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## News and Events



### His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh

It is with great sadness that we announce that His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, is stepping down from the Presidency of the RSA on his 90th birthday in June – after an incredible 59 years of tenure – the longest serving President in the history of the Society.

His Royal Highness has been amazingly supportive of the RSA throughout his long association with us and of course proper acknowledgement will be given in the forthcoming issue of the Journal. We will also be able to provide further news about the future Presidency to Fellows very soon.

In the meantime, we are delighted that His Royal Highness has agreed to chair a **final Prince Philip lecture** at the House, which will also be livestreamed, for us on **Thursday 10 March**, when we will be able to thank him formally for his tremendous contribution to our success over the years.



### 2011 RSA President's Lecture

On **Thursday 10 March at 6pm** broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough will present the **2011 RSA President's Lecture** in the Great room.

**Book now** to reserve your place at the event.



### First £5k Catalyst grant awarded

The Catalyst panel met in January, and for the first time an extra grant of £5,000 was available for previous Catalyst award winners. Six projects applied for this grant and it went to a project running an outreach programme to get a neighbourhood to use Recolight's free light-bulb collection service. Fellows also submitted 17 projects for first-stage Catalyst grants.

The panel deemed one to have met the criteria – awarding it £2,000 – with the remaining funds now available to February's panel. [Read more...](#)



### Women Speakers' Network: Join us on 8 March

This RSA Fellowship Women Speakers' Network, led by Fellow Louise Burfitt-Dons, aims to encourage more women to participate in public speaking. Over the last six months, Louise has been working with a range of Fellows to provide opportunities for debate and discussion about the representation of women in public discourse.

On **Tuesday 8 March**, International Women's Day, the Network is holding an event in association with the English Speaking Union. [Read more...](#)



### Fellows' Profiles - courtesy of the New York network

The **New York network** meets monthly and is benefitting from the combined leadership of Seren Page-Bailey, Katherine Lordi, and Charlotte Cooper, three quite different Fellows coming together for a common purpose:

### What do you do, and why did you join the Fellowship?

*Charlotte Cooper:* "I'm the Director of Marketing for Women's eNews - an award-winning, nonprofit news service. I've worked in women's rights and independent publishing since 2006 and have found all my passions rolled into one position here in New York. I help leverage the positive message of international gender inclusive

## In brief

A selection of activities taking place worldwide...

### Governance Advisory Group

The composition of the Governance Advisory Group is being completed in accordance with the motion passed at the AGM. Trustee representatives will be Luke Johnson (who will chair the first meeting), Naaz Coker and David Archer. The first meeting is scheduled for **Monday 21 February**.

### Melbourne

Fellows are invited to the first 2011 networking event in A&NZ, taking place at Victoria University, Melbourne on **Wednesday 16 February, 6pm**. Professor David Lamond will discuss the focus for the event: *Learning the lessons: Recovering trust in the banks post GFC ...is it possible?* View details on the [A&NZ blog site](#). Contact [Leigh-Anne Shannon](#) to book your place.



### Hexham network launch

The first meeting of the new Hexham Encounter will be taking place on **Tuesday 15 February, 6pm** at the **Tap & Spile**, Hexham. With the NE at the beginning of an exciting programme of activities, projects and events, this is an ideal place to become involved. We look forward to seeing you at the launch.



### Ipswich: Glory of Failure

An evening meeting in Ipswich on **Tuesday 8 March**, hosted by University Campus Suffolk, will explore The Glory of Failure. David Hillson FRSA and Esmee Wilcox FRSA will discuss issues around failure and risk, as well as introducing The Failure Files



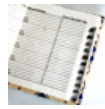
help to share the positive message of international gender equality news reporting and provide some support for our Arabic sister site. I joined the Fellowship in 2010 because I wanted to meet people who wanted to make a change, rather than just complain about the inequalities that exist."

**Katherine Lordi:** "I am a sole practitioner attorney; my private practice is located in Bloomfield, NJ, a suburb of NYC. Most of my work involves family law, personal injury, real estate, and small business matters. Meeting with other professionals whose experiences are more global than mine is enlightening and balancing for me. I joined the RSA in 1987 and have enjoyed meeting with Fellows at a variety of interesting events including lunch with the Queen at the Library of Congress; I always enjoy the interchange of ideas and experiences."

**Seren Page-Bailey:** "Twenty years ago my thirst for a career in fashion textiles brought me to the States from the UK, propelled along the way by an RSA Design award received in my graduating year. Having benefited myself, I am keen to see RSA Award schemes grow in their impact and reach. I have stayed a Fellow over the years, while continuing to work in a variety of New York fashion houses."

**Read more to find out why Seren, Katherine, and Charlotte joined the Fellowship and how they would like to connect to other Fellows.**

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

**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 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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including the RSA award fees, a forthcoming series of essays. The seminar will also be available as a webinar. More details on how to attend in person or participate online are available on the [RSA Fellowship social network](#), or by contacting [Esmee Wilcox](#).

#### RSA

Join us on

**Thursday 17**

**February, 1pm for**

*The Age of Polemical Journalism?*

when Peter Hitchens, David Jordan and John Lloyd debate whether the current rules on impartiality are outdated in the internet era. [Book now.](#)



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Filmed events are available to watch on [RSA Vision](#) or you can [download the RSA Vision app](#). Android and iPhone version now available!

#### USA

Join us at the

February 8 meeting

in [New York](#) as

mentioned in the [Fellows' profile](#), where Lynn

Boardbent, US Director will

be attending. She and

Michael Ambjorn, RSA Head

of Networks in London, will

attend the [Chattanooga](#)

[meeting](#) on **February 9.**

Boston Fellows will meet on

**March 2** at [Harvard](#) hosted

by Helen Shenton, recently

appointed as the first

Executive Director of Harvard

Library. Congratulations

Helen! Seattle Fellows are

invited to a presentation on

[Digital Government and](#)

[Innovation](#) at Artefact on

**February 9.**

For further events and

discussions, please visit the

[American Coffee House](#).

Contact [Lynn Broadbent](#) with

any questions about

Fellowship in the U.S.



#### 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](#).

