



Welcome to the RSA Fellowship newsletter - 18 May 2009

Welcome to the fortnightly Fellowship newsletter, a regular insight into the various activities, projects and events that are happening throughout the RSA Fellowship network.

News and Events



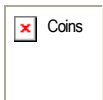
Fellowship Council- Last chance to nominate

There are only a few days left to nominate yourself for the **Fellowship Council**.

On the 20 April we announced the creation of a new representative Fellowship Council which provides an opportunity for Fellows to become further engaged with the work of the Society. If you are considering nomination the closing date for Council candidate statements is **12pm on Friday 22 May**.

This representative body will allow for a more flexible and transparent framework to support Fellows' engagement with the RSA and improve communication between the organisation and its membership, working on projects such as the new Fellows' Charter.

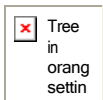
We're looking for a whole range of skills, expertise and interests to compose this Council in tune with the diversity of the Fellowship. To find out more on how you can nominate yourself for election or to see who to go to with any questions, please take a look at the **Fellowship Council on the RSA website**.



RSA Scotland Venture Fund Update

Two FRSA Projects Awarded Funding

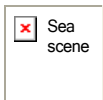
In its first round of applications and following the **article** in 6 April edition of the newsletter, the RSA Scotland Venture Fund has awarded funding to two fantastic FRSA projects. The Venture Fund supports our move to put Fellowship activity and ideas at the heart of everything we do. To find out who won the awards and for further information about how to contribute ideas to the next round please **read more**.



Fellows Action on Climate Change

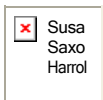
The RSA has a long history in advocating sustainability and action against climate change. Our ongoing commitment to the potential for citizens to act together to address social issues has never felt more relevant.

Through our interaction with various Fellows' networks we know lots of Fellows are involved in the **Transition Towns** movement that encourages behaviour change at a local level to protect the environment. Do you have any ideas for how a Fellows' network might support and extend the fantastic work lots of agencies and enterprises are doing in this area? For further ideas and how you might help, please **read more**.



Cymru Network

The 27 May marks the next instalment of the RSA Cymru Network. This month the Network travels to Aberystwyth for the first time. The Network in Wales has not been in operation for very long but the early signs have been very encouraging. If you would like to find out more or come along please **read more**.



Fellow's Profile

RSA Fellow, Susan Saxon-Harrod, is Chief Executive Officer of CAFAmerica. **CAFAmerica** was founded in 1992 as a member organization of the London-based CAF International Network, which provides charitable financial services to nonprofits, individuals and companies.

For over two decades Susan's important work in London and with CAFAmerica in the US has focused on building stronger individual

North

Due to feedback from Fellows, we have changed the time, day and venue of the Newcastle Encounter:

On the third Wednesday of every month, Fellows will be meeting at The County in Gosforth. Come along and meet other RSA Fellows in Newcastle to share ideas and projects you're working on, discuss what you need help with and offer your support to others. We'll be there from 6pm until about 8pm but as it's a relaxed affair, please feel free to drop in and out.

You are welcome to play it by ear but you can also **register** so that we can be expecting you.

South

Join our expert panel at the RSA House as they assess key findings and give recommendations for a wider vision of learning and its assessment in **'The Future of 14-19 Education and Training: Quality learning delivered through partnerships'** on Wednesday 10 June, 6.30pm.

Don't forget that if you cannot be at an event in person you can always **listen live** to the event. Alternatively, you can subscribe to our **podcast** for past events and watch filmed events on **RSA Vision**.

East

The Norwich network meets every other month, and the Chelmsford project group meets monthly. Further information about activities in the area will be coming soon. In the meantime please contact **Michael Devlin** with any questions.

Wales/West

Fellows are encouraged to attend a City Network taking place on Wednesday 27 May at Aberystwyth Arts Centre from 6.20 - 8.20pm. **View**

and societal links to philanthropy, and advancing research in support of non-profit development. Susan discusses her leadership role at CAFAmerica and her enthusiasm about joining the RSA Fellowship below.

“My work with CAFAmerica is dedicated to improving channels between charitable organizations worldwide and a vast array of untapped American donors in order to help engage an increasing numbers of individuals and corporations in international philanthropy. CAFAmerica makes it possible for foreign nonprofits to build effective relationships with US Donors. I have been very proud to help CAFAmerica grow into the strong organisation it is today. From the smallest individual gift, to the largest corporate foundation that CAFAmerica has facilitated – I know that my work will improve the lives of individuals and families in need; assist foundations in need of more resources; and support nonprofits intent on changing the world.”

On joining the RSA, she said: “It is indeed an honour to be elected to the RSA to meet Fellows with such a diversity of expertise that could help inform the work I do in making international philanthropy a part of everyday life. I hope that my knowledge of charity and community needs can assist the RSA’s international Fellowship network. The creative goals of the Fellowship, specifically projects that are aligned with the charitable aims of the Society, are of great interest to me personally. I hope to work within RSA’s network and share my knowledge and experiences to help advance its projects and research.”

“I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to interact with RSA Fellows here in the USA and abroad, and eager to apply my expertise in the areas of global philanthropy, charitable giving and nonprofit development. My work with CAFAmerica will in many instances help inform projects at the RSA, and my personal and professional resources are nicely aligned for this new Fellowship role.”

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.

You can help shape the future of the RSA and develop Fellowship networks.

Nominate a Fellow

Fellows are passionate about joining forces to achieve positive change. Do you know more like minded people – optimistic, innovative and engaged – who can help us build a better society together? Please [nominate them](#) to join! You will need to log-in and have your membership number handy to complete the form.

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 editorial decisions will be final.

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from 6.30-8.30pm. [View further information and register](#) for the evening.

For further activities in the region please contact [Chris Luffingham](#).

Scotland

All Fellows are invited to the upcoming Edinburgh City Network which takes place on the last Thursday of each month – it is an informal opportunity for Fellows to meet each other and build relationships across a diverse range of professions and interests.

The next get together will take place on Thursday 28 May 5pm – 7pm, at [Le Monde](#) 16 George Street, Edinburgh. If you would like to let us know you are coming, please [register quickly](#).

International

USA

Current US Fellows initiatives include a discussion [When should a problem be approached with philanthropy and when should it be approached with investment?](#) and a [call for entries](#) from Peter Lawrence who is looking for designers who contribute their talents to charitable activities, for a unique grant program.

Further discussions can be found at the [American Coffee House](#) or contact [Lynn Broadbent](#), US Fellowship Director, for more information.

Australia

Informal Fellows' networking event at 6:30pm Wednesday 20 May at the Carbine Bar, RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne. The evening will also provide an opportunity to discuss events, initiatives and plans for RSA in Australia. We are keen to hear more about the passions of our Fellows and to establish more activities in Victoria. Please RSVP to [Paul Vittles](#) by 19 May.