



Ideas and actions for a 21st century enlightenment

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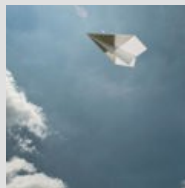
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The RSA in 2011 - what's next?

2011 has been an amazing year for the RSA with an extra school added to our family of academies, millions of views of RSA Lectures and Animates, cutting edge reports and huge strides with Fellowship activity.

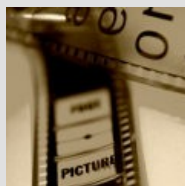
[Read more of Matthew Taylor's message](#)



Enhancing Life Chances by Improving 'Satisfactory' Schools

Our *Satisfactory Schools* report launched last week gaining a flurry of media interest including Professor Becky Francis, our Director of Education appearing on the Today programme. According to the report, Ofsted should change the term 'satisfactory' to 'performing inconsistently' in its rating system for schools.

[Read and share this report](#)



Have a creative Christmas!

RSA films have been seen by nearly 50 million people worldwide, so there is a massive audience in store for the winning entry in the RSA/Nominet Trust short film competition (as well as a £2000 top prize!) The competition closes on **Thursday 19 January**, so if you haven't yet got going on your film, get cracking over Christmas!

[Start your creativity or share with those around you](#)

Get involved

Google / RSA Interactivism Challenge

Google, the RSA and other partners are searching for innovative web-based solutions to help young people into work, education or training. Submit your web-based ideas on how to improve this by **Wednesday 25 January 2012**, and your idea could be turned into a working prototype by Google's top software engineers.

In your network: Kathleen Alder FRSA

"I am from a very musical background and have a deep passion for music and the performing arts so I believe everyone should have an opportunity to experience and fall in love with the arts," says Kathleen Alder FRSA, Director of WildKat PR, a communications company specialising in classical and contemporary music.

[Find out how to submit your ideas](#) ▶

Catalyst grant winners collaborate at workshop

To tie in with the RSA's Albert Medal presentation to a leading social entrepreneur, the RSA brought together the Fellows leading social ventures backed by RSA Catalyst for an afternoon of workshops and presentations.

[Find out more about the Catalyst workshop](#) ▶

Kathleen has a new start-up, Culturefull, a website which will allow first-time concert-goers to attend an event with an experienced advocate, encouraging people to experience the arts in a non-threatening environment. She would like to talk to Fellows with an interest in this area as well as anyone with online or fundraising expertise.

[Find out more and connect with Kathleen](#) ▶

Coming up



Best and worst speeches of 2011

On **Thursday 15 December, 1pm** writer and columnist Sam Leith explores the art of rhetoric from Aristotle to Obama and rounds up the best and worst speeches of 2011.

[Find out more](#) ▶



RSA House refurbishment work in January 2012

From **December to July 2012** parts of the RSA will undergo a long-awaited refurbishment project. The aim is to create a technologically advanced space that is fit for the 21st century. Parts of the House will be closed and to allow us to undertake this work there will be adjusted access routes during this timeframe of work. The Vaults restaurant, Gerard bar and Library will continue to function as they presently do. From **1 January 2012** the Durham Street Strand door will be our main entrance until completion of the works anticipated in June 2012.

[Find out more](#) ▶



What's next for youth services in Kent?

Plans to cut youth services in Kent in a bid to save nearly £1m have been unveiled by Kent County Council. Social enterprises are likely to fill this gap and Fellows from the Canterbury network are meeting to explore ways to support them. If you have an interest in this field, join the discussions online at the [Social Entrepreneurs network](#).

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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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