

Introduction

This publication is the outcome of a new venture for The Royal Society of Chemistry in conjunction with The Institute of Materials; and the Armourers' and Brasiers' company Learning Material Workshops . Three workshops were held in 1995:

- ▼ at Johnson Matthey, Reading on the extraction of platinum group metals;
- ▼ at Raychem, Swindon on "smart materials"; and
- ▼ at Chemoxy International, Middlesbrough on "biodiesel".

A different group of chemistry teachers was involved in each. Each group spent a day with one of the companies and was given a presentation by the company on some aspect of their work. This was followed by a brainstorming session to suggest ideas for useful learning material based on what they had seen and heard. The following day was spent drafting material which was then edited and, in most cases trialled. This book is the result.

The pack contains teacher's notes and material to photocopy for use by students. An extra copy of this material is supplied as separate masters for easy photocopying.

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