

Tutor's Guide

Activity 15. Professional bodies and your future

Aims

The aim of this activity is to encourage the students to explore some of the services and advantages offered to members of professional bodies.

Activity

Although at this stage in their careers few students may have had any contact with professional bodies, as they develop their careers this is something they are likely to need to use. All of the information they require should be available via the websites or in promotional literature. In addition to just finding the information, hopefully students will spend some time exploring the organisation and become more familiar with the services available to them. Once they have found the information they should ask someone who is a member to briefly outline some of the positive points of membership.

The Royal Society of Chemistry website can be found at <http://www.rsc.org>, the Institute of Physics website can be found at <http://www.iop.org> and the Royal Astronomical Society website at <http://www.ras.org.uk>.

Questions for Students

- 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?

Assessment

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