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News and Events



RSA Activity in Australia

Exciting developments have been taking place throughout Australia, with more to come! There are now active City Networks in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Perth, with Canberra launching at Government House on 28 September 2010. RSA A+NZ has also launched a new award for 2010 – 'Young Achiever of the Year' – along with 'Social Innovator of the Year'. [Read more...](#)



Doctorpreneurs leading the way in healthcare social enterprise

New RSA Fellows and doctorpreneurs Emma Stanton and Claire Lemer have been actively involved in encouraging fellow doctors to be more engaged in healthcare management and policy through the creation of a new social enterprise called **Diagnosis**. Diagnosis is keen to learn from the skills and expertise of other RSA Fellows. [Read more...](#)



Spring RSA Journal and new Comment platform

Whether you receive your Spring RSA Journal through the post, or read it online, you can now submit your own opinion piece on Journal articles, as well as many other subjects, using our new dynamic web space, **RSA Comment**.

Crucially, it is a space where you can share your views on issues at the heart of the RSA's mission to encourage human fulfilment and social progress.

In the next few weeks, we will be starting off various streams for RSA Comment including public participation and citizen power in the run up to the UK general election. We hope that you will join in. [Read more...](#)



Brussels, Paris... and now Amsterdam!

RSA activity is going from strength to strength in continental Europe! Tomorrow, on March 30, Netherlands Fellowship will be launching their local network. For more information on how you can get involved, [read more](#).



Come and visit us at UK Aware - 16 and 17 April 2010

UK AWARE is the UK's only green and ethical lifestyle exhibition - providing tips and hints, products,

In brief

A selection of activities taking place worldwide...

Amsterdam Tomorrow:

Amsterdam Fellows in the Netherlands are invited to attend the Amsterdam network on **30 March**, Cafe Wildschut on Roelof Hartplein in Oud Zuid at 5pm. Friends and colleagues welcome. For more information, email Networks Manager, [Georgina Browes](#)



Edinburgh

Edinburgh Fellows in the area are invited to attend an Ideas Exchange with Matthew Taylor on **29 March**, 5pm at Morton Fraser, Edinburgh. You can help build the future of the RSA. [Find out more and register to attend](#).



RSA

RSA President's Lecture 2010: Political scientist and author, Professor Bjorn Lomborg gives the 2010 RSA President's Lecture. Chair: HRH Duke of Edinburgh. It will be held on **5 May** at 6pm.



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

Surrey Local Network

This month, join us



services and inspiration to help people live a more sustainable, greener lifestyle. We have **20 free passes to give away**, so if you would like to attend with friends or family (who don't need to be Fellows), visit the **UK Aware website** and enter the code RSA2010. **Find out more...**



Fellow's profile - Suzi Clark

Suzi Clark is the Director of Marketing and Fundraising at the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease (NACC) – a medium-sized charity founded 30 years ago in St Albans which aims to support and inform sufferers of these chronic lifelong illnesses (known jointly as IBD or inflammatory bowel disease), and also to raise funds for research, and welfare aspects of living with IBD.

"I joined the Fellowship in 1994 in order to attend the lectures and be at the forefront of new thinking in the arts and manufacturing. I tend to see the links between areas of thinking and practice that have not conventionally been partnered."

"As an accidental multidisciplinary, I enjoy and embrace the chance to work outside the usual pigeon-holes of disciplines, in order to find the added value on the perimeter where one circle of thinking crosses another. I think it comes from the excellent education I received in Libya, that I was encouraged to always ask "why?" ... it can be wearying for colleagues, at times! With experience in the arts, education and now the health sector, I offer a unique perspective."

On what she would change in society: "The way in which citizenship is promoted to the young, and the way in which elections are held - to encourage participation. I'd also encourage philanthropy in society from a much earlier age, using practical benefits to motivate and support those who give, for example greater tax benefits."

Suzi is always inspired by genuine entrepreneurs, such as a lady she heard from this week who, despite being very ill with Crohn's Disease, is designing and launching a new range of attractive swimwear that would support the use of a stoma bag.

On what she has learnt this week: "On 8 May, when we're hoping to lead an awareness-raising walk for our Crohn's and Colitis charity across Trafalgar Square and down the Mall, we've had to pay £250 to Royal Parks to walk along the pavement! Despite this, I love it when charities and causes work together for the greater good."

On connecting with another Fellow: "I'd like to talk to other Fellows who have experience of living with IBD (Colitis or Crohn's) and could think of low-budget, effective ways of raising awareness in the 15 – 25 age bracket, which is when the conditions are most likely to first manifest. May is Colitis and Crohn's month in the UK, with World IBD Day falling on 19 May.

Celebrities including Anastacia, Rick Parfitt Jnr, Carrie Grant and Jeff Hordley – have all stepped up, and we need still more icons to tell their stories of hope and achievement against the odds. Visit the campaign website, **Step up and be counted.**"

"I'm also a volunteer coordinator for the British Schools Exploring Society (BSES), and have been struggling to get appointments to

for a special screening of an RSA Lecture, followed by an open discussion of the issues raised. It will be held on **9 April** at 6.30pm at The Lightbox, Woking. **Vote for your choice of lecture** and **register to attend.**

USA

USA New York: A discussion on **urban sustainability and the New Architecture for the 21st Century** took place last week to set out the sustainability program for the rest of the year.



New England: a series of three meetings has been scheduled beginning with **New Paradigms in the Workplace** in Boston on **May 6**. Look out for details of April-May meetings in Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles and Chattanooga which will be posted on the website and on the **American Coffee House** as they become available.

All Fellows are welcome to attend US events and to sign up for event notifications and US newsletters. All Fellows are also welcome to join in the discussions on the American Coffee House, such as an **interesting thread on nutrition and health**. For more information, email **Lynn Broadbent**, US Fellowship Director.

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 citing your recommendation. Please note, you will need to log-in and have your membership number handy to complete the form. If you have any questions, please contact **Laura Billings**.

talk at schools in Herts, Beds or Bucks to tell fifth and sixth formers about the fantastic expeditions this serious science research and expedition charity offers every year. Any suggestions as to how I get the message about the opportunities available to more young people would be greatly appreciated. I believe that time spent exploring the last great wildernesses of our planet offers a life-changing experience that can provoke entrepreneurship and inspiration in the young."

Get in touch with Suzi Clark by [email](#).

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.

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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