

## Welcome to the RSA Fellowship newsletter - 2 November 2009

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## News and Events



### Future of the City of London Network

In September 2009 an event was held to launch the "Future of the City of London Network". This was led by Maurice Button FRSA and was a great success, with many Fellows from the financial community in attendance. The last two years have had a significant effect on the City and the financial services industry and Fellows discussed the causes and looked at what could be done to re-establish confidence.

Building on the momentum from the inaugural meeting, we are pleased to announce the first in a series of regular events for the network. This will be a debate on the compatibility of the City's bonus system with an ethical culture, which will be held on **Thursday 26 November**. For further information and if you would like to attend please [read more](#).



### Social Media Programme in Peterborough

The Social Media programme, aligned to the [RSA CitizenPower](#) project, reviews the role that technology can play in the development of social capital, through digital inclusion and engagement. The programme runs a series of Social Media sessions or surgeries. *If you have a community project that would benefit from your attendance at a session or have social media skills that you wish to share we would like to hear from you.* The next event is in Peterborough on **25 November** and is aimed at enhancing Fellows' interests and skills in the field of social media. To find out more and register your interest [read more](#).



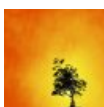
### FRSA activity around the world

Fellows' networks are an accessible way for Fellows to meet, discuss local activities and projects, and start on the road to affecting change in their local area. Since a [news story](#) appeared in the newsletter in April 2009, city networks have been growing globally, driven by Fellows inspired by the idea of connecting to others locally. There are recent examples of new networks in Singapore, Paris and Australia. You can see a [global map](#) of all the networks on the RSA website.

The RSA Singapore Community network, started by 3 Fellows inspired by the announcement in the newsletter, will be having its inaugural meeting on **Thursday 5 November**, with guest Milicia Bravacic, a European artist living in Singapore. This is a local starting point but the aim is to develop links with other networks worldwide. If you wish to attend please contact [Tom Gartside](#).

In addition to the Brussels City Network which has been up and running for over a year, the Paris network will be launching at the end of the month on **Thursday 26 November**, for local Fellows, friends or anyone visiting Paris at the time. This is another chance for Fellows on the European mainland to connect and discuss local issues. If you wish to attend or find out further details please contact [Georgina Browes](#).

Please find your [nearest network](#) but if there's not one in your area and you wish to start one up please [contact us](#).



### Leeds Network Discussion

The spread of Networks over the UK and worldwide means Fellows get a chance to meet and discuss a number of topics. At the next Leeds City Network on **Tuesday 10 November**, Mike Goodfellow-Smith FRSA will be presenting an individual's response to climate change. To read his paper and find out more about the Leeds network [read more](#).

## South

Join the [South Central](#) online space or [South East](#) online space to connect with local Fellows.

New monthly breakfast network in Brighton - [find out more and register](#). First meeting **20 November**.

Please contact [Olivia Rainford](#), Networks Manager for all other queries about the region.

## RSA

Join us for Sir John Rose's lecture, "[Creating a High-Value Economy](#)", chaired by RSA Chairman, Luke Johnson on **10 November at 6.30pm** at the RSA. Sir John Rose, Chief Executive of Rolls Royce, will be discussing why high-value manufacturing should be the cornerstone of a balanced economy.

Alternatively you can always [listen live](#), or you can subscribe to our [podcast](#) for past events. Filmed events are available to watch on [RSA Vision](#).

## North

The North East now has City Networks in Tees Valley, Durham and Newcastle. The next one will be in Durham on **Tuesday 3 November**. If you would like to attend the Durham Encounter further details can be found on the [Virtual Coffeehouse site](#).

For further details about this area please contact [Judith Friedman](#), Networks Manager.

Join Fellows at the Manchester City Network on **Thursday 12 November** at the City Inn in the Piccadilly Bar. Fellows meet here on an informal basis monthly so if you would like to attend please contact [Vivienne Long-Ferguson](#) or [Stephen Forshaw FRSA](#).

## East

On **Friday 6 November** at



### FRSA Project in South Africa: Bethesda

Throughout the world, RSA Fellows are contributing to tackling barriers to social change. In the Eastern Cape of South Africa Jeni Couzyn FRSA, has set up the Bethesda Foundation and the **Bethesda Arts Centre**. It is a unique resource that provides training, education and a platform for the emerging talents of artists from township communities. For further information and to see how you can help [read more](#).



### Get Involved in the North East

Two exciting events are coming up in the North East looking at different aspects of public services in the area. On **4 November** the RSA is collaborating with the IPPR on a symposium *After the Downturn: The Future Role of Public Services in the North East* and then on **11 November** in association with MIND Hartlepool is *Paths to Wellbeing*. This strategic conference will look at improving health and wellbeing for all in our communities. Fellows are encouraged to attend so to find out how and for further information please [read more](#).



### Fellow's Profile- Malcolm Noble

Malcolm Noble FRSA has led an engaging and inspiring **project** redesigning his local town centre, Chelmsford. He talks here about the project and his motivation for joining the RSA:

"My career has been in education, having been a London secondary school Headteacher since 1990, and I am now an education consultant. Initially, I joined the RSA because education was a priority and I wanted to take advantage of the many opportunities to attend lectures and participate in debate. I also subscribed to the RSA's core values: stimulating thought and encouraging actions designed to achieve social progress. I soon sought ways in which I could be involved more actively.

As Chair of the RSA's Chelmsford group, I have led on a community engagement initiative that was facilitated by the East of England Regional Committee, and supported by the RSA Networks team. The project has **featured** previously in this Newsletter. We have established a Forum in partnership with the **Chelmsford Borough** and **Essex County Councils**, business and local organisations, with the aim of enabling communities and individual citizens to influence the future development of Chelmsford Town Centre. My involvement connects my commitment to the RSA to, hopefully, benefit society. If you would like to attend the **next event on 6 November**, to look at the next steps of the project, please [let me know](#).

[*On what I would change in society*] My focus would be on educational disadvantage. I am involved in the work of an educational charity, as a Director of the Royal Caledonian Schools Trust and consultant to its Scottish education project. I have also worked in deprived areas of London and seen at first hand how targeted additional support for learning can change the life chances of children and young people. The job of government is to utilise the skills and energies of councils, private providers and voluntary organisations to deliver innovative and locally designed solutions. A recent piece of inspirational news I've been informed of is the progress of beneficiaries of an educational charity - the success of these young people shows what can be achieved through timely intervention."

If you wish to get involved with the Chelmsford project Malcolm is leading on please [contact him](#). The next event is taking place is on **Friday 6 November** at Chelmsford Borough Council. You can find further details of the event on the [East of England webpages](#).

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.

### Who to contact at the RSA



To find out exactly which staff member you should contact at the RSA please see the [contacts page](#) on the RSA website.

And finally...

2pm, Progressing the Chelmsford Forum will take place at the Council Chamber, Chelmsford Civic Centre.

The next steps in progressing the Forum and the Chelmsford redevelopment will be discussed and decided at this meeting. There will be a key note speaker. If you missed out last time and wish to be invited to the meeting, please contact [Malcolm Noble](#).

Please contact [Clare Reilly](#) or [Gladys Jones](#) with questions about any events in this region.

### Wales/West

On 17 November at 6-8pm, Matthew Taylor will be attending a Fellows event in Cardiff. If you would like further details please email [Chris Luffingham](#).

Visit [Wales & West](#) or [South West](#) pages for more events and contacts in the area.

### Scotland

If you are in the area please come along to the [Glasgow City network](#). The next evening will take place on **Tuesday 10 November** at **Cafe Gandolfi**, Glasgow from 5pm. Please see the [website](#) for more information on upcoming evenings.

Please email [Judith Friedman](#) with any queries about regional activities.

### International

#### USA

**Are you interested in an elephant for rent?** Bliss Browne is coordinating a tour for Nomkhubulwane, a life-size elephant sculpture recently created in Durban from recycled truck tires, who will visit a number of US cities in 2010.

Visit the [American Coffee House](#) for details of this and other events around the northeast USA this month including: the [World Energy Engineering Congress and Expo](#) in Washington DC on **November 4** where Fellows are offered complimentary registration, the **November 5** visit to [Sikorsky](#) in Stratford to see green technology in action, and [Sustainability and the Mega City](#) in New York, **November 6**.

Nominations are invited of Fellows interested in

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.

### 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 decisions will be at the editor's discretion.

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standing for election to the [RSA-US](#) Board of Trustees at the US AGM on **December 1** in New York City. Please contact [Lynn Broadbent](#) for further information.

### Brussels

On **Monday 9 November**, there will be a screening of RSA Chair, Luke Johnson's inaugural Lecture "*The Importance of Invention*" at [The Centre](#). The event starts at 6pm and will be followed by a debate. For further details please see the [RSA Europe pages](#). If you would like to attend or for any queries please contact Networks Manager, [Georgina Browes](#).

### Australia

For further information about any of the new networking events in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane, please contact [Leigh-Ann Shannon](#).