

Welcome to the RSA Fellowship newsletter - 31 August 2010

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News and Events



Open Plaques project: Collaborative online historical resource takes shape

Open Plaques documents and collects information about blue (and other coloured) plaques in the UK and beyond. This open source website and digital learning resource is being built in a project led by Fellows Deirdre Molloy and Frankie Roberto. Fellows are invited to attend an event on **Saturday 25 September** in Kings Cross, London. The aim is to improve the ability of the Open Plaques website to use content from the public. [Read more...](#)



London Open House 2010: Visit the RSA

On **Sunday 19 September 2010**, the RSA will be opening the doors to its magnificent Robert Adam building, designed for the Society in 1774. The RSA House will be open from 12 noon until 5pm. This event is in conjunction with **Open House London**, the capital's greatest architectural showcase, in which hundreds of different types of buildings open their doors to the public for free. If you are in London, you are welcome to visit the House to learn more about the House's history, our services, and talk to other Fellows and members of staff. [Read more...](#)



Competition in the Age of Austerity - Brighton event

Fellows in the South of England are invited to attend a day of thought-provoking debate about how the UK can be optimistic, creative and innovative in the face of the economic downturn. The event, to be held on **Friday 24 September** in Brighton will feature speakers from a range of disciplines; in the afternoon, Fellows will be invited to contribute their ideas in a World Café discussion format to produce suggestions for a plan of action. [Read more...](#)



Fellow's Profile - Martin Stynes

Martin Stynes FRSA talks here about his work with international schools exchanges and how the **Fellowship directory** helped him to develop the latest programme:

"In 2007 I was invited to become a Fellow. At that time I was an Assistant Head teacher of All Hallows Business & Enterprise College in Salford and Ofsted had just judged us as 'Outstanding'. My contribution to the college both as an Art teacher and the coordinator for International Links and Development were mentioned as contributory factors in the school's success in promoting teacher and pupil exchanges and encouraging enterprise through Art and Sport."

"In 2002 the college began with an exchange of teachers and students from Cape Town under the banner of employing art and craft skills as a vehicle for developing small enterprise activities in the Township areas around Somerset West, Cape Town, South Africa."

"The following year, we broadened this theme to bring science teachers from Cape Town to Salford where our College and the Local Education Authority provided intensive training on Key Stage Three Science and Technology, and how it might be applied as part of their own science and technology programmes back home using their own, very limited resources. Up to 2008 we had brought over eight South African teachers and sent out eleven of our staff on these various programmes. All the staff benefited from their experiences, but it was the Salford staff that gained most I feel. Their teaching practice was judged to have significantly improved as a result of being exposed to the cultural and financial

In brief

A selection of activities taking place worldwide...

Portsmouth

Fellows are invited to attend a panel discussion entitled "*Can we take food for granted?*" taking place on **Thursday 9 Sept, 7pm**. Speakers from the former Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, the National Farmers Union and retailer Farm Fresh Express will discuss the challenge of feeding an rapidly increasing global population. Tickets are £7.50. [Book now to attend](#).



Newcastle

A Social Media Surgery will be taking place at the **Sage Gateshead** on **Thursday 2 September, 6pm**. Exploring topics such as the **Virtual Coffee House**, Skype, Nutshell Mail and blogging, this promises to be a useful and stimulating evening regardless of your level of technological expertise. For further information or to book a place, please contact [Jamie Cooke](#).



London

Recently an ambitious group of RSA Fellows have initiated a network that will encourage the traditional business model to become more active and effective in social, environmental and economic sustainability.



We are delighted to welcome you to the launch of the **Profit with Purpose Network** on **Tuesday 14 September 2010**. Join us to find out more about the objectives for the Network and how you can be a part of influencing positive change in this important sector. Introductions and networking 6pm, talks at 7pm. Central London venue to be confirmed shortly. [Book now](#)

as a result of being exposed to the cultural and financial constraints as experienced by their South African counterparts. Some background and updates to this enterprise can be seen on [my website](#)."

"I retired from teaching in 2008 and returned to painting seriously after a gap of 30 years since graduating from Goldsmiths College in the 1970s (my new exhibition can be seen in the Events section in the local online network, [Virtual Coffee House](#)). I am now part of the CIC Group called [Neoartists](#) in Bolton, Lancashire, and have been exhibiting in Manchester, South Africa and Norway."

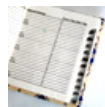
"However, I was called back into service last year to provide the same type of exchange programme for Preston College Sports Department. After a year of planning and organisation, a group of six rugby specialists went to South Africa at the beginning of August as the guests of The Barbarians RFC in Mossel Bay, South Africa. Along with seventy kilos of equipment, the team embarked on a two week goodwill and exploratory visit to share training expertise and other essential areas of knowledge to do with youth engagement, and sustainable programmes for youth sports development in the local township areas."

On connecting with other Fellows: "The [Fellowship directory](#) proved invaluable in the planning of this latest enterprise. Fellowship of the RSA is contingent upon upholding the principles of 'removing the barriers to progress' and in our local and national meetings and discussions this is self-evident. I felt that this would also be the case in other regional and national groups within the society, and that the variety of expertise and willingness to share would be the same elsewhere. Many other types of network are predicated by occupation, profession or interests, but the RSA is the only forum with such breadth, scope and variety of experience that I know of. It was natural therefore that I consulted the [Fellowship directory](#) in the early stages of this project. I was able to access and make contact with an RSA Fellow in Johannesburg who became my local advice base in South Africa; particular thanks must go to Dr Ivan May in Johannesburg for his kind support and encouragement."

"Making use of the [Fellowship directory](#) will become my default starting point in future projects. I say this because I know I'm not the only one who can see the potential in otherwise seemingly unconnected ideas and activities; those others are in the Fellowship and they are in the directory too, wherever they may be."

"Therefore, as an artist, teacher and organiser I hope to continue my contribution to the RSA, collaborating with others and using the full resources which the RSA puts at our disposal."

If you want to connect with Martin about his work or ask how he used the Fellowship directory, get in contact [by email](#).



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!



RSA Projects online networks

Following alterations on some of the FRSA social networks following the [Ning.com](#) pricing change, the [RSA Projects team](#) recently reviewed their social network 'ning' sites. As a result some have closed or will be closing shortly. The *Route Maps to Recovery* and *Tomorrow's Investor* nings have closed; *Arts & Ecology* and *Arts for COP15* sites will be closing in September. Our [Citizen Power](#) and [Action for Age – Mind the Gap](#) nings will be continuing. For further information contact [Katy Evans](#).

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?

to attend.

RSA

Join us on **16**

September,

6.30pm for an event

on *Transforming the Energy Sector – The Future of Energy Companies in a Low Carbon World*. Sam Laidlaw, CEO of Centrica plc, the UK's largest energy company and parent of British Gas, will give a keynote address on how the energy sector needs to transform to meet the low carbon challenge while maintaining security of supply.

There will be additional comments from Lord Turner, Chair of the Committee on Climate Change and the Financial Services Authority, who will respond to Sam Laidlaw's address. The event will be chaired by James Harding, editor of *The Times*. To book [visit our website](#).

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](#).

USA

After a brief summer hiatus, the next US newsletter will go out immediately after Labor Day. Meanwhile, visit the [American Coffee House](#) for details of upcoming meetings and events. September events include: [a seminar on 21st Century Cities in Providence](#); a presentation on [LEED platinum design in Chicago](#); a visit to the [Salk Institute in San Diego](#).

Looking ahead, submissions are invited for the [December 3 Dupont Summit](#) in Washington DC: *Report Card at Midstream – the Obama Administration Faces Science, Technology & Environmental Policy Issues*. Contact [Lynn Broadbent](#) for further 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 [nominating your](#)



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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