



The RSC is the leading organisation in Europe for advancing the chemical sciences. Supported by a network of 45,000 members worldwide, RSC activities span education and training, conferences and science policy as well as the promotion of the chemical sciences to the public. They have recently appointed a number Regional Co-ordinators to work locally on RSC educational aims, my name is Angela McKeown and I will be working as the RSC coordinator for Ireland.

The RSC education team aim to support Chemistry teachers and enable them to inspire their students into pursuing a future in the chemical sciences. Following their global strategy of electronic access, the RSC have put together a comprehensive platform called **Learn Chemistry** that enables Science and Chemistry teachers all over the world to access fantastic free resources. Find it at www.rsc.org/learn-chemistry

Too many resources? Teachers can find out which ones other educators are finding useful by asking on the new Chemistry teacher forum (**Talk Chemistry**) on myRSC which is free to join. Go to <http://my.rsc.org/talkchemistry>

The RSC have amassed their local members as **Chemistry ambassadors** within their communities, these members will go out to schools to give talks to students about careers in Chemistry. I have ambassadors in Dublin, Cork and Galway ready to go out to your school- just fill in the online form at <http://www.rsc.org/Education/Teachers/ChemNet/VisitRequestForm.asp>

The RSC will be offering some **free Teacher CPD** throughout Ireland this year, look out for "Learn Chemistry CPD" sessions on "the mole" and "redox chemistry" in Galway and at ChemEd in Dublin so far this year.

For students the RSC have **ChemNet**, online support for 14-18 year olds studying chemistry. There are online magazines, online tutorials, an "ask Dr ChemNet" advice forum for help with homework and practical projects as well as competitions. ChemNet students will also be kept updated on the ChemNet events that will be running throughout Ireland such as interactive Chemistry careers sessions (currently planned during science week 2012 in association with Trinity College Dublin and Limerick IT). Students can join ChemNet for free at <http://my.rsc.org/chemnet>

Don't forget that the regional coordinator will also act as a platform to get your voice heard ensuring the RSC continues to develop resources useful to your teaching community. So if you have any questions or ideas or want to hear more about events mentioned, get in touch with me at <http://www.rsc.org/Education/RegionalCoordinators/ireland.asp>