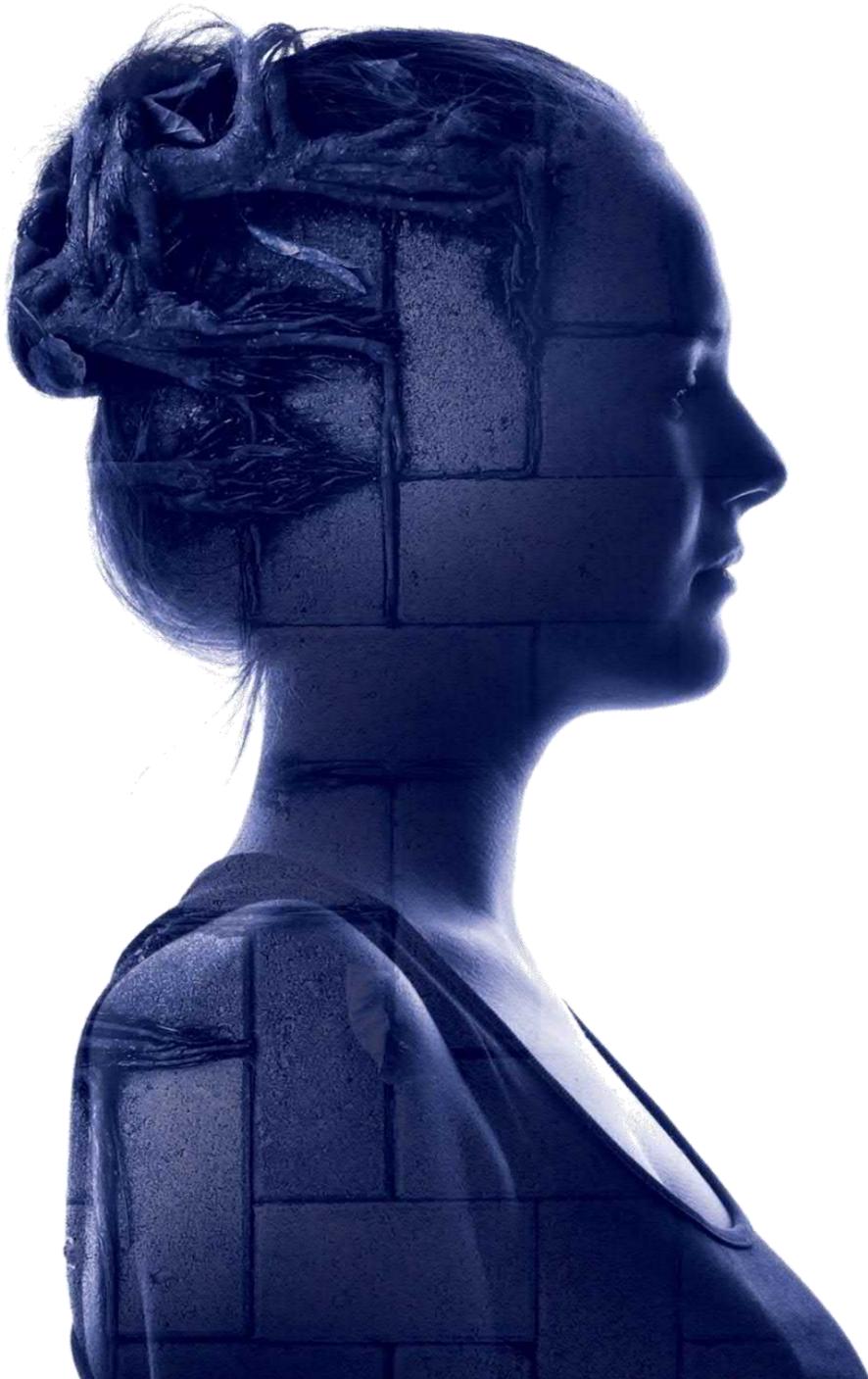
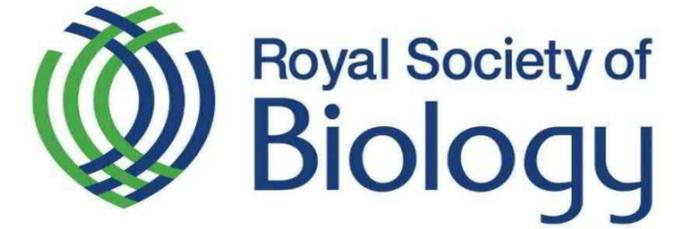


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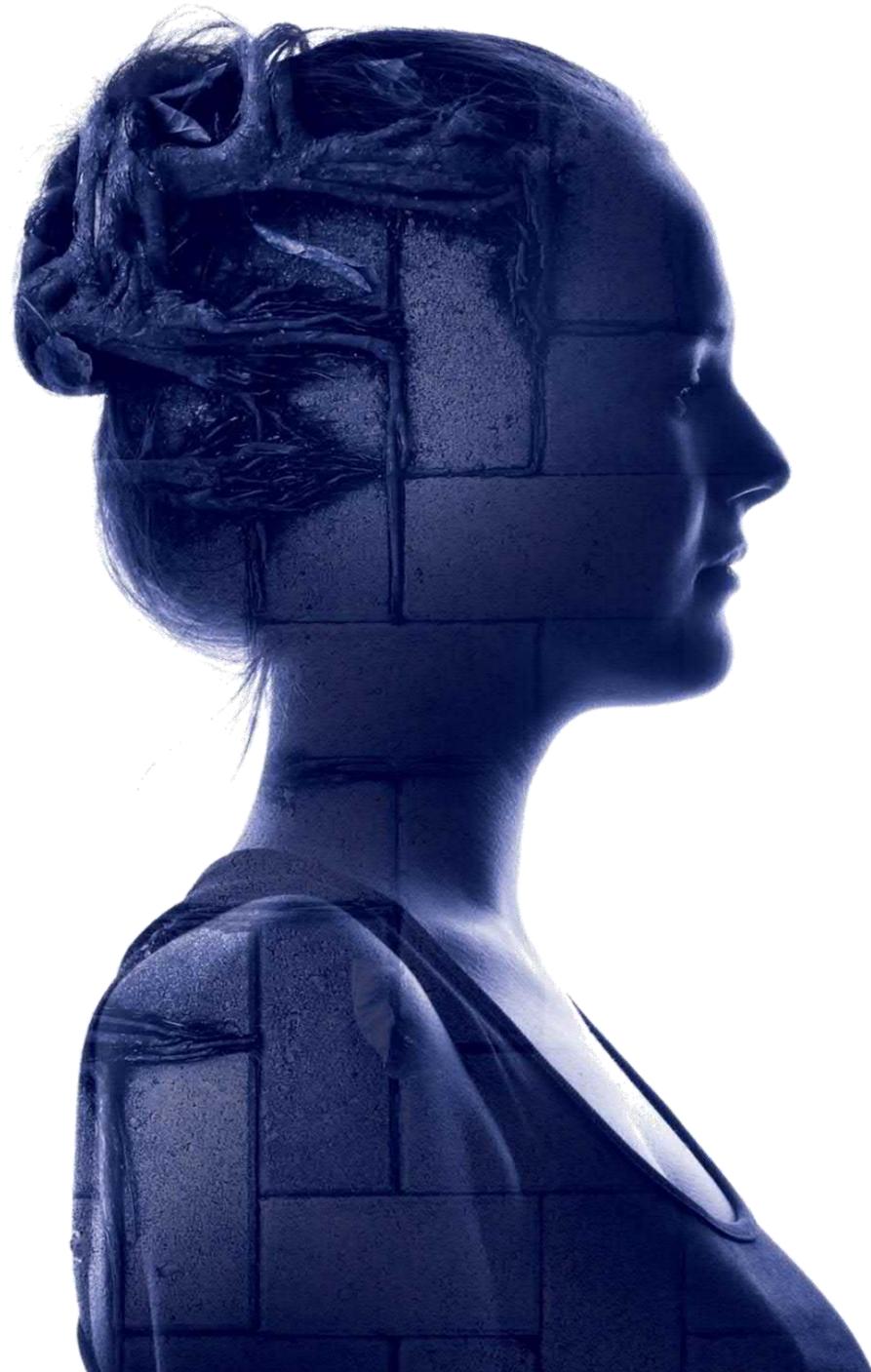


Royal Society of Biology AGM

24 September 2020

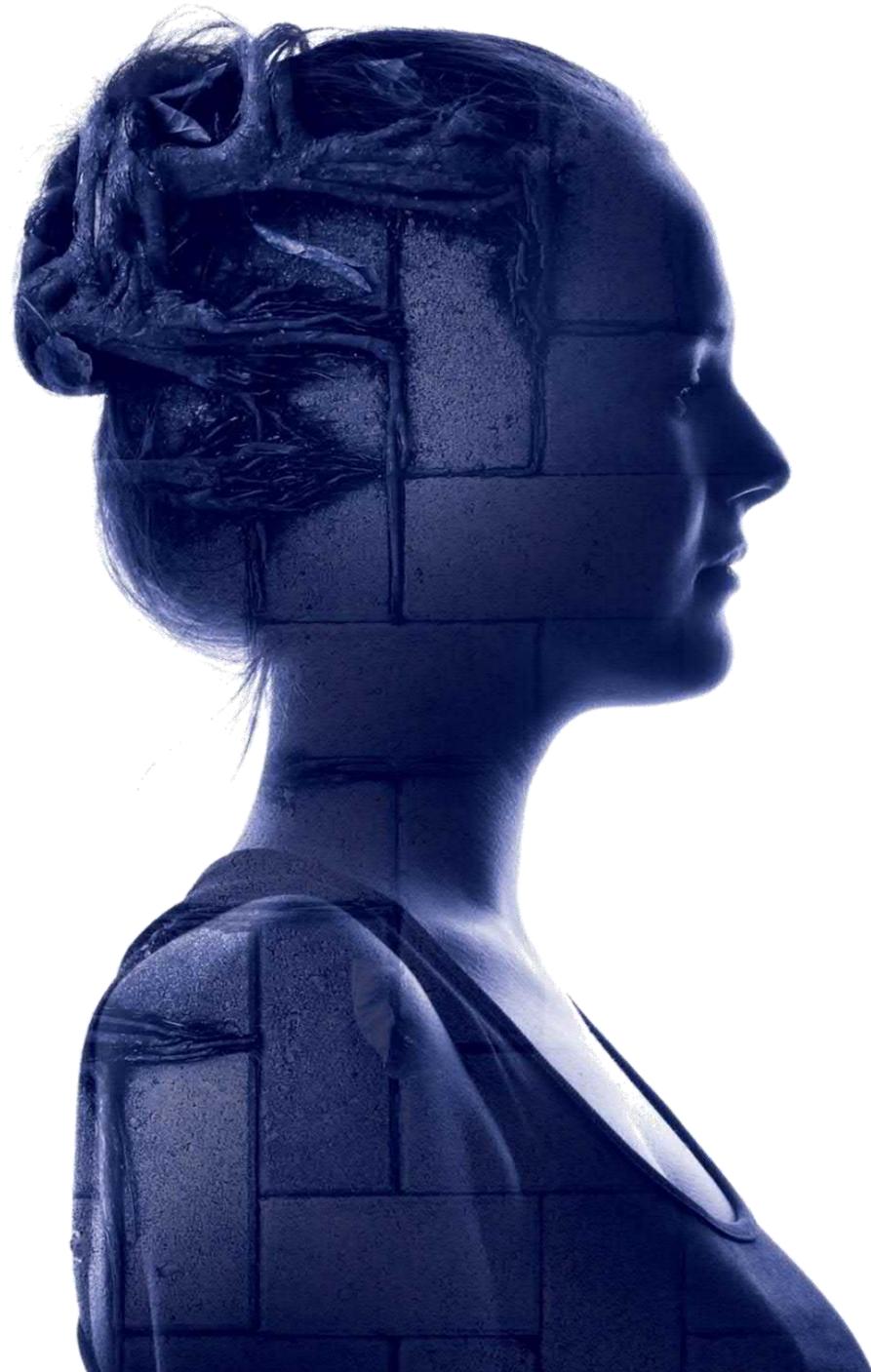
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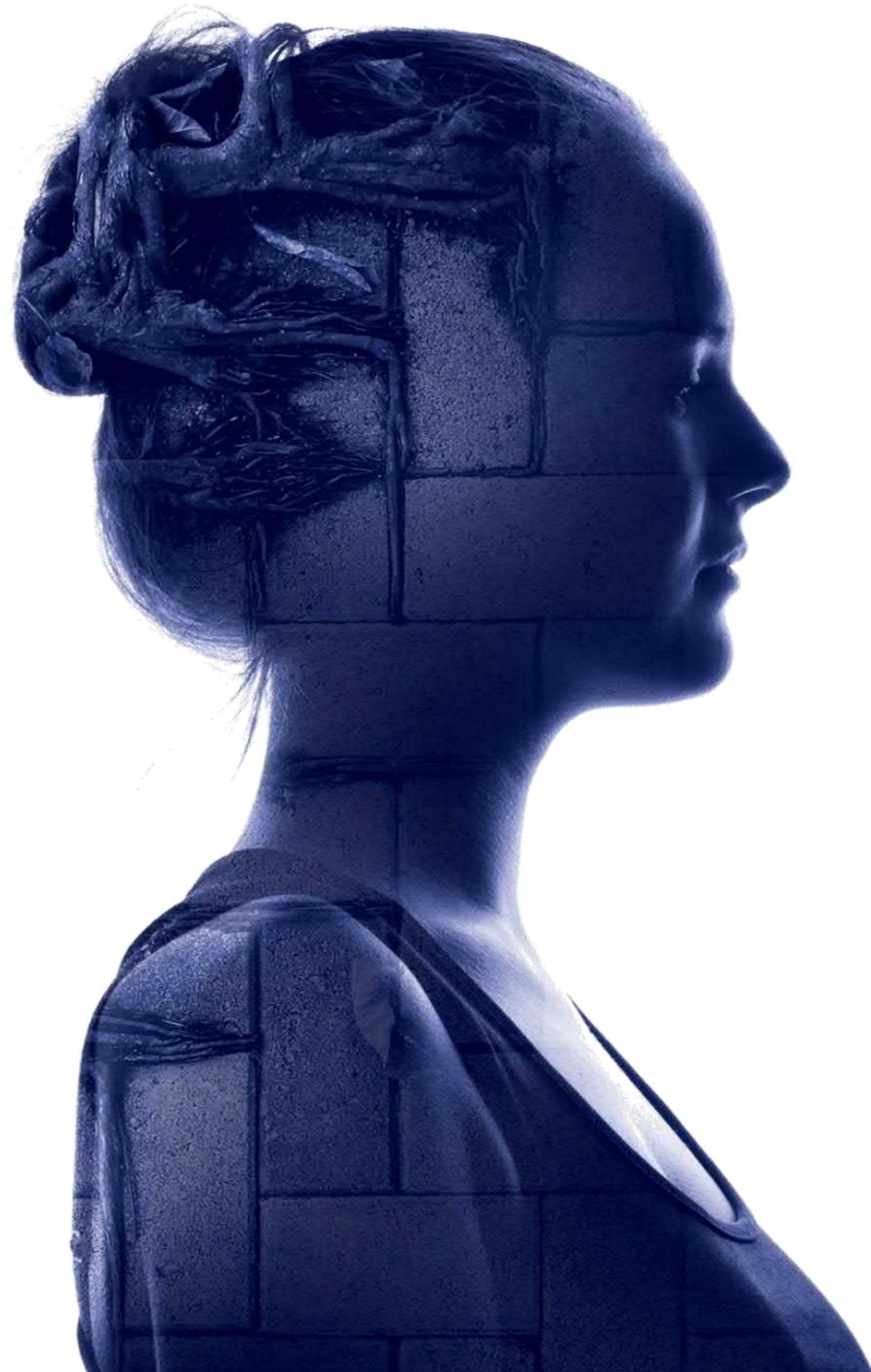
Introduction

Dr Mark Downs CSci FRSB
Chief Executive



Welcome

Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow CBiol FRSB
President



CEO Report

Dr Mark Downs CSci FRSB
Chief Executive

Delivering on our objectives



INSPIRE

Inspiring interest in bioscience and the natural world is a key part of what we do. Read more about our expanding programme of events and outreach work.



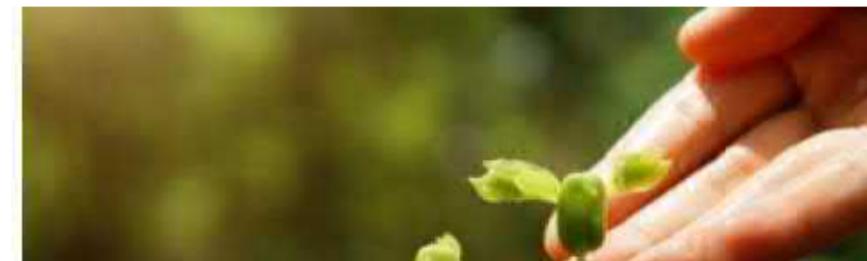
EVOLVE

As well as growing our network and reach, we are making sure we are representative of modern bioscience and responsive to the evolving needs of the sector.



INFLUENCE

The RSB brings together views from across the life sciences into a unified voice to affect positive change. We are building on our reputation as a leading provider of evidence based advice.



SUPPORT

We are providing more support and career development resources than ever, for biologists at all stages of their careers.

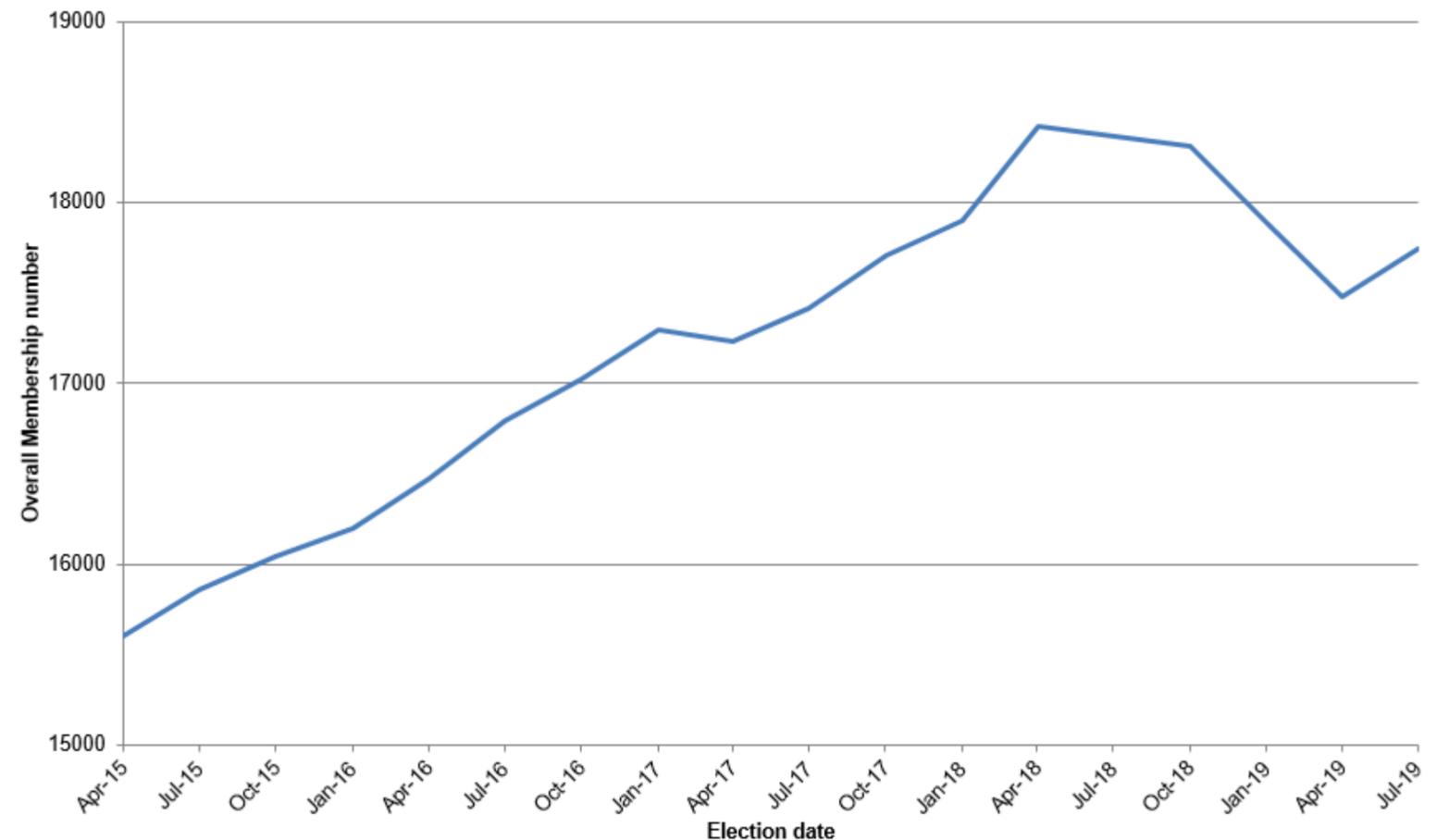
1 Naoroji Street



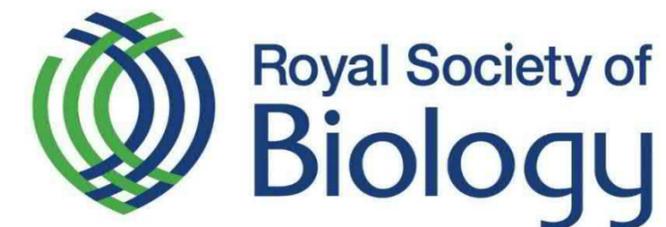
Membership – facts and figures

As at July 2019

- 17,744 members
- 42% female
- Overall retention 83%
- Over 90% for MRSB and FRSB

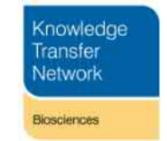
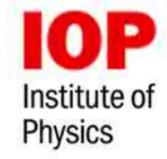


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Branches – local membership

- 17 UK and 2 international branches
- Branches working group
- All Branches meeting
- Vibrant and engaged committees
 - Ongoing vacancies to be filled



Accreditation – growth and expansion

- 50% of institutions offering appropriate bioscience related programmes now hold accreditation
- International
 - Programme review
- Joint Doctoral Training initiative with RSC and IoP
- Apprenticeships
- Inaugural Accreditation conference



Supporting professional progress

- 3 online training courses
- 15 in-person training courses
- Industry Skills Certificate
- Changes to Chartered Biologist
- HE Technician of the Year award

Introduction to Trusteeship and Governance

An online course developed for trustees to become familiar with the the role and its requirements

This online course is based on modular learning with a variety of materials to help a trustee understand the role requirements in a more detailed fashion.

£50 (+VAT, Members), **£125** (+VAT, Non-members); other tariffs available

[View course](#)

INDUSTRY SKILLS CERTIFICATE
TRAINING PROGRAMME



Outreach and Engagement

Biology
Week 2018

104

Events took place during
Biology Week 2018

8 Events run by or
in partnership with
Member Organisations

12 Events ran by Royal
Society of Biology regional
branches



#IAMABIOLOGIST TWITTER CAMPAIGN

4771

Number of times #iamabiologist was used
during the social media campaign

1085

Number of biologists who shared a photo of
themselves in action as part of the campaign

62

Countries took part in
the campaign

6,849,000

Total reach of the #iamabiologist campaign (number of
people who saw at least one #iamabiologist tweet)

Biology Week

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

700+

People attended events run by
the RSB London office

120

Politicians, members and stakeholders
attended the Parliamentary reception

2181

People attended and watched online the
annual Royal Institution debate 'Artificial
Intelligence: Can AI save the world?'

150

People attended the RSB Annual Awards
Ceremony at the Francis Crick Institute,
London

4206

Votes cast in the UK's favourite flower
poll, with the sunflower winning overall

51

People attended Policy Lates: 'Biosciences
for All – Paving Pathways for Diversity'

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

2963

Total competition entries for Biology
Week 2018

2500

Entries for the
RSB Photography
competition

330

Entries submitted
for the Nancy
Rothwell Award

133

Entries for
#BioArtAttack
competition

35

Entries for the
Outreach and
Engagement Awards

Biology Week



Competitions



Polls, competitions and awards

 **70,137** Total number of entries across all of the RSB competitions in 2018

 **325** Entries submitted for the Nancy Rothwell Award

 **8354** Number of entrants for the British Biology Olympiad

 **2090** Entries for the RSB Photography competition

 **6580** Number of entrants for the Intermediate Biology Olympiad

 **4206** Votes cast in the UK's favourite flower poll

 **48,449** Number of entrants for the Biology Challenge

 **133** Bio Art Attack competition entries

 **30** Countries taking part in the school competitions

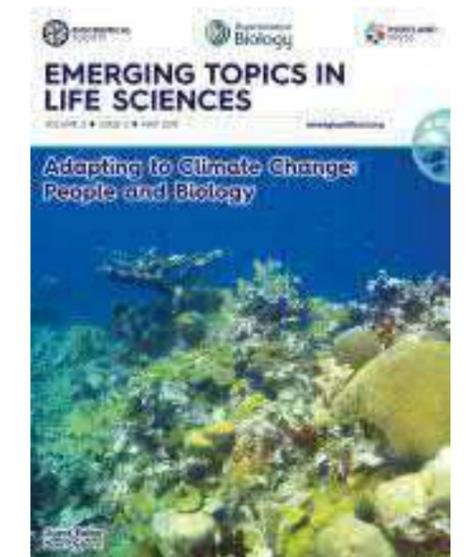
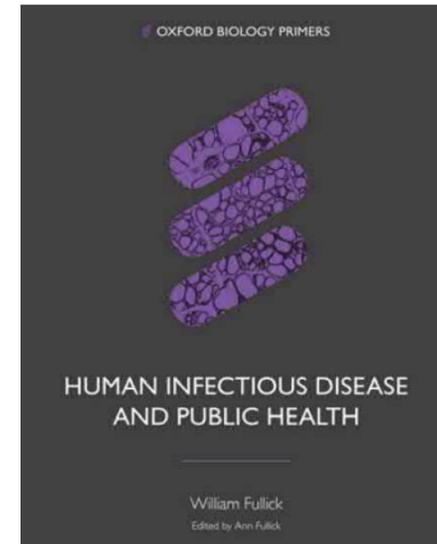
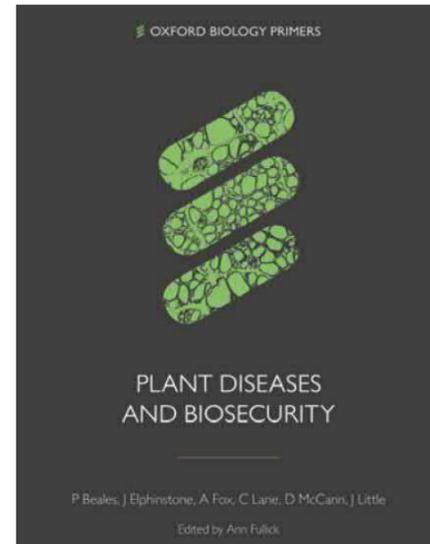
Photographer of the Year 2018
Trails of Life by Roberto Bueno

Events that engage the community



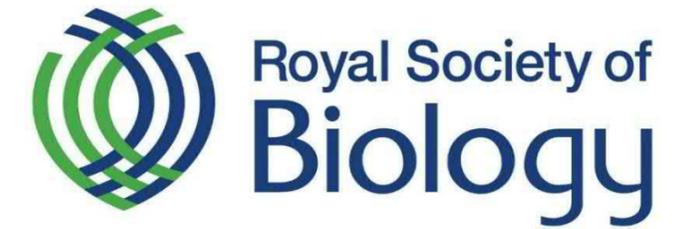
Biology Week

Publications



- *The Biologist*
- *Journal of Biological Education* (Mark Winterbottom took the position of editor in September 2019)
- *Oxford Biology Primers* (Oxford University Press)
- *Emerging Topics in Life Sciences* (Biochemical Society and Portland Press)

Winner of the Professional Publishers Awards Scotland



Specialist Magazine
of the Year 2019

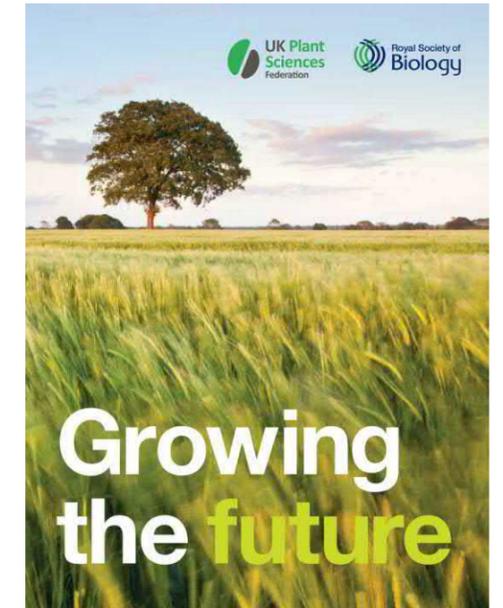


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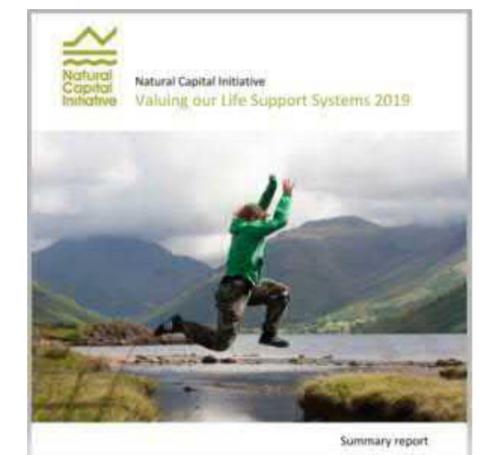
Education Policy

- Consultation responses
- Primary Curriculum Advisory Group
- GCSE timetabling report
- Subject specific teacher training
- Post 18 education funding
- Inter-subject comparability
- Ofsted's inspection framework
- Education in England, Wales, Scotland and NI
- Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

5-19 Curriculum framework



#BiosciencesForAll



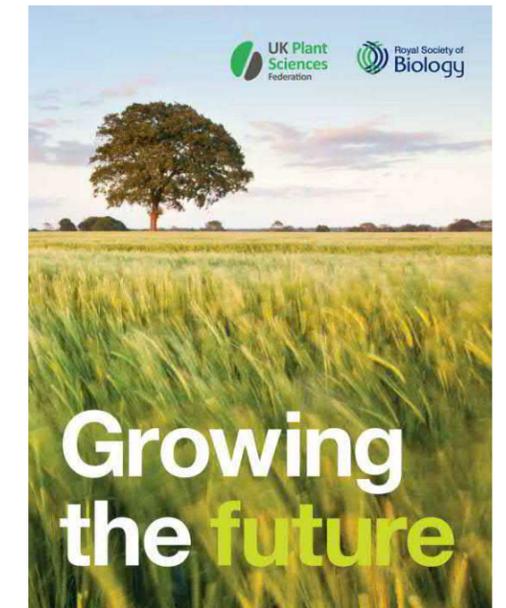
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Science Policy

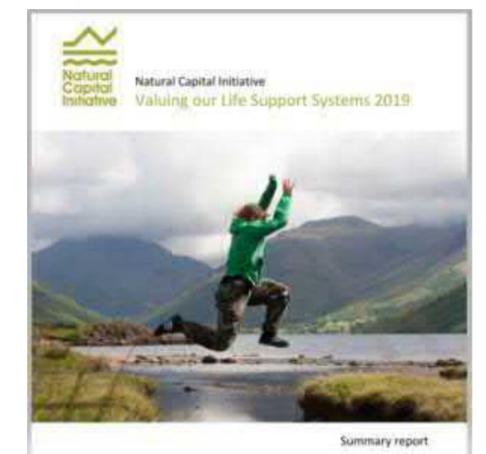
- Consultation responses
- Brexit, immigration, research funding and environment policies
- Growing the Future report
- Plan S and UKRI publications policy
- Genome editing and economics of biodiversity
- TEF and REF (and REF nominations)
- Diversity & Inclusivity: #BiosciencesForAll
- Technicians support
- Animal research regulation
- Policy Lates

5-19 Curriculum framework

	ages 5-7	ages 7-11	ages 11-14	ages 14-16	ages 16-19
What are organisms and what are they made of? Cells to systems	What is life?	Basic organisational systems	Complexity	Cell structure and function	
How do organisms grow and reproduce? Growth, development and inheritance	Growth and development	Reproduction	Evolution and the genome		
How do organisms live together? Organisms and their environment	Abiotic environmental systems	Communities, populations and processes	Evolution and system change		
How do organisms stay healthy? Health and disease	Health and non-communicable disease	Communicable disease	Infectious disease	Antibiotic resistance	Antibiotic resistance
Why are organisms so different? Variation, classification and evolution	Classification	Evolution	Adaptation, speciation	Evolution, adaptation and speciation	



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Client Services



Anniversary Gala Dinner

Royal Society of Biology **10** YEARS | A Decade of Growth

Anniversary Gala Dinner

3 March 2020 | Science Museum, London

Join us in celebrating the biosciences and the lifetime achievements of our Honorary Fellow **Sir David Attenborough**



RSB Members: £60-£180 | Non-members: £240
Corporate tables available

Proceeds from this event will help the RSB's ongoing work supporting the global biosciences community

Tickets now on sale: rsb.org.uk/gala



RSB and COVID-19



COVID-19 Bulletin

An RSB communication on the
bioscience behind the outbreak and
response
6 April 2020

The RSB COVID-19 bulletin draws together current bioscience research and knowledge to help facilitate community understanding and response. It includes links to published news articles, publications, webpages and other resources. The material presented is not intended to be comprehensive and is up to date as of the date of publication, giving just a glimpse of the huge efforts worldwide to understand SARS-CoV-2 and its effects.

Research outcomes and conclusions may evolve over time, and readers should take action on the basis of medical advice and the latest advice from government, rather than necessarily relying solely on specific pieces of early research.

- COVID-19 bulletin
- Online education resources
- Postponed all in-person events until end of 2020
- Online training courses
- Grants suspended
- COVID Q&A series for *The Biologist*
- Policy consultation responses: exams in 2020 and 2021, technical qualifications, autumn exam series, impact of COVID-19 on primary, secondary and tertiary education across the UK

RSB in 2020

- Over 20 consultation responses and letters
- New Policy Resource Library
- Online events, meetings and training
- Online outreach activity



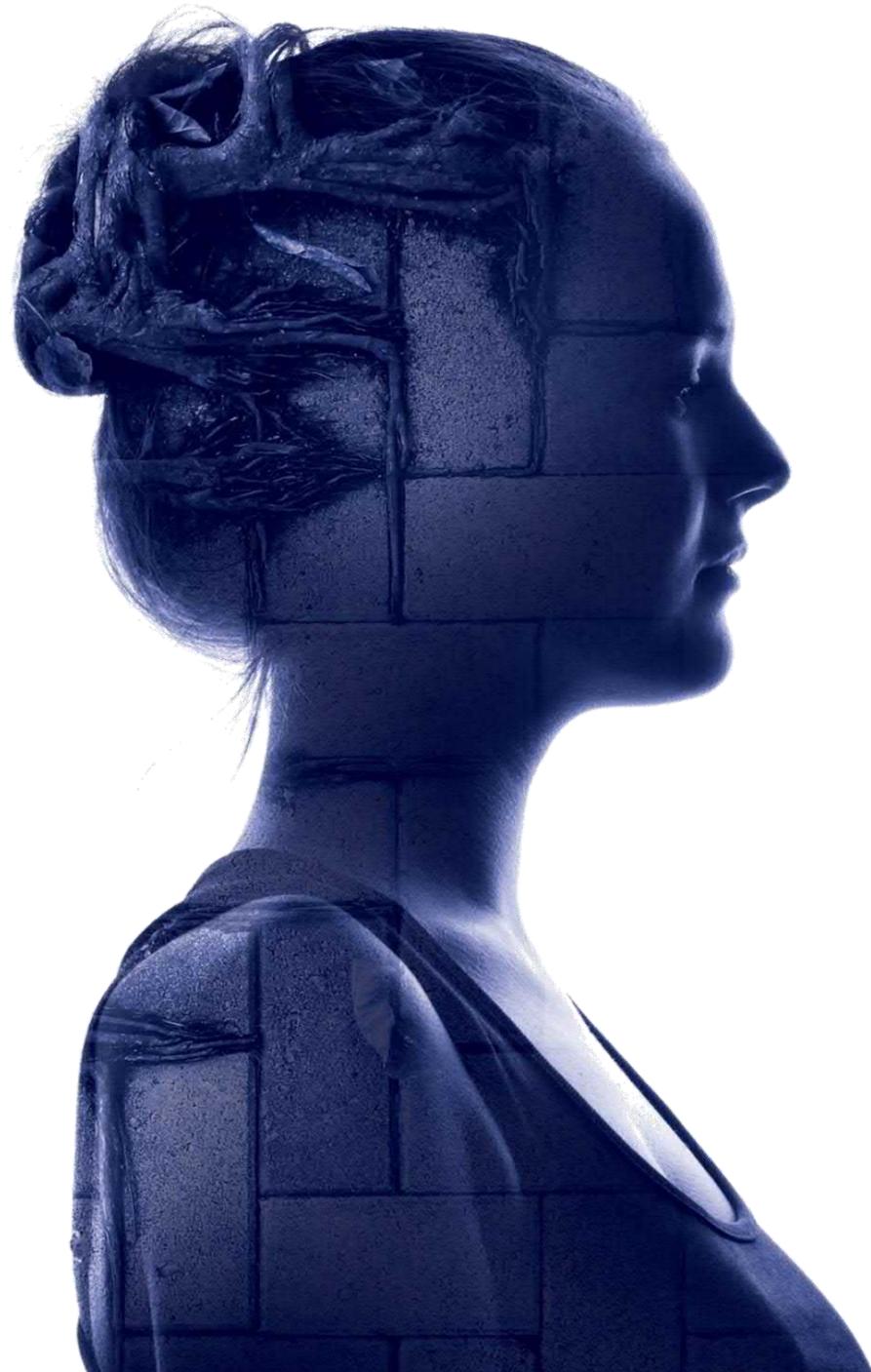
RSB Policy Lates series
**Discovery research in the
era of COVID-19**

Watch our panel discuss how the
COVID-19 pandemic is remodelling
the discovery research landscape

#PolicyLates



Thank you to all our members
and volunteers!



Q & A Session

President

Honorary Officers

Chief Executive



Annual Report and Accounts

Dr Paul Brooker CBiol FRSB
Honorary Treasurer

Financial year 2018-2019

Finances

Income
£2,621k

Expenditure
£3,104k

Total funds 2017/18
£2,510k

Total funds 2018/19
£2,067k

Membership

17,774
individual
members

86
organisational
members
including

9 strategic
partners



Degree accreditation

651
degree programmes, at

55 UK
institutions
plus

8 international
programmes

International degrees
Masters degrees
Foundation degrees
Doctoral degrees

Head office relocation

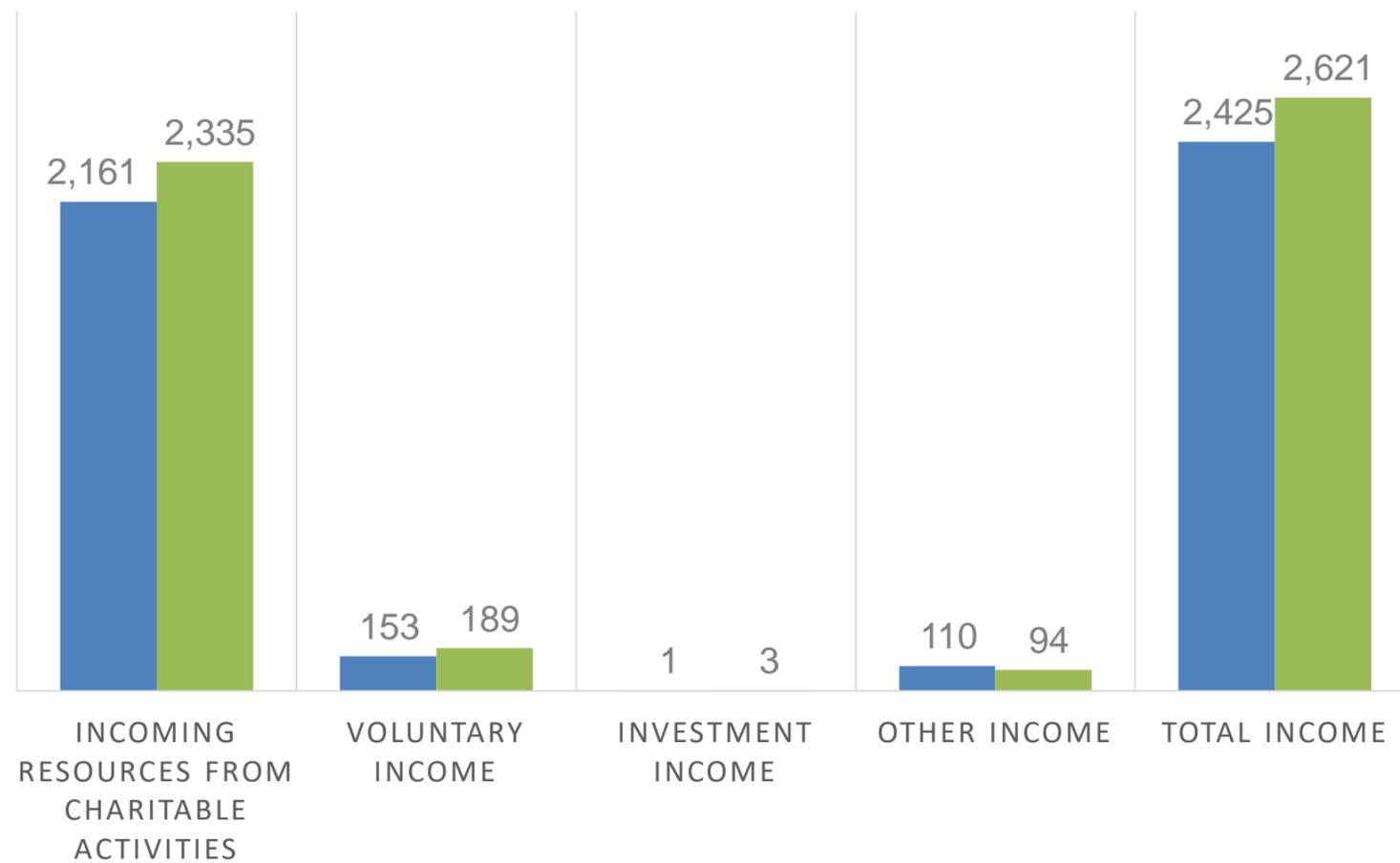
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Successful
relocation to
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London
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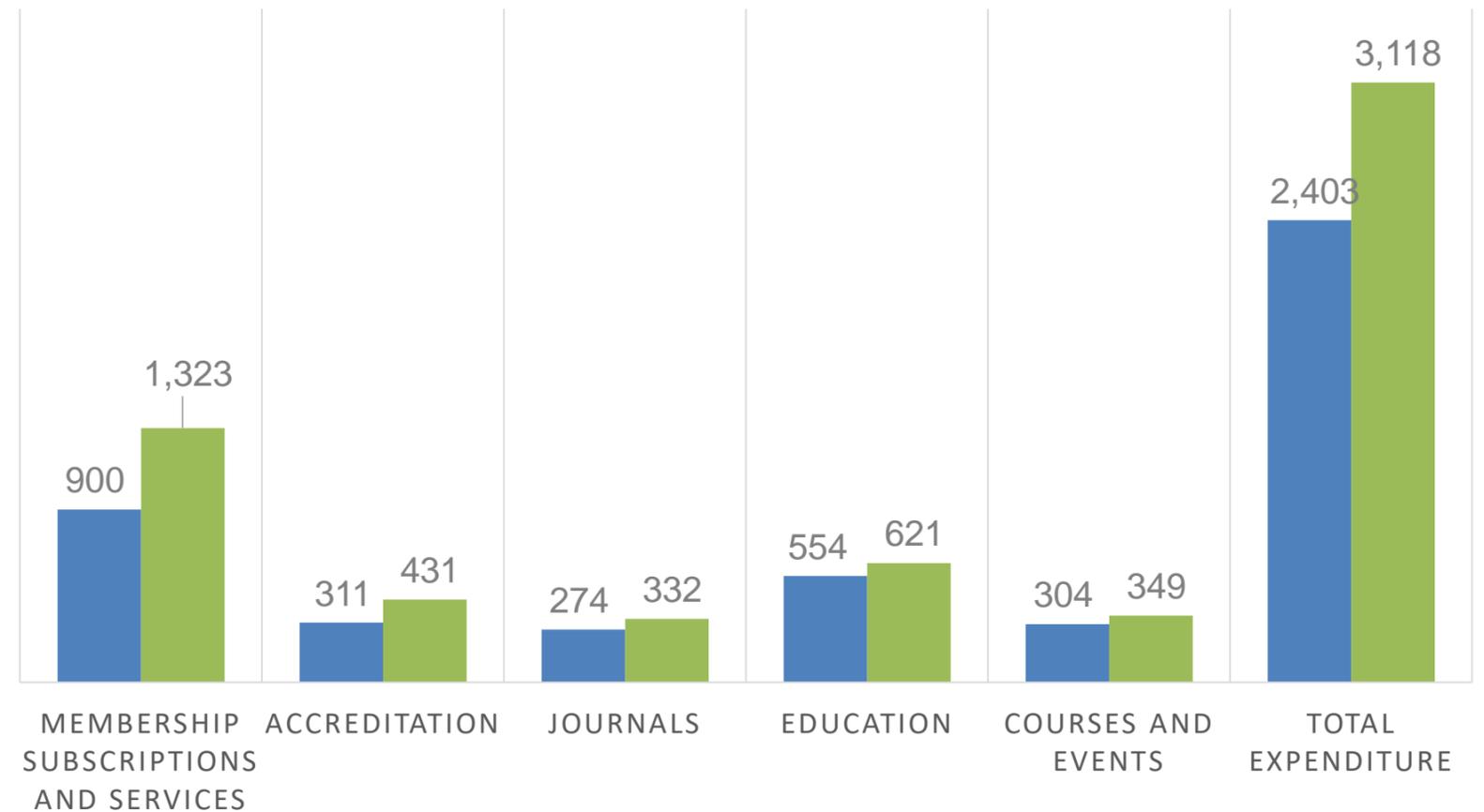
4
modern
meeting rooms
now available
for hire

Resources (£000s)

Income:



Expenditure:



■ 2017/18

■ 2018/19

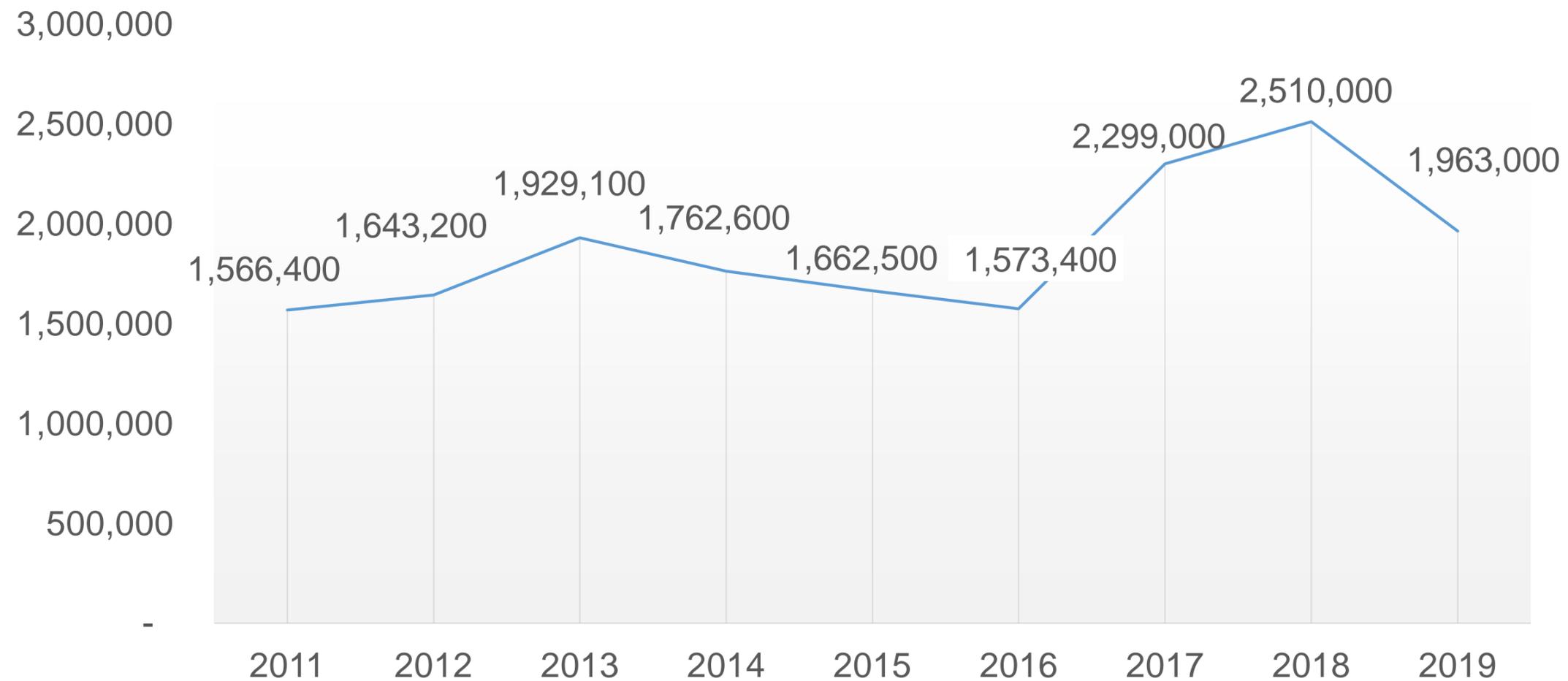
A deficit year

- Operational deficit = £497,000.
- Full deficit = £531,000

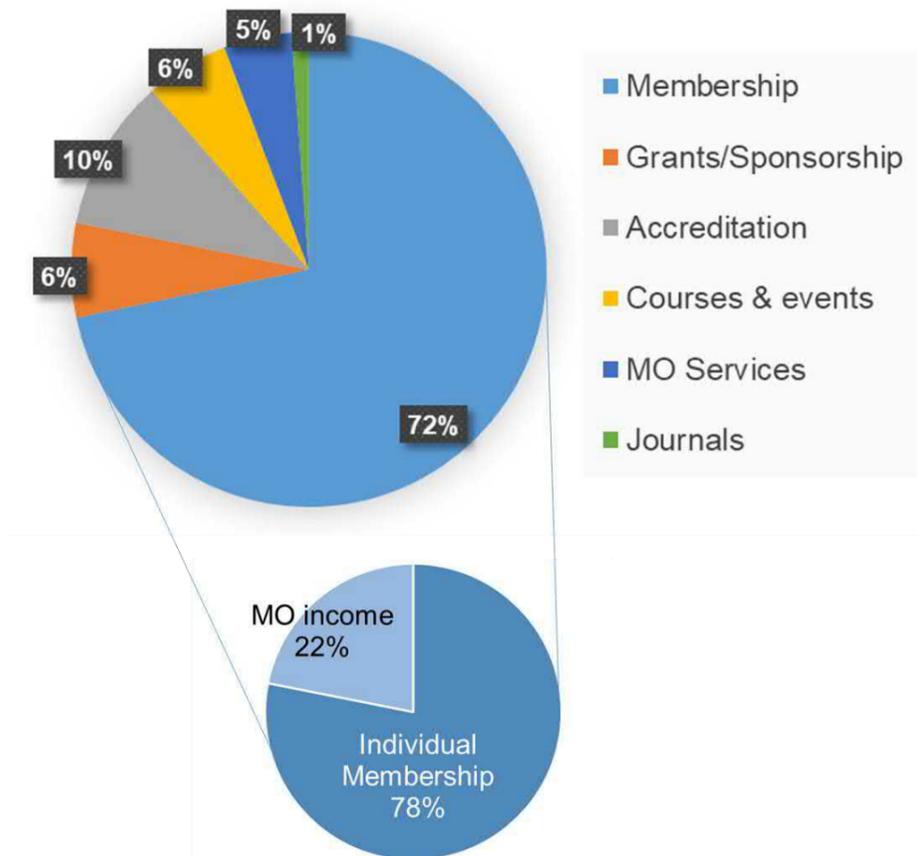
In part due to one-off items including:

- non-cash loss of £102,000 on the properties
- £100,000 of non-capitalised relocation costs
- £100,000 of irrecoverable VAT linked to the building sales
- £40,000 of legal costs

Total funds



Income by category:



Thank you to

- Mark Downs and his team at 1NS
- Members of Finance Committee
- Audit Committee
- haysmacintyre
- Member Organisations who have provided additional support

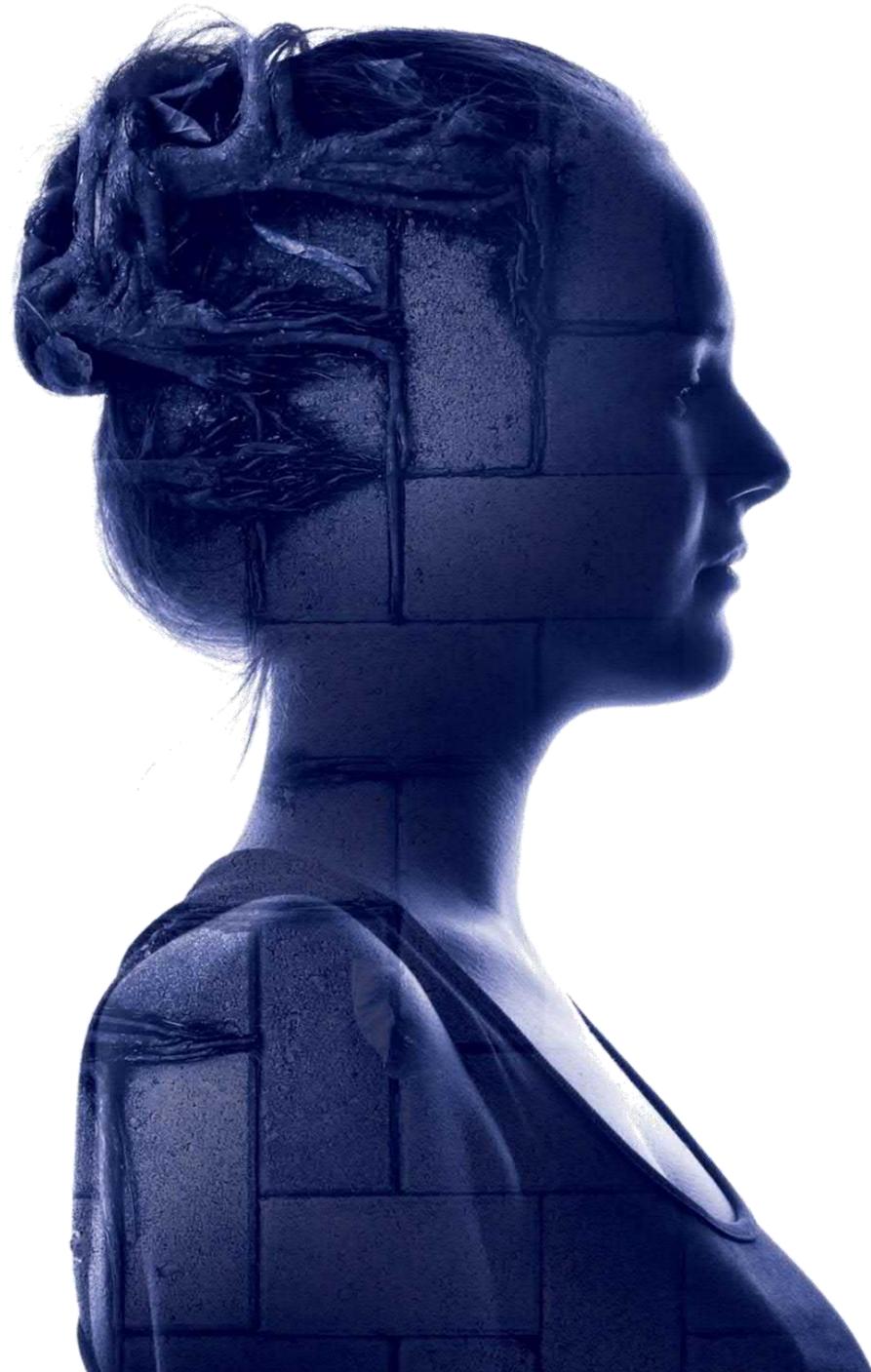




Voting on Resolutions

Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow CBiol FRSB
President

- **Resolution:** This meeting approves the Annual Reports and Accounts for the financial year October 2018 – September 2019.
- **Resolution:** This meeting authorises the RSB's Council to appoint haysmacintyre as the RSB's auditors for the financial year October 2019 - September 2020 and to set their remuneration.



Confirmation of the Honorary Officers

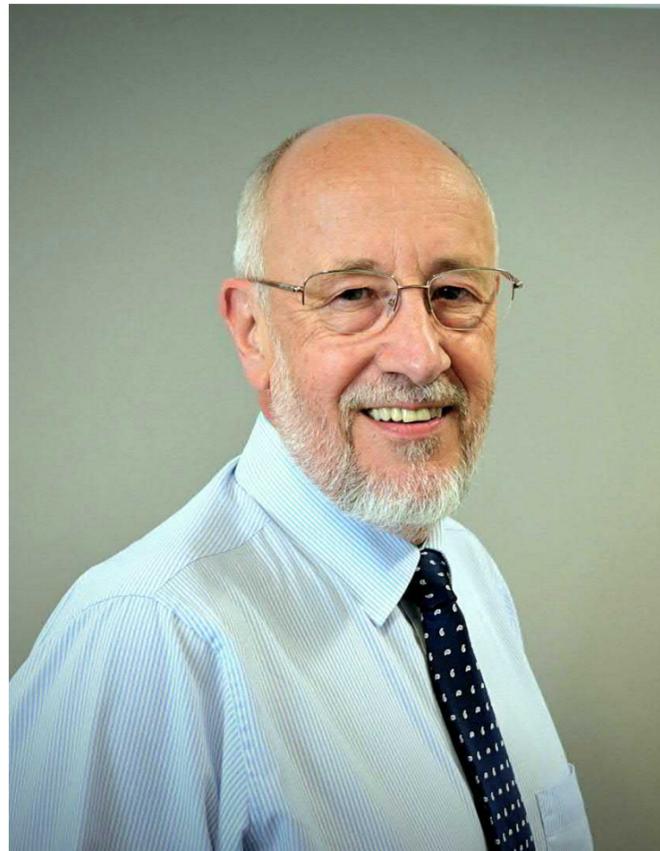


Election of new Council members

Professor Richard Reece CBiol FRSB
Honorary Secretary

College of Individual Members

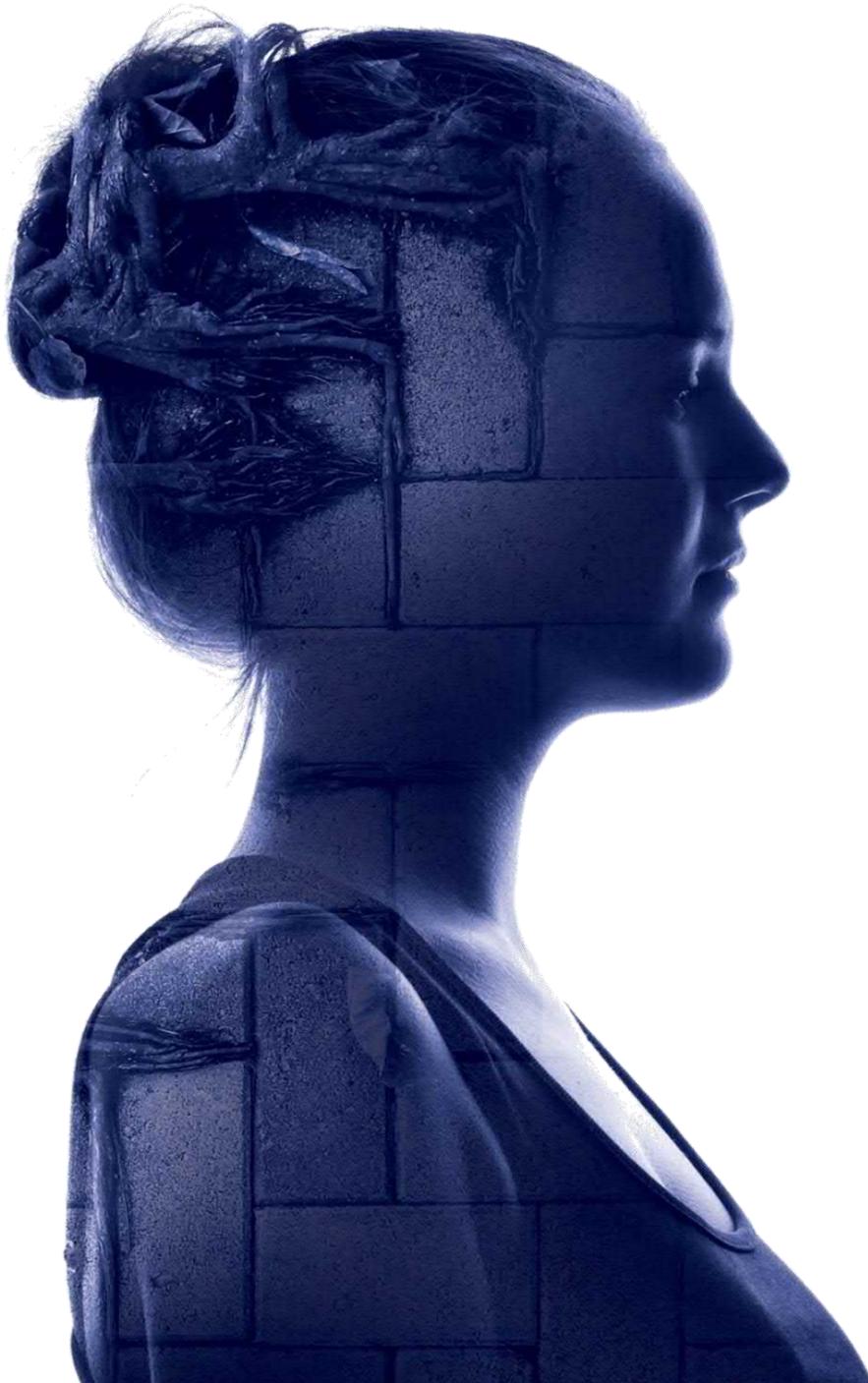
Professor Nigel Brown CBiol FRSB
re-elected



College of Member Organisations

Professor Stefan Przyborski FRSB
Anatomical Society





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24 September 2020

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