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This special issue of *Primary Science*, celebrating the anniversary of CIEC, highlights the importance of working across the boundaries between education and industry. I have worked closely with one of the largest chemical companies in the world developing their educational outreach, and one of the aspects that has proved most important is unpicking the two different cultures and 'languages' between the different environments. This issue offers a number of articles that demonstrate how CIEC do this, and the benefits of this for teachers and pupils. There are many opportunities to support your teaching through getting involved with outside businesses and industries, and bodies such as CIEC enable this to happen.

A key element of working with industry is the potential to offer 'real' examples of people working in the science field who are not the stereotypical 'scientist'. This gives you a real opportunity to allow your learners to see diversity in the sciences, to realise the variety of science roles that are out there, and to apply science to their lives in a meaningful way.

It has been a pleasure to support this special issue and the wide range of articles within it.

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