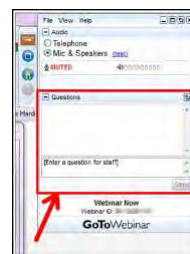
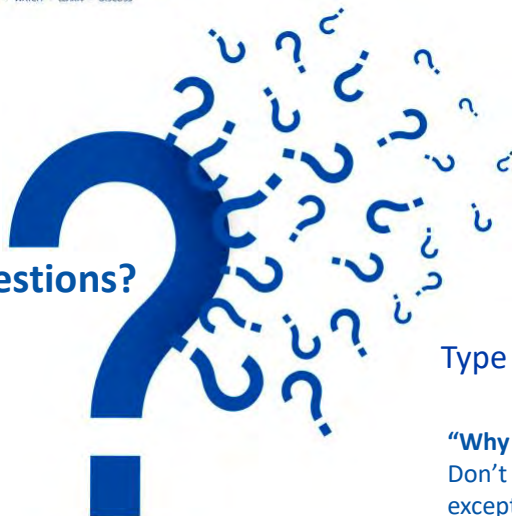




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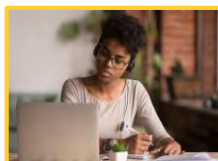
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## What You Will Learn



### By the end of this webinar, you will be able to:

- Define what science outreach is and why it is worth doing
- Describe a framework that defines effective science outreach
- Apply research findings to improve your own outreach
- Find additional ACS resources to support your work



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## Agenda



- Defining science outreach
- Why bother with outreach?
- Define success with IRS
- Incorporate research findings
- Example: improve an activity
- Additional ACS resources



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# DEFINING SCIENCE OUTREACH



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## Audience Survey Question

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**Why do you do science outreach?** (Please select all that apply)

- Show kids that chemistry is fun
- Inspire the next generation of scientists
- Encourage kids to take chemistry classes in the future
- Get people to see that chemistry is interesting
- Reveal that chemistry is an important part of our daily lives



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## Broadening Our Understanding



- Science outreach is **not just**:
  - Information distribution
  - Hands-on activities (although our emphasis for today)
  - Recruitment for future chemists
  - For science museums
  - For children
  - For Ph.D.s
  - For chemists
  - In-person

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## A Working Definition



*A framework that **brings together scientific and non-scientific communities** around a set of shared science outreach goals, which are met through the application of **effective science communication, public engagement, and/or informal education best practices**, and it **achieves outcomes** characterized by mutual learning for all involved.*



*Recommendations for the Continued Professionalization of Science Outreach within the Scientific Enterprise, Garbarino, 2020*

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## WHY OUTREACH MATTERS



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## Global Need for STEM Outreach



*“Today’s challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, decline of ocean health and pandemics **are all global**. This is why we must mobilize scientists and researchers from all over the world.”*

*- Audrey Azoulay UNESCO Director General!*



- **80%** of countries dedicate less than 1% of their GDP to research<sup>1</sup>
- **93%** of research spending is from G20 countries<sup>1</sup>

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## “Public” Interest



- **84%** “want to hear more from scientists about their work”<sup>2</sup>

• While there is interest in informal learning opportunities, these do not benefit all groups equally.<sup>3</sup>

### • > **40%** said students would be more inspired to pursue STEM if<sup>2</sup>:

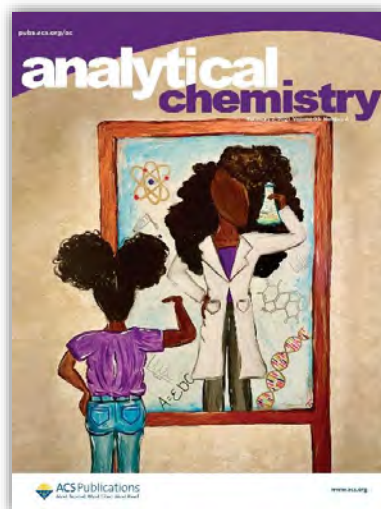
- Science were taught in a more engaging way
- Students had a better understanding of career opportunities
- Students could see how science makes the world better

2. State of Science Index Survey, 3M, 2021 | 3. Reimagining publics and (non) participation: Exploring exclusion from science communication through the experiences of low-income, minority ethnic groups. Dawson, 2018 | Image: Chemoji, <https://cen.acs.org/sections/acs-chemoji.html>

## Importance of Role Models



- **33%** of researchers, and **28%** of engineers, worldwide are women<sup>1</sup>
- **73%** of people believe that underrepresented minorities often lack equal access to STEM education<sup>2</sup>
- Direct interaction with scientists can encourage students to see themselves as scientists in the future<sup>4</sup>
- Children who see themselves in others imitate traits with which they most identify<sup>5</sup>, arguing for the need for diverse role models.



1. UNESCO Science Report: the race against time for smarter development, 2021 | 2. State of Science Index Survey, 3M, 2021 | 4. Scientist-image stereotypes: The relationships among their indicators, Karaçam 2016 | 5. The Importance of Early Exposure to Innovation. National Inventors Hall of Fame, 2018. | Image: See it. Believe it. BECOME it!: Changing the Future of the STEM Workforce through Outreach and Mentorship. Pritchett, 2021

## Informal Environments



- People spend **95%** of their lives outside a classroom, so informal education opportunities are a key way to reach out<sup>6</sup>.
- People engage with and can learn science outside of school through museums, after-school programs, libraries, and television and other media, where participant interest, excitement, and self-conception as science learners improves.<sup>7</sup>
- Chemistry is still less commonly presented in informal education environments than other science topics such as biology or physics.<sup>8</sup>

6. *The 95 Percent Solution: School is not where most Americans learn most of their science.* Falk, 2010. | 7. *Learning Science in Informal Environments: People, Places, and Pursuits.* Bell, 2009. | 8. *Design Strategies for Hands-On Activities to Increase Interest, Relevance, and Self-Efficacy in Chemistry.* Anderson, 2021

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## Considerations: Venue



- Indoor or outdoor?
- Public and university venues are often free or low-cost, but have fewer resources
- Museums and private venues may charge but provide more marketing and equipment support

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## Benefits to Volunteers



- Introduction to social science approaches
- Professional development opportunities
- Communication skills development
- Fulfill some grant requirements

9. *Effective Chemistry Communication in Informal Environments*. NASEM, 2016 | Photo Credit | Montes

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## It's FUN!



- “It is awesome to see so many people enjoying chemistry.”
- “Our section really enjoys the outreach programs. It is a great way to bring all of our volunteers together to celebrate chemistry and involve the public.”
- “It is rewarding ... to hear from individuals who went on in science study as a result of their exposure to our event as youngsters.”



Quotes As of 05-01-19 | Photos left to right: ACS Hungary, Szeged, Hungary 2015; I Montes, Bogota, Colombia 2013; ACS Malaysia, Penang 2015

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## DEFINE “SUCCESS” WITH I-R-S



J. Zhang. Beijing, China. 2014.

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## Interest, Relevance, Self-Efficacy



- A U.K. report suggested attitudes towards chemistry include chemistry interest and chemistry relevance.<sup>10</sup>
- A U.S. report suggested the importance of self-efficacy: a person's confidence in their ability to understand, talk about, or participate in a given area.<sup>11</sup>
- Both reports called for use of evidence-based practices in design of informal education activities.
  - Explore Science: Let's Do Chemistry Framework and Strategies for building IRS.<sup>12</sup>

10. Public Attitudes to Chemistry: Research Report., Royal Society of Chemistry, 2015 | 11. Effective Chemistry Communication in Informal Environments. NASEM, 2016 | 12. ChemAttitudes: Using Design-Based Research to Develop and Disseminate Strategies and Materials to Support Chemistry Interest, Relevance, and Self- Efficacy (NSF DRL-1612482), 2016

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## Explore Science: Let's Do Chemistry



- Use I-R-S as metrics of success for iterative design-based research of hands-on activities in museums.<sup>12</sup>
- **Guiding questions:**
  - Can hands-on chemistry activities positively impact visitors' attitudes toward chemistry?
  - What content and format strategies included in hands-on activities support visitors' positive attitudes?
- Similar use by NISE Net for nanotechnology project.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>12</sup> ChemAttitudes: Using Design-Based Research to Develop and Disseminate Strategies and Materials to Support Chemistry Interest, Relevance, and Self-Efficacy (NSF DRL-1612482), 2016 | <sup>13</sup> Evaluating the NISE Network: Reflections from the Evaluation Workgroup. Kollmann, 2016. | <sup>14</sup> Let's Do Chemistry: A Framework and Strategies to Encourage Positive Attitudes Toward Learning Chemistry in Museums and Informal Settings. Ostman, 2018

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## Let's Do Chemistry: Kit



Educational Resources Professional Learning Events Impact Community About



Activities and professional development resources designed to stimulate interest, sense of relevance, and feelings of self-efficacy about chemistry.

### Featured Activities

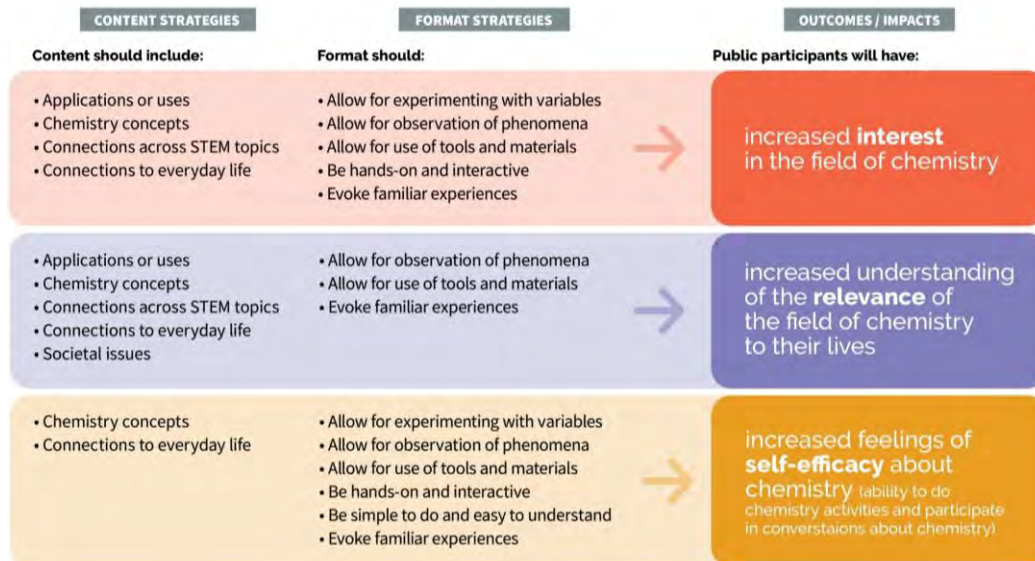
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# Design Strategies Framework Overview

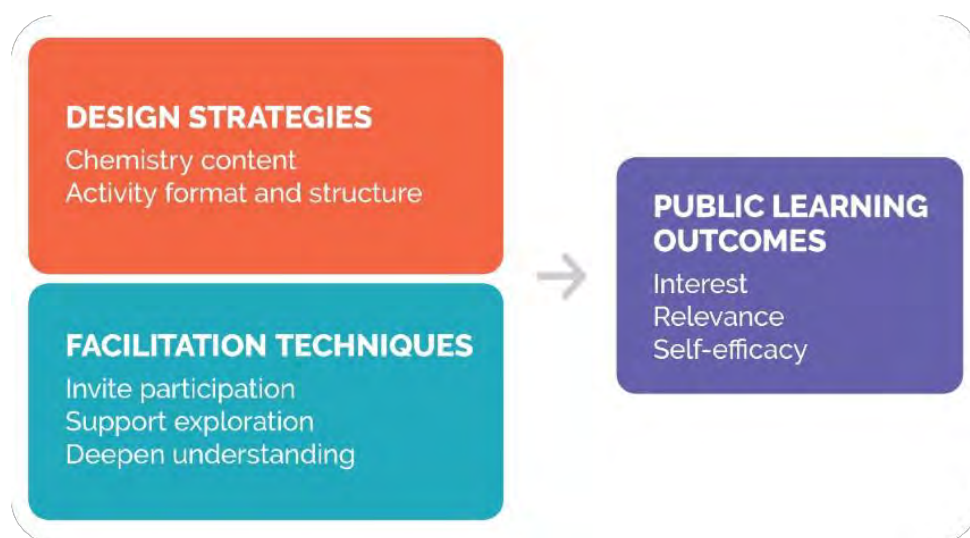


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## Big Picture



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## “Let’s Do Chemistry” Feedback



*“I learned formally something I have suspected for some time - that the demonstrations and hands-on activities that I have engaged in for the last 20 years are not really doing what we hoped they were doing for our audience. The data presented during the workshop comprise some of the most complete studies ever performed on outcomes from chemical demonstrations.”*

*- Matt Mio, Chem Club (ACS Student Members Chapter) Co-advisor, Professor, and Chair Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Detroit Mercy.*

## INCORPORATE RESEARCH FINDINGS



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# Activity Content



Content Strategies	Interest	Relevance	Self-Efficacy
Applications or uses	✓	✓	
Chemistry concepts	✓	✓	✓
Connections across STEM topics	✓	✓	
Connections to everyday life	✓	✓	✓
Societal issues		✓	

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## Audience Survey Question

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**In your experience, which of these content strategies are the hardest to do?** (Please select all that apply)

- Applications or uses
- Chemistry concepts
- Connections across STEM topics
- Connections to everyday life
- Societal issues



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# Activity Format



Format Strategies	Interest	Relevance	Self-Efficacy
Allow for experimenting with variables	✓		✓
Allow for observation of phenomena	✓	✓	✓
Allow for use of tools and materials	✓	✓	
Be hands-on and interactive	✓		✓
Evoke familiar experiences	✓	✓	✓
Be simple to do and easy to understand			✓

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## Hands-on Facilitation



Invite Participation



Support Exploration



Deepen Understanding



### Public learning outcomes:

Positive attitudes towards chemistry, including:

- Increased **interest** in the field of chemistry
- Increased understanding of the **relevance** of chemistry to their lives
- Increased feelings of **self-efficacy** about chemistry

15. *Design Strategies for Hands-On Activities to Increase Interest, Relevance, and Self-Efficacy in Chemistry*, Anderson, 2021  
 16. *Exploratorium Tinkering Studio*. (2015). *Facilitation field guide*. San Francisco, CA: Exploratorium.

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## Invite Participation



- Provide an introduction or activity overview
- Introduce and model tools
- Build rapport with participants
- Learn what people have experienced or know about chemistry
- Encourage everyone to participate
- Aid in transitions between different portions of an activity
- Encourage visitors to stay, but give them the option to stop

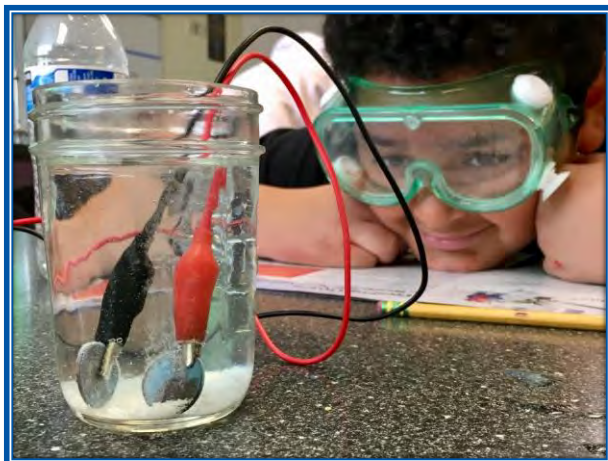
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## Analyze an Audience



ACS Puget Sound Local Section, 2018

- What are the demographics (age, income, education, etc.) of this audience?
- What do they know or believe about this issue, event, or opportunity?
- Why would they care about this information?
- What values are emotionally important to them?

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## Audiences at an Outreach Event



- **Your Volunteers**
  - Students
  - Teachers
  - Professionals
- **Your Participants**
  - Younger children
  - Older children
  - Adult family members



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## Support Exploration



- Offer positive feedback
- Provide basic information and vocabulary
- Give step-by-step instructions
- Ask participants to make observations and predictions
- Encourage iteration and continued experimentation



ACS ICSC Shanghai, China, 2017.

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 16. *Exploratorium Tinkering Studio*. (2015). *Facilitation field guide*. San Francisco, CA: Exploratorium.

## Deepen Understanding



- Describe why or how something is happening
- Provide information and support making connections outside the activity
- Encourage participants to apply something they learned during the activity
- Encourage participants to explain why or how something is happening

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## Audience Survey Question

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### Which facilitation step do you think takes the most time?

- Invite participation
- Support exploration
- Deepen understanding

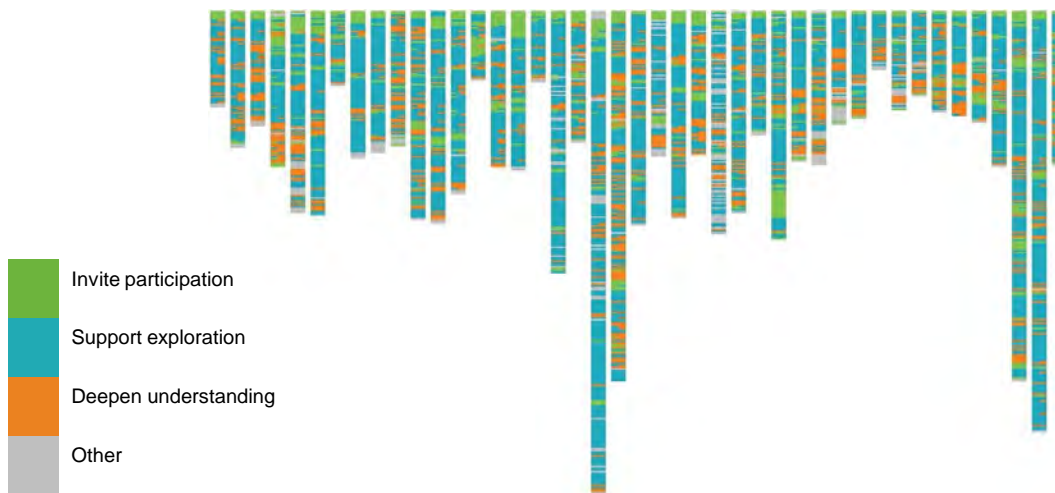


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## Time in Each Phase Varies



Facilitators go back and forth between the stages regularly



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## EXAMPLE: IMPROVING AN ACTIVITY

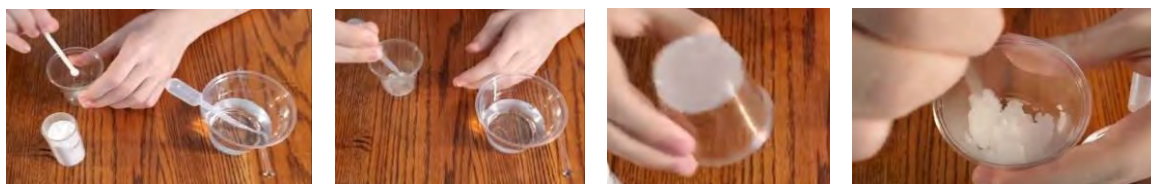


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## Sodium Polyacrylate: Three Cup Monty



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## Sodium Polyacrylate: Content



Strategies	Interest	Relevance	Self-Efficacy
Applications and uses	✓	✓	
Chemistry concepts	✓	✓	✓
Connections to everyday life	✓	✓	✓
Connections across STEM topics	✓	✓	
Societal issues		✓	

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## Content Improvements



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- Connections across STEM topics
- Societal issues
  - Water conservation in agriculture

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# Sodium Polyacrylate: Format



Strategies	Interest	Relevance	Self-Efficacy
Be hands-on and interactive	✓		✓
Be simple to do and easy to understand			✓
Evoke familiar experiences	✓	✓	✓
Allow for observation of phenomena	✓	✓	✓
Allow for experimenting with variables	✓		✓
Allow for use of tools and materials	✓	✓	✓

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## Format Improvements



- **Allow for experimenting with variables**
  - Add salt, ask for a prediction of what will happen
- **Allow for use of tools and materials**
  - Use a pipet or glass stirrer
- **Be hands-on and interactive**
  - Let the participant do the mixing



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## Facilitation Improvements



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- Practice!
- Plan out your words
- Choose one or two foundational chemistry principles to focus on
- Research uses and applications

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## Plan Ahead



- **Which activities will you do?**
- **Can you modify or improve your activities?**
  - Not all activities need to include every strategy
- **How can you incorporate safety?**
- **For each activity, what will participants and facilitators**
  - Say?
  - Hear?
  - Do?



ACS SC San Diego State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2019.

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## Plan with the Facility



- **Distance**
  - Keep a minimum of 10 ft. / 3m between demo and observers
  - Warn audience of loud noises and other hazards
  - Provide appropriate shielding



ACS Puerto Rico Local Section, 2019

Tips for Planning Chemistry Demos. *inChemistry*. 2018.

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## Outreach Materials: Event Equipment



- Tables and tablecloths
- Chairs
- If you are outside, what will you do if it rains?
- Tents



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## Don't Forget!



- Take pictures (legally)
- Post live on social media
- Collect participant surveys
- Dispose of all waste properly
- Thank all partners and volunteers
- Have fun!

**We need your help!**

Please help us by taking just a few minutes to complete the following survey about today's event. It is a voluntary survey and all responses are confidential. Thank you for your cooperation.

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1. Did you learn something new or interesting at the event today?  
 Yes  No  Not sure
2. Would you like to attend another event like the one today in the future?  
 Yes  No  Not sure
3. Before coming to this event today, I thought that chemistry was:  
 Difficult  Easy  Interesting  Boring
4. After attending this event, I now think that chemistry is:  
 Difficult  Easy  Interesting  Boring
5. When I get home, I am going to share what I learned about chemistry with other people:  
 Yes  No  Not sure
6. I am a \_\_\_\_\_ (choose one)  
 High school student  Undergraduate student  Graduate student
7. My age is \_\_\_\_\_ (choose one)  
 18-24  25-34  35-44  45-54  55-64  65+
8. Do you have any comments or suggestions about today's event that you would like to share?

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

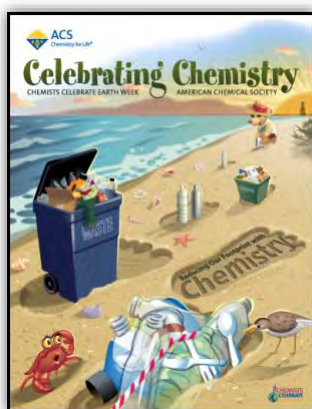


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## National Chemistry Week and Chemists Celebrate Earth Week



- **What:**
  - Public awareness campaigns that unite ACS groups in communicating the importance of chemistry to the public at the local, national, and global levels.
  - Unique theme each year
- **When:** Third full week of October (NCW) and week of April 22 (CCEW)



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- Outreach Training Program: [www.acs.org/OTP](http://www.acs.org/OTP)

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## Example Timeline



### 4 Months Out - Practice and Details

- Test out your desired activities
- Schedule hands-on activity training for all volunteers
- Order supplies for activities and giveaways
- Write press releases, other notices for local schools and companies to increase attendance
- If necessary, acquire insurance (if not sooner)

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- ***In development: Safety in outreach settings, activities databank, volunteer toolkit***



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## FINAL THOUGHTS



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# FINAL THOUGHTS



- Science outreach is an important, fun, and mutually beneficial thing to do
- Using IRS is an effective way to define success of hands-on science outreach activities
- Research findings suggest ways that activity content, format, and facilitation can be optimized to reach these goals
- ACS volunteers and staff are here to support you

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Intellectual Property  
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