

## Activity 15. Professional bodies and your future

Whatever profession you ultimately move into it may be desirable, or you may be required, to join the professional body for that discipline. If you remain within your subject area the three relevant professional bodies are the Institute of Physics (IOP), the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS).

You should look at the website / promotional literature and find the answers to the following questions,

- Does the society have separate activities for younger members?
- Can you join as a student or do you need to obtain your degree first?
- Can anyone with an interest in physics/chemistry join?
- Does the society advertise relevant job vacancies?
- Is there a newsletter magazine produced by the society, if so how regularly is it produced and what is it called?
- Is careers advice available?

Once you have found the answers, you should ask someone in your department who is a member, to briefly outline to you some of the advantages of membership.

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