diverse team of individuals in the organisation of any event managed or supported by RSC member networks to provide balance in decision-making and reduce risk of bias.

We define diversity broadly, including sex, gender, race, career path and stage, communication style, education, experience, first language, geography, job sector and socioeconomic status. We set targets rather than quotas across our activities and we reach such targets through **positive action rather than positive discrimination**.

Our Global Inclusion Team have created <u>resources for promoting inclusion and diversity</u> and can support and advise your committee on collecting information on the diversity of your speakers and delegates, where relevant.





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### Community support

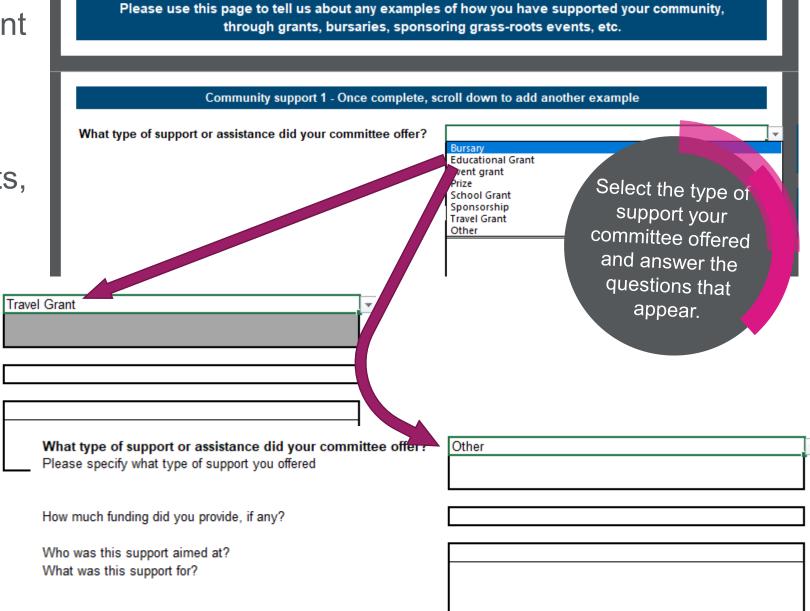
How to complete the **Community support** page

Use the **Community support** section to capture the different ways to you have supported your community – through grants, sponsoring or supporting grass-roots events, or some other mechanism.

What type of support or assistance did your committee offer?

What was the value of the grant?

Who was this grant for? What was this funding to support?





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Please can you provide the following information: No. applicants No. grants awarded



The Checklist will automatically update as you enter information on the Community support page

#### **Community support**

Add information about the different support me anisms your committee offered on the Community Support page

Your committee awarded 2 grants in 2024 Your committee sponsored 2 events in 2024 Your committee supported your community in 1 other ways in 2024

> What type of support cassistance did your committee offer? Other Please specify what type of support you of How much funding did you provide, if any? Who was this support aimed at? What was this support for?



If this was a competitive process, please can you provide the following information:

No. applicants No. awarded



### Member recognition

How to complete the **Member recognition** page

The **Member recognition** page is to record the ways that you have recognised, appreciated or celebrated the contributions and achievements of your members.

This page works just like the **Community support** page – choose the type of recognition you offered and the questions will appear.

Please use this page to provide information about any examples of how you recognised or celebrated your members - anything from formal prizes and awards to informal thank yous

Read the outcomes of our recent review of the RSC Prizes and Awards at rsc.li/re-thinking-recognition

Member Recognition 1 - Complete the information below and scoll down to add another example

What type of recognition did your committee offer?

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Academic prize	~
Award	
Certificate	
Lectureship	
Long service award (e.g. commemorative plate)	
Medal	
Member award (e.g. gold badge)	
Oral presentation prize	$\sim$
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Member Recognition 1 - Complete the information What type of recognition did your committee offer? If this is a named award, please provide the name here What did this recognise? Who was this award aimed at? No. awarded in 2024 No. nominees in 2024 What was the general response to the award? Will you do this again? Please supply any additional information or comments here	below and scoll down to add another example         Award         Award         Award         Image: State of the sta	The Checklist will automatically update as you enter information on the <b>Member recognition</b> page
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### Future events

How to complete the **Future Events** page



Please provide any information you have for your upcoming event(s).

If you enter an expected budget  $\geq$ £15,000 or indicate that you expect a contract for your event the response will be highlighted in red – please contact the Networks Team as soon as possible so that we can ensure your event goes through the appropriate review process.



Please use this page to provide whatever information you have about any events your committee are planning from 1 January 2024. Please include events postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### Future Event 1 - Complete the information below and scoll down to add another example

Event name	Annual Conference				
Venue / Platform	Burlington House/Zoom				
Event organiser	Heather Bell				
Start date	01/02/2024				
End date	02/01/2024				
	02/01/2024				
Descend successful format	16.6.24				
Proposed event format	Hybrid				
Comments (optional)					
What will this event be? Please select the most relevant option.	Scientific Meeting or Conference				
Who is this event for? Please select the most relevant option.	RSC Members				
Will your event be targeted towards children?	No				
No. expected attendees (approx.)	50				
Comments (optional)	Linited to 50 physical participants, we hope to see				
	many more joining online.				
What is the expected budget for this event?	£ 15.000.00				
Will there be any contracts associated with this event?	Yes				
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If your answer to either of these questions appears as red text, please contact the Networks Team for guidance					
Please provide any additional information about the steps you	Online event will be accessable to all and will have				
plan to take to host an inclusive event (e.g. accessible venue,	cloase captions. Venue as hearing loop and can cater				
travel grants, BSL interpreter, etc.)	for dietary issues.				
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### Final steps

What should you do before you submit your report?



# Review your progress

Share the form with your committee and use the **Checklist** to make sure you've added everything – you can click on the links to go to the relevant section and check.



# Looking back at 2024...

Consider what aspect of 2024 you would like to highlight as a success or learning experience and let us know – sometimes this can be the most valuable part of the report!

When you're ready, "sign" and date the report and submit it by **Friday 31 January 2025**.

#### Looking back

Please provide any information or feedback which you have received that you think demonstrates the positive impact of your committee and its activities:

Please complete

Please complete

Please describe any ongoing effects of the pandemic on your committee:

Please type your name to confirm that the information is correct

Submitted by:	Please complete
Date submitted:	Please complete



### **Questions?**

If you have any questions or comments please share them with the <u>Networks Team</u>

