

Welcome to the RSA Fellowship newsletter - 21 February 2011

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News and Events



Mentoring opportunity via the Surrey Network

The Surrey Fellows' Network has begun working closely with a charity that helps ex-prisoners find jobs and training, including Fellows volunteering to become mentors. It started in December on a visit to [the Clink](#) – a gourmet restaurant situated inside High Down Prison which is staffed by current inmates and ex-prisoners. Fellows who are interested in mentoring ex-offenders can do so via the Surrey network. [Read more...](#)



A unique Fellows' project in South West England

Beer Quarry Caves is an industrial and archaeological site on the World Heritage Jurassic Coast area in Devon. Fellows in the South West have been working on this project with the input of various stakeholders. Now the Caves Project needs wider Fellowship help to start the site's transformation into a true national landmark, which combines heritage conservation, education and local economic development. [Read more...](#)



Yorkshire regional consultation

Over the last two years the 'Yorkshire Initiatives' have been a focal point for our considerations for the future. Following the formation of the RSA Fellowship Council other RSA regions have reviewed their role and objectives. We wish to encourage Yorkshire Fellows to build on the Yorkshire Initiatives survey work. Throughout 2011 we will hold a series of consultation meetings to discuss and develop the direction, vision and representation of the region. [Read more...](#)



RSA Comment - Consider, Comment, Contribute

[RSA Comment](#) was created to respond to Fellows' suggestions for a space where they and others could share their views about the 'live' issues of the day.

[Seeing the wood for the trees](#) by Sue Holden and [The English Baccalaureate](#) by Robert Hill are some of the latest articles written by Fellows. [Read more...](#)



Fellow's Profile - August de los Reyes

August de los Reyes is a Fellow based in Seattle. He recently ran an event on [Digital Government and Innovation](#). Here he talks about his love for design and what inspires him:

"I am a designer. I work for a strategic design consultancy called [Artefact](#) and teach design at the University of Washington. I do so because my life is design. I recognize the potential power of design to improve the human condition by directly impacting one's context."

On joining the Fellowship: "My curiosity was first piqued by the RSA Animate series. After reading Matthew Taylor's essay on [21st Century Enlightenment](#), I was compelled to seek Fellowship. I am fascinated with applying these principles to the profession of design."

"My colleagues and I are dedicated to realizing the practice of design through lens of the 21st Century Enlightenment. What implications do these values have for this profession, much of which is born out of the modern tradition, and how can contemporary designers revisit the frameworks and methods—many of which have remained largely unchanged since their inception—towards more universal, human goals? In short, I'd like

In brief

A selection of activities taking place worldwide...

Governance Advisory Group

The Governance Advisory Group held its first meeting on **Monday 21 February**. Trustee representatives are Luke Johnson (Chair), Naaz Coker and David Archer. Representatives from Fellowship Council are Bob Porrer, Jackie Elliman and Ann Packard; and from the Regions Allan Bosley (West), Keith Horsfall (West Midlands) and David Phillips (Wales). A further three co-options from the Fellowship will be considered.

Trustee Elections

Voting for Trustee Board elections concluded on **Friday 18 February**. The number of votes cast was 3515 (turnout 13.6%). The four successful candidates were Suzy Walton (1903), Kevin Cahill (1426), Jonathan Rollason (1375) and Donald Pinchbeck (1175). Thank you to all candidates who participated in this election.

Nottingham

Join us for the Nottingham Network where we will be discussing [RSA Catalyst](#) and highlighting successful case studies such as Manchester Media Bus and the Harrogate Community Hub. The network will take place **Tuesday 22 March** in the Cafe Bar at the [Nottingham Contemporary](#) from 5-7pm. [Book your place now.](#)



London: Social Entrepreneurs Network

In November 2010 the network launched the [Social Enterprise Spotlight](#), a case study of 8 different social enterprises as they develop over the next 12 months. The next quarterly event is taking place on



inception, towards more universal, human goals. In short, I want to share what we learn from this pursuit with the broader society."

On what he would change in society given the chance: "While I'm passionate about many of the challenges faced in the global arena today, if I were to answer this on a personal level, I believe having the design industry shift its efforts away from the creation of positional goods and services towards addressing pressing social needs would bring the authority and credibility that the profession has longed for."

"The RSA presence in Seattle is small but growing. I have interacted with Aaron Hayden, a local Fellow who helped support a recent talk we had on civic innovation and the digital realm. I would like to connect with Fellows who are involved in design, particularly in product and graphic design, and those who contribute to the design discourse. I am also interested in behavioral economics and human motivation as well as how people learn. Finally, I am interested in learning more about the RSA itself. I travel quite a bit and would enjoy engaging with RSA Fellows around the globe."

If you would like contact August you can get in touch [via email](#).

Know of an inspiring Fellow whom you'd like us to feature in the next newsletter? Please [contact us](#) and let us know their name and details.



Connect to other Fellows today

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And finally...

We hope you enjoyed this issue of the newsletter. We want this to work for you so please let us know your thoughts about the content and format.

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Any news?

Communicating the activities of the Fellowship is the first step to strengthening the Fellowship network. As an RSA Fellow if there is anything you are doing in your area which other Fellows should know about and can get involved in, [please let us know](#).

We will only include items which relate to the goals of the RSA, where Fellows can get actively involved. Any decisions will be at the editor's discretion.

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Tuesday 15 March, 6pm looking at **Advisory boards and Mentoring**. The event aims to bring together social entrepreneurs and innovators with interested parties who may be able to help with their talent, expertise or ideas. [Further details and registration](#).

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Join us on

Thursday 3 March, 1pm for *The Death*

of the English Village? as Henry Hemming debates community and the future of the English village with Clive Aslet, editor-at-large, Country Life. [Book now](#).



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USA

Calling all travelers to the US! Fellows are welcome to attend network meetings around the US when they are passing through. Visit the [American Coffee House](#). In addition to regular monthly network meetings in Boston, New York and Chattanooga you will also find recent discussions, such as the [Jasmine Revolution](#), presented by Hedi BenAicha, and [Transforming Cities](#), by Kresten Jespersen.



Contact [Lynn Broadbent](#) with any questions or to be added to the mailing list.

Nominate a Friend

Do you know someone who should be a Fellow?

[Tell us who and why](#), and we'll send an invitation to apply citing your recommendation. Please note, you will need to log-in and have your membership number to complete the online form. Alternatively you can contact the [Fellowship team](#).