

Welcome to the RSA Fellowship newsletter - 13 September 2010

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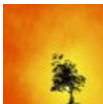
News and Events



The Young Achievers Trust: Mentoring and nominations

The **Young Achievers Trust**, an RSA Fellowship partner organisation, is pleased to announce that the 2010 Young Achievers Awards are open for nominations. Through these awards, the Trust aims to celebrate and support the outstanding contribution of young volunteers across England in the following four categories: arts, environment, community and sport.

Fellows are encouraged to put forward any suitable candidates. There is also an opportunity for Fellows to become further involved by mentoring the award winners. [Read more...](#)



FRSA event: Climate Change – what's happening?

Fellows and their guests are invited to a panel debate on Tuesday 21 September, from 7pm at the Royal Wells Hotel (Tunbridge Wells), entitled **Lessons from the Future: Climate Change – what's happening?** The event will look at the changes we need to make to our thinking, our discussions and our actions to face the challenges posed by climate change. Also, on 21 September, there is a drop in session in Tunbridge Wells from midday onwards with the opportunity to meet Andy Kirk, Networks Manager for South East and South Central. [Read more...](#)



Join us for the AGM on 5 October 2010

Join us on **Tuesday 5 October** for the RSA's 256th Annual General Meeting, held in the Great Room at 5pm followed by the inaugural Chairman's lecture. For further details on the AGM please visit the [RSA website](#). The AGM is open to RSA Fellows only, but you are welcome to bring a guest to the lecture.

The Chairman's lecture will take place after the AGM from 6.30-7.30pm. Luke Johnson, RSA Chairman, will discuss **The Perils of Property** - how a fixation with property ownership has unbalanced the economy and distorted behaviour and public policy. There will be an informal drinks session after the lecture, with the opportunity to hear more about the RSA's work. [Book now for the Chairman's lecture](#). This lecture will also be live-streamed, so why not use this as an opportunity to meet other Fellows? Visit the [Watch live](#) page for more details. We hope to see you on 5 October!



Fellow's Profile- Carlos Miranda

Carlos Miranda FRSA discusses entrepreneurial thinking, what he'd change in society given the chance and connecting with other Fellows:

"I am the Managing Director of **The Social Investment Consultancy (TSIC)**, a strategy and fundraising consulting firm. I do what I do because we could all be smarter in how we go about having a positive social impact. I strongly believe in applying entrepreneurial thinking and solutions to the challenges facing both the third sector and those individuals and institutions who are looking to engage with it."

On joining the Fellowship: "I enjoy the forum for debate and discussion that the RSA nurtures. I attend a fair amount of events and lectures and I always find that I learn a thing or two. I took a client to **The Future for the Arts?** event with Ben Bradshaw MP and Jeremy Hunt MP, and it served as a basis for a great discussion! On a professional level, the RSA provides ample opportunities to network and meet interesting people. I enjoy entertaining clients in the Vault restaurant, a great centrally

In brief

A selection of activities taking place worldwide...

Catalyst

The next RSA Catalyst deadline is **Friday 17 September**, and we encourage you to [find out more about the Catalyst fund and apply](#).

Chichester

A new monthly Fellows network is launching in Chichester on **Monday 20 September**. Fellows and their guests are welcome to join us at the Old Cross pub on North St, meet other local Fellows and share ideas for how the network can make a difference locally. [Find out more and register to attend](#).



Regional AGMs

There are a number of Regional AGMs taking place in the next few weeks. On **Saturday 25 September**, **East Midlands, Yorkshire** and the **South West** hold their regional AGM's. **18 September** sees the **East of England** AGM take place, and the **London** regional AGM is scheduled for **15 September**. Annual meetings provide opportunities for Fellows to connect with each other, get involved with regional representation and suggest projects, activities and events.

RSA

Join us on **Monday 11 October, 6.30pm** for a preview screening of award-winning director David Singleton's documentary **The Flow** about the underlying causes and consequences of the financial crash. [Book now to attend](#).



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entertaining clients in the vaults restaurant, a great centrally located venue that never fails to make an impression. I also use the Fellows' library when I want to get away from the office and have a quiet place to work. Every Fellow brings a unique mix of skills, personality and experience to the Society. I hope I can add to that with my personal background - I've lived on five different continents - and my professional experience as well, which has covered the private and nonprofit sectors."

On changing something in society: "My wife is a serious feminist, so I'd be remiss if I didn't talk about the inequality of women - everywhere in the world, and even here in the UK. One in three women in this country will be a victim of domestic violence at some point in her life; that number is staggering. I think it's hugely important for men to get involved in this cause to look at their own behaviour, and their concepts of masculinity. (That ought to score me some brownie points with the wife!)"

On something recently learnt: "As an American in the UK, I've been learning so much about the British election process and system. It's been such a great learning experience to look in as an "outsider" - it's hard to compare the parties here to American parties, and I'm having to figure out a whole new political system. The concept of a hung parliament is fascinating - I can't believe the Queen still has the power to "formally" choose the prime minister in this day and age."

On connecting with other Fellows: "I recently attended an event by two Fellows, Emma Stanton and Claire Lemer, self described "doctorspreneurs", where they talked about the reasons why they set up Diagnosis, a social enterprise tackling strategic issues facing the medical industry here in the UK. The issues they are facing have been around for decades and they're looking at how to apply the skills of social entrepreneurs to these challenges. It was a great event, really fascinating to hear about what they are doing in the field. In fact, I heard about them in [this newsletter!](#)"

On connecting with other Fellows: "I'd love to hear about other Fellows working in the nonprofit or social enterprise space - those doing new and exciting things, but also those that have been in the sector a long time and can talk about the changes that are happening now. It would be great to swap stories and ideas and maybe even join up on some projects together."

You can get in contact with Carlos [via email](#) or on the [Fellowship directory](#).

If, like Carlos, you are interested in meeting Fellows working in social enterprise please join the [Social Entrepreneurs network](#) on the Fellowship online social network.

Alternatively, if you have an idea for a new social enterprise you can benefit from [RSA Catalyst](#) grants and Fellow expertise in the skills bank [RSA Support](#).



Connect to other Fellows today

Are you making the most of the Fellowship directory? This 'opt-in' search directory of our 27,000 strong Fellowship provides an opportunity to find other Fellows all round the world. [Register now](#) and don't miss out!

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 creating 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 contact us](#).

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.

are available to watch on [RSA Vision](#).

USA

Fellows are meeting regularly in  [New York](#), [Washington DC](#), [Chattanooga](#), [Providence](#) and this month there are special events in Southern California at the [Salk Institute](#) and in Chicago at ELPC's new [LEED platinum building](#); online join Fellows and others in several countries for a [live Creative Exchange](#). Ian Fisk has announced a competition for [sustainable entrepreneurs](#); Gerard Darby is [researching enterprise](#); and Paul Rich calls for submissions for the [DuPont Summit on Science and Technology](#) and for the [Journal on Policy and Internet](#).

New York

Fellows who will be in New York for UN week (20-24 Sept) should know about the Summit for Social Good. Hosted by [Mashable](#), [92Y](#) and the [UN Foundation](#), the summit will showcase and celebrate the power and potential of new media in addressing the world's challenges. Tickets for the Sept. 20 summit may be purchased [online](#). The summit will be followed on Sept 21-24 by a [digital media lounge](#) facilitating online and face to face interaction by UN officials, international leaders, bloggers and journalists. A few media lounge passes are available for Fellows - contact [Lynn Broadbent](#) if you are interested and for all other US queries.

All Fellows travelling in the US are welcome so do let us know if you are passing through.

Nominate a Friend

Do you know someone who you think should be a Fellow? Do you have colleagues, friends or contacts who could benefit from the opportunities of Fellowship?

[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 handy to complete the form. If you have any questions, please contact the [Fellowship team](#).

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