



Champions Newsletter

January 2018

Dear Champions,

Welcome all to a new year of GSE Championship!

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself as the newest member of the GSE team. I'm Tom, and having succeeded Ollie, I will be the new main point of contact for GSE Champions, including taking over responsibility for this newsletter. I graduated in astronomy – always happy to chat about galaxies and dark matter – and through previous positions, I also have experience in science journalism and communication.

Without further ado:

1) Have Your Say About Chartership and Accreditation

In October 2016, we published our Government Science & Engineering (GSE) Profession Strategy, which sets out our 5 year vision for transforming the profession. We pledged to **'promote the benefits of professional accreditation in science and engineering ... the importance of achieving chartered status and other professional standards' and 'to develop a parallel route to chartership for GSE members working in policy or generalist roles.'**

The GSE team has initiated a project with the Science Council and Engineering Council to develop a routemap to chartership and accreditation for its members. This map aims to capture all the different routes that are available via large Professional Bodies and Professional Engineering Institutes, so that members can make an informed choice about which route is best for them.

We want to hear about your views on chartership & accreditation, to help us develop a Learning and Development (L&D) offer to best meet your professional development needs. We want to hear from those of you that are chartered/accredited and also from those of you that are interested in becoming chartered/accredited to understand your motivations and barriers.

We would really appreciate your help in completing this short [survey](#). **It only takes 10 mins!**

2) Get Involved in the Year of Engineering (YoE) 2018

2018 is the [Year of Engineering](#), an exciting nationwide campaign to encourage young people aged 7-16 from a diverse range of backgrounds into a career in engineering. The campaign will include events, roadshows and exhibitions, along with partnerships with companies including Disney, L'Oreal and LEGO.

You can find out more by visiting the Year of Engineering [website](#) and by following the campaign on [Twitter](#).

We would really like Champions to get involved and to come up with ideas for how the GSE profession can support this campaign. **We hope to hold a Champions networking event in the next few months to help us plan YoE2018 activities for the upcoming year – so please watch this space.**

However in the meantime if you wish to get involved in YoE2018 in any way, please feel free to contact me to discuss it.

3) GSE Champions Member Registration

I have recently been in touch directly with those of you who did not appear to be registered as GSE members.

By registering explicitly as GSE members, it will help us to track our membership and provide better information to our departmental Heads of Science and Engineering Profession (HoSEPs) on the make-up of GSE members within their departments. It will also help to ensure that actions and tools are developed that are relevant and useful to our members.

To register as a GSE member, please take this short [survey](#).

4) Intellectual Property Office GSE event – “Big Data” – 27 Feb

The IPO will be hosting a GSE regional event in Newport, South Wales on 27 February. The morning event will focus on “Big Data,” exploring its history and use in today’s government. An e-flyer containing more information about the event is attached at the end of this newsletter. If you are interested, please follow the registration hyperlink in the flyer, which will take members directly to the registration page.

5) Other Upcoming Events

- i) Our first GSE Futures session in November was really successful, so we’re running another one for GSE members on 1 March. It’s a hands-on and interactive experience of the [Futures Toolkit](#), where you can learn about horizon scanning and road-mapping to help in your work and policy making. Sign up [here](#) today.
- ii) In December, we held a session where we trained 40 new STEM Ambassadors. Following on from that success, we’ll be running another session soon. Watch this space...
- iii) We always want to get Champions working closer together. Last May, an event at the Met Office HQ in Exeter allowed Champions to learn more about each other and each other’s work. We’re planning another one of these events soon, and we’re looking for volunteers to help organise it. So if you think you can match the success of the Met Office event, please get in touch!

Thanks for your time and continued hard work!

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In case you haven’t seen our updated guidance for GSE Champions, give it a read [here](#).

Don’t forget to check out all the latest news and opportunities on our [GSE blog](#)!



GSE Regional Event – Big Data

South West England and Wales 2018
27 February 2018, 10:00am to 4:00pm

The Government Science & Engineering (GSE) regional event, hosted by the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) at our office in Newport will feature a session on Big Data with talks ranging from the history of Big Data to real examples of cross-government collaborative projects exploiting Big Data.

The afternoon session will be about what it is like to be a scientist or engineer working in operational and policy roles in government with a series of presentations and a roundtable session. There will also be networking opportunities and a scientific poster session.

The event will bring together GSE members working in a variety of operational and policy roles from the region to share experiences, ideas and build relationships.

27 February 2018, 10am-4pm

[Click here to register on Eventbrite](#)

For further information contact Leah Morris at leah.morris@ipo.gov.uk

