

## Welcome to the RSA Fellowship newsletter - 7 March 2011

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## News and Events



### Big Jump conference in Gateshead

Fellow Dr James TerKeurst has designed the Big Jump Conference - an event to signpost, inform and raise awareness of what Social Enterprise is; how it works and how to build it. The conference is taking place **Thursday 31 March** at the Sage Gateshead and will address the Big Questions facing the evolution of Social Enterprise. This was made possible following a successful [RSA Catalyst](#) application. [Read more...](#)



### President's Lecture screenings worldwide

Broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough will present the 2011 RSA President's Lecture on the **Thursday 10 March 2011 at 6pm**. Live screenings of the event are being hosted around the world. Currently Fellows will be meeting in Belfast, Chattanooga, Glasgow and Newcastle to watch the lecture and debate what is discussed. The live coverage can be accessed through the RSA website. [Read more...](#)



### Social Entrepreneurs network update

Since the [Social Entrepreneurs network](#) launched in April last year, a core group of Fellows have met regularly to discuss and solve the problems social enterprises face. The [Social Enterprise Spotlight](#) initiative was launched from this, a case study of eight different social enterprises as they develop over the next 12 months, complemented by quarterly events. The [next event](#) is on **Tuesday 15 March** looking at Advisory Boards and Mentoring. [Read more...](#)



### RSA launches new architectural competition

[The Resourceful Architect](#) is an open call for ideas about the future uses of architecture from the RSA and [The Architecture Foundation](#). Ideas can be entirely new and prompted by this call, or they may be already in development; they may also be completed but under-exposed: above all they should be resourceful. A shortlist of ideas will be presented before an international panel of critics and an audience of potential collaborators, patrons and clients at a public 'Day of Ideas' in the RSA's historic Great Room on **18 May 2011**, with mentoring and a cash prize for the best. For more information and entry information, [read more...](#)



### Fellow's profile

Wendy Tansey FRSA talks here about the [SIT STOP](#) project in Richmond which stemmed from the 2005 Coffeehouse Challenge and why she would like to connect with other Fellows:

"I work primarily with young people as a mentor. I help at a local school with their 'Gifted and Talented' students as well as acting as a Business Mentor in the [Young Enterprise Scheme](#) at another school. Additionally, I am a board member of the social enterprise, [Yarrow](#). This is a housing association working primarily in West London which helps people with learning difficulties lead as independent lives as possible. Needless to say with the current changes that is a more difficult task than ever."

"My other, growing, area of involvement is SIT STOP. This is a voluntary group based in Richmond which has its origins in the 2005 Coffeehouse Challenge. Our objective is very simple, to get shops and offices to make a seat available - even if you are not a customer - to the elderly, unwell, pregnant or those who are just off

## In brief

A selection of activities taking place worldwide...

### RSA Catalyst deadline - March

If you have a new or early stage project, take a look at [RSA Catalyst](#) on our website to see if you are eligible for seed funding and Fellows expertise through the [Skills bank](#). The next RSA Catalyst deadline is **Sunday 20 March**.

### Bristol

Join us for the first West region network of 2011, and catch up with Fellows from across the region. The region has been full of activity in the last 12 months. This event is a chance to learn from the success of the Bristol Network, the Catalyst fund and the Skills bank which are all approaching their first birthday, and how we can continue to develop the region. The event is on **Wednesday 23 March, 6.30-8.30pm** at 3rd Floor, Bush House, Bristol. [Register now.](#)



### Brighton

There are a few tickets left for the *Competition in the Age of Austerity* day salon on **Saturday 12 March, 10am - 4:30pm**. Tickets are £35 pp. In the morning, Matthew Taylor, RSA will be giving a keynote speech on sustainable citizenship.



Confirmed speakers include Julia Chanteray, President of Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce, Nicholas Showen, Founder of Jali Ltd, a bespoke architectural woodwork and furniture manufacturers, and Susan Meek, former Head of St Mary's Hall school who will outline their arguments for how the UK can tackle the challenges that lie ahead. After lunch, a [world café session](#) will gather ideas from the floor with the aim of

customer, to the industry, and then, program of those who are just on colour that day, if you see the logo in the window then it is OK to go in and sit down. I see my contribution to Fellowship being through SIT STOP which takes a growing amount of my time."

On what she learnt recently: "I recently learnt of the educational programme which has been built by the families of the Challenger 7 disaster. It was news to me, I thought that it was wonderful that the commitment to scientific learning which had been their mission objective was continuing."

On another interesting Fellow: "I think that I would have to nominate Madeline McGill who I have known for many years. It was she who encouraged me to join the RSA in the first instance. She is involved in so many fields, Trustee of a charity focused on orphans in Nepal, her local Village Committee, she is a supporter of the RSA London Groups events, is interested in music, endless reading and so on."

On what she would like to connect with other Fellows about: "I need help with **SIT STOP**. We now have 50+ locations in Richmond. We have Boris Johnson's endorsement that this is an idea which should happen throughout London. We have our first 'out of Richmond Borough' location wanting to take on the idea. We currently have a team of 5 people and we don't have all the skills we need. Help! We need...

- o someone who knows about franchising
- o someone who can improve our PR
- o someone who can put rationality and order into our disaggregated bits of information. Perhaps a central information directory is needed?
- o someone who can manage our website."

If you would like to contact Wendy and/or can offer help, you can contact her **by email**. Alternatively you can register in the Skills bank, a growing resource of Fellows who have registered their expertise and interests, which we then match to support this and other Fellows' projects making a social impact. You can register for this via **our website**.

*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.*

#### 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](#).

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#### RSA

Join us on

**Thursday 10  
March, 1pm for**

**Timebanking: Your Money or Your Life or Both?** as Martin Simon argues that the timebanking movement, which links people locally to share time and skills, has a key role to play in building more resilient and caring social networks. [Book now](#).



Remember, you can [listen live](#) to our events, or you can subscribe to our [podcast](#) for past events. Filmed events are available to watch on [RSA Vision](#) or you can [download the RSA Vision app](#). Android and iPhone version now available!

#### USA

The New England network met at Wadsworth House, Harvard Yard, on **March 2**. The historic house, built in 1726, was General George Washington's first headquarters and later a boarding house for students, among them Ralph Waldo Emerson. 23 people attended. Wadsworth House offers the group a centrally located and comfortable meeting space and a regular program of meetings is planned. The New England network is chaired by [Arthur Mark FRSA](#). In the spring Harkness Fellow [Dr. Emma Stanton](#) will be talking about her research into mental healthcare in the context of current US and UK healthcare reform.



For information on network events elsewhere in the US, visit the [American Coffee House](#) or contact [Lynn Broadbent](#).

#### 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](#).