

Soirees

Wednesday 1 July and Thursday 2 July 2026

During the Soirees the majority of the Royal Society staff who look after the Exhibition will not be present, however at least one member of the Public Engagement team will be onsite to support exhibitors:

Wednesday 2 July: Daniella Afeltra, Katie Cooke, Lauren Low, Magda Stroe

Thursday 3 July: Amy Harrison-Seales, Chris Bell, Jamie Upton

If you have general questions or queries, please visit the exhibition information desk in the Marble Hall where a member of the Soirees team will be able to help you.

Dress

- The dress code is suit/black tie/evening wear.
- Exhibitors are welcome to attend the event wearing dinner jackets, tuxedos or evening dresses with decorations (e.g., badges and medals) if they wish, but a less formal suit option, such as a smart dress or dark suit, would also be perfectly in line with the dress code.
- Exhibitors who will be on duty throughout the day are able to leave their outfit in the Exhibitor's green room where there will be a coat rail.
- Unfortunately, there are no changing room facilities at the Society. Staff and exhibitors are required to change in the female and male toilets situated in the basement.

Guest name bages

- A member of the RS Public Engagement team will bring your volunteer team's name badges to you before the Soiree starts.
- Your nominated guests attending the Soirees should give their name at the registration desk on arrival where they will be given their name badge on arrival.

Timings

- Soirees officially open at 7pm. but visitors often arrive earlier. Please be ready on your stand for 6.45pm at the latest.
- A standing reception with a variety of small plates will be served from 7pm. Please do make sure you and your team get a chance to enjoy the food being served and take a break.
- Please ensure there are always two members of staff on your stand, staggering your breaks and dinners accordingly.
- The event ends at 10pm. Please assist by packing anything up on your exhibit promptly and exiting the building when required.

Audience and staffing

- The Soiree atmosphere and audience is different from that of the Exhibition; there are fewer people in the building, but it is the quality of the conversations you are having that is

important. The audience will be made of high-level invited guests such as the President of the Royal Society, Vice Chancellors of universities, heads of national funding bodies, policy makers, MPs and many more. You may therefore wish to alter the tone of your interactions as necessary.

- Please note that security will be tight during the Soirees, and no one will be allowed entry to the building without their badge or Exhibitor's lanyard.