







## What is the Outreach Fund?

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## Why does the Outreach Fund matter?

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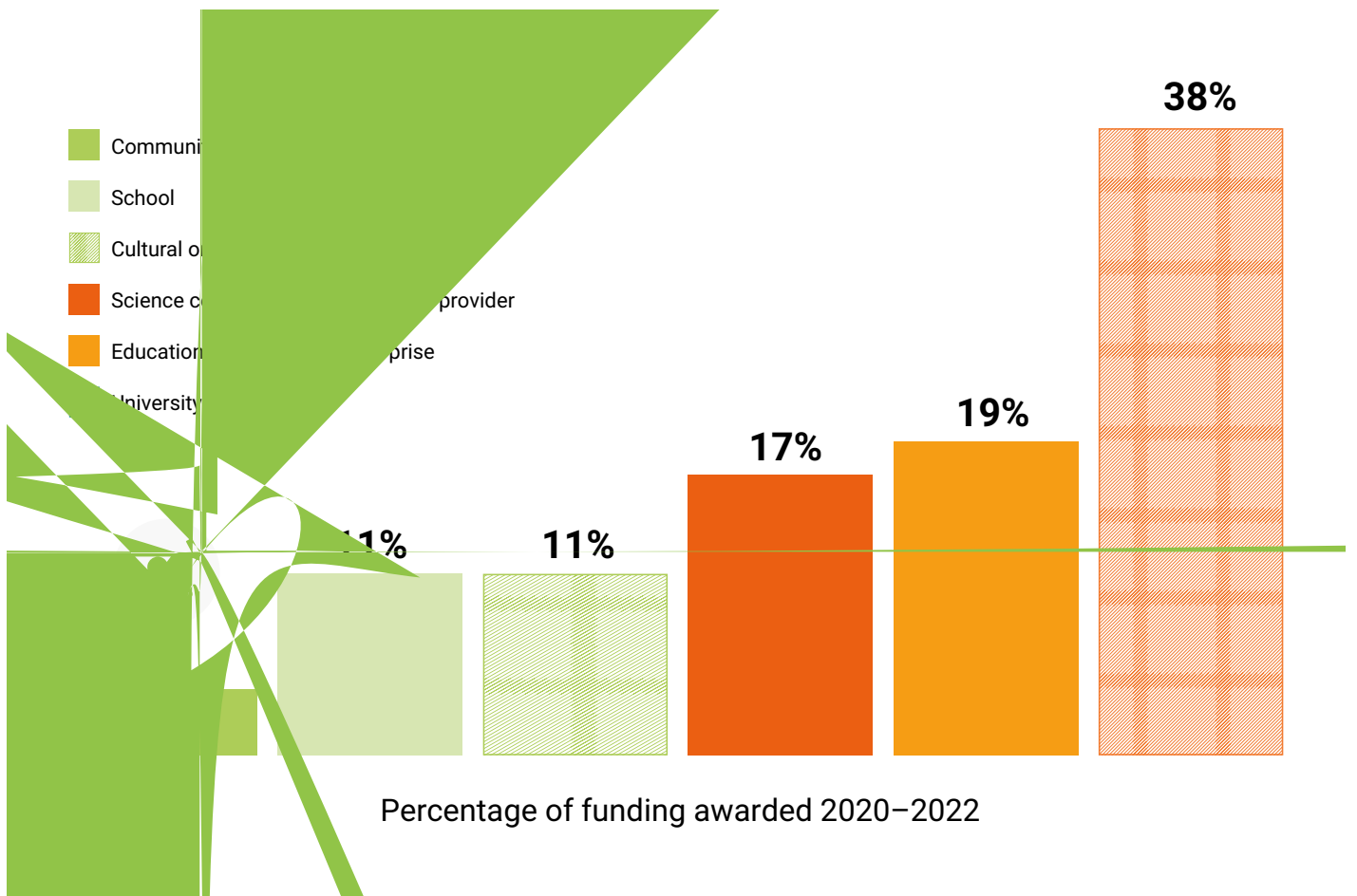
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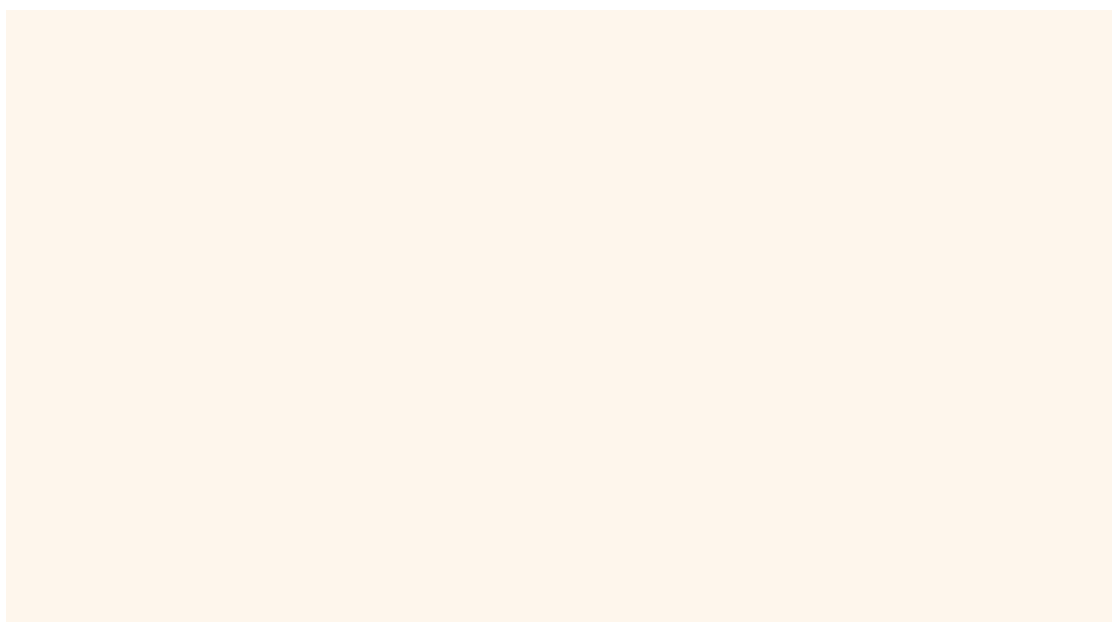
Percentage of funding awarded 2020–2022

## Who do funded projects work with?

chemical sciences community.

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their priority audiences has been highlighted as a strength of the Fund. By allowing





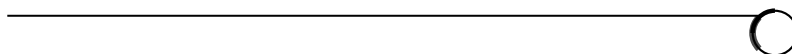
## What do funded projects deliver?

must be at the heart of the activity. From cutting edge research to highlighting the topical nature of

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relevance of the topic matter to people's everyday lives or its relationship to the local area. Signposting to Royal Society of Chemistry evidence and campaigns will help applicants and award holders to address RSC priority issues.<sup>26</sup>

remote approaches.



## *Schools practical workshops:* **supporting students and teachers**

By bringing in specialist soil scientists they were able to create an activity that was sharing of knowledge was essential to the success of the project.

that. Participants and delivery teams learned together as well as relying on the activities at home.

*Science circus project:*  
**broadening understanding  
of who is a chemist**

*Climate change activities for COP26:*  
**engaging young people with**  
**and policymaking**

PPL PWR, a small not-for-profit organisation who engage the public about







## How do grant holders see the Outreach Fund?

and engagement required from projects with the Outreach Fund process and team was proportionate to the

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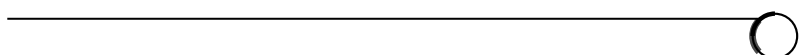
was a lack of connection to peers. Grant holders are often trialling new to organisation approaches and

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vast array of practical and operational challenges in

back again.

was itself an enabler.<sup>55</sup>





## Is the Outreach Fund a success?

- develop the science communication skills of chemists – building capacity and opportunities for chemists and chemical scientists to engage with schools and public audiences.<sup>56</sup>
- engage with school students – inspiring and raising aspirations of student audiences to nurture a future generation passionate about the chemical sciences.

## Can the Outreach Fund do better?

has been operating for 10 years and our recent Impact Report has highlighted a number of opportunities for

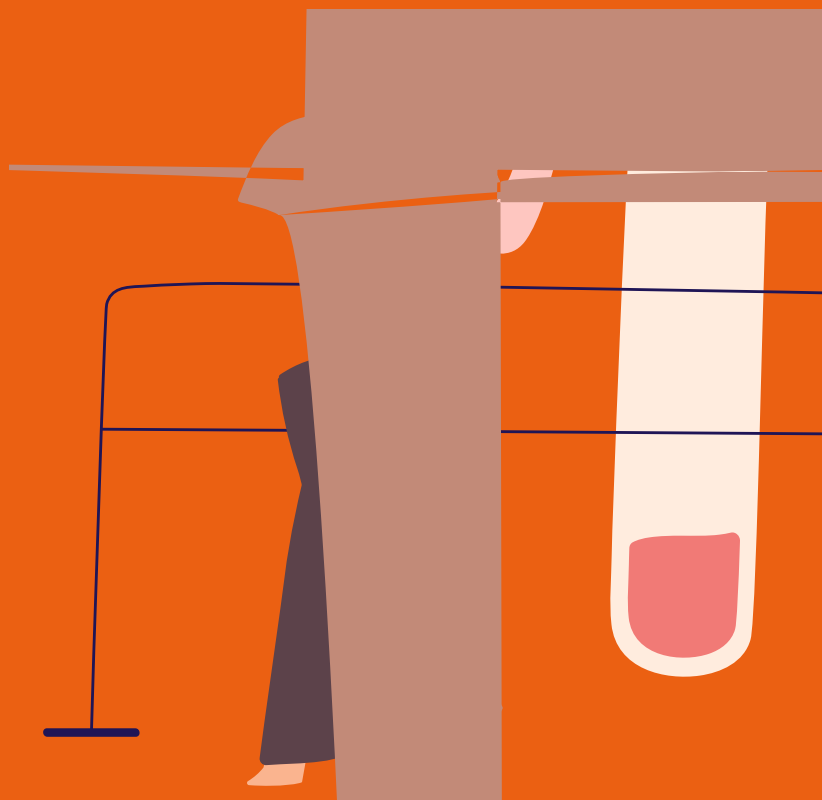
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- Supporting good practice
- Connectivity across Royal Society of Chemistry priorities
- Access to RSC members

## Our Action Plan

Chemistry will:

- for eligible organisations to apply
- to Royal
- impact.

- to
- sector's understanding of impactful engagement.
- and strengthen the support we provide to funded projects through community of practice.
- and projects to ensure the scheme is accessible and to deliver the best outcomes for participants.
- from opportunities board for members.



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