

Royal Society of Biology Regional Branch Committees

Being on a branch committee

What's in it for me?

All Royal Society of Biology members in the branch region are entitled to put themselves forward to be part of a committee. The strength of our branch committees lies in their diversity, with a mix of experience, background and age. We ask that committee members are able to commit sufficient time and effort to contribute to the committee's activities, and attend meetings.

Whether you are a university student, researcher, amateur enthusiast, or professional biologist, joining a committee is your opportunity to organise and support the sort of events and activity you would like to see in your region. It can also provide valuable experience for CPD, networking opportunities, the chance to work with other members in your area and meet other interesting organisations and individuals.

What's involved?

We have 17 regional branches and each has its own branch committee, made up of around 10 members from the branch area. Branch committees organise a series of events and activities throughout the year for Society members, schools, university students and the public. They help represent the Royal Society of Biology regionally and increase the reach of the Society, its goals and objectives. This is largely achieved by delivering a programme of activities throughout the year, and normally involves meeting up around four times a year for committee meetings.

View current [upcoming branch events](#) for ideas on the types of events branch committees organise. These are just a taster as we are always open to new ideas of how best to promote biology and engage with our members and the general public.

Committee roles are divided up between members, with a minimum of three principal officer roles filled: **Chair**, **Secretary** and **Treasurer**. Beyond these roles however, the way that the committee operates is dependent upon what works best for that committee - utilising the various expertise, interests, knowledge and contacts of each of its members. A number of other positions can be created at the discretion of the committee to reflect the desired focus of the branch. This could include: Recruitment Officer, School Engagement Officer, University Engagement Officer, Communications Officer, and Public Engagement Officer.

Branch committees receive funding directly from Head Office each year and receive support from the Society's regions team in their activities.

Contact

If you have any questions at all about what is involved in being on a committee, please contact the events and regional team on 020 7685 2569 or at regions@rsb.org.uk