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News and Events



A letter from RSA Chair, Luke Johnson

The RSA has a lot to celebrate at the moment. However, we also recognise that, like any other organisation, there are things that go wrong. I would like to invite you to a Q&A session for Fellows at the RSA on **18 November 2010, at 4.30pm**.

Together with other Trustees and members of the executive team, I will be answering questions about the RSA's work, governance and the AGM. [Read the full letter](#).



Doing Business in the Tower of Babel: Bilingualism Matters and the RSA

[Bilingualism Matters](#) and the RSA will be hosting an evening event at the Scottish Parliament on **Wednesday 10 November, 2010**. Sponsored by Malcolm Chisholm MSP, this event will explore the success of the Bilingualism Matters Project to date, and the implications of bilingualism and multilingualism for Scottish businesses in the globalised economy. Bilingualism Matters is a project led by Fellow Antonella Sorace. [Read more...](#)



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The 2020/RSA Public Sector Reform Summit

Chancellor George Osborne has announced the biggest UK spending cuts for decades. The [2020/RSA Public Sector Reform Summit](#) taking place on **Tuesday 9 November** will discuss the political and economic landscape post spending review, and discuss how public services can respond to adversity by mobilising citizen and social resources to create better social outcomes.

Renowned political and public service reformers along with senior academics and government leaders will discuss the opportunities and tensions in localism and the Big Society. They'll ask how we can develop models which work with the grain of social networks and strong neighbourhoods, at the same time enabling local service integration and promoting equity. [Book your place now](#).



RSA Cymru's next steps: what could we do?

RSA Cymru Wales will host its first Annual Fellows' Forum at the Wales Millennium Centre on **Saturday 6 November, 11.30am-2pm**. Come along and help shape the future of the RSA in Wales. [Read more...](#)



RSA Women Speakers' Network: launch event

The RSA Fellowship Women Speakers' Network is a Fellows' initiative that aims to inspire more women to participate in public speaking. On **Tuesday 9 November**, the network will hold its launch event at the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, London. In addition to providing a forum for discussion and debate, the network is hoping to provide opportunities for group mentoring for women who wish to improve their confidence or technique when speaking in public. [Read more...](#)

In brief

A selection of activities taking place worldwide...

Sheffield: Last chance to book!

Join us for the [FRSA Hub event](#) in Sheffield on **Wednesday 27 October** from 2.30pm.



In what promises to be a provocative event, we will be exploring how to tap into the skills of the Fellowship and running workshops on social media, social enterprise network for the area, and RSA Catalyst, followed by an ideas exchange. [Book now to attend](#).

Cardiff

The RSA supported event "Emergence" takes place on the **Thursday 28 October** at Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff. Emergence is a series of creative, interactive conferences for people working in the arts in Wales. You can network, share ideas, ask questions and get tools for a more sustainable practice; celebrate the anarchic and unpredictable spirit of art and learn practical ways in which artists can make a difference in these times of ecological, economic and social instability.



More details and how to book a place can be found on the [Emergence website](#). Please contact [Chris Luffingham](#) if you would like further information.

RSA Tayside: V&A Event

Following the first meeting of RSA Tayside in Perth, an evening visit to the [V&A Planning Exhibition](#) in Dundee has been arranged for **Wednesday 27 October, 6pm**, to be followed by an informal supper and discussion at Byzantium. Partners and non-Fellows



Fellow's profile-Loic Menzies



Loic Menzies FRSA works across all divisions of the youth sector. He talks here of his experiences, what inspires him and how RSA Fellowship has

contributed:

"I'm lucky enough to have had experience of youth-work, youth participation, policy, teaching and school leadership. My work is therefore about bringing all of those together across the whole of the youth sector. Recently I've worked with lots of small social enterprises, schools, charities, teacher training providers and policy-makers. The reason I do it is because I believe passionately that young people need to benefit from outstanding services and that as a society we need to make sure that it equips them for their future."

On the joining the Fellowship: "I was nominated for an honorary Fellowship when I was 18 (I am now 25) in recognition of my youth participation work for **Changemakers**, Cambridge City Council and **Connexions**. The Fellowship has been part of my life ever since then. It's followed me through my time at University and some policy work I did for the Russell Commission, then as a **Teachfirst** teacher. As a member of St. George's R.C school's Senior Leadership Team it helped me think about some of the bigger issues in education. Finally now, in my life as a social entrepreneur in the youth sector, I find that the Fellowship is an amazing melting pot of ideas that has helped me link up with some inspiring people."

On what he'd change given the chance: "I'd like those who work with young people to look at each individual and consider what and where their needs are, and where they are not being provided so that support can be put in place. The support might be from a mixture of schools, youth clubs or any number of the fantastic social enterprises that I work with. What matters is that we can be absolutely certain that tomorrow's citizens have what they need to make the transition. At a recent RSA talk, **Al Aynsley-Green** spoke about his concept of nurture and that really struck a chord."

On recent inspiring news: "I think this year's GCSE and A-level results are amazingly inspiring. It's easy to lose it all in the grade inflation grumbling, but when we think that these are the leaders of tomorrow, I'm inspired by what they've achieved. I got a message from a St. George's pupil's mum today saying her son had got 9-A*s, 5-As and a B. This is in the school that's only claim to fame when I got there four years ago was the stabbing of Philip Lawrence and a 33% 5 A*-C pass rate. That progress is down to masses of hard work by pupils and teachers."

"Recently I worked with Mike Amos Simpson, a Fellow who contacted me through the RSA catalyst scheme. I found that my knowledge of schools, education and social enterprise meant that I had a very useful bank of knowledge to draw on when supporting him. I hope to do a lot more of that." [Editor's note: Loic registered in the **RSA Skills bank** in order to collaborate with the student publishing project led by Mike. Visit [our website page](#) for more information and to register.]

"I'm really keen to find more opportunities to share my ideas and discuss them with more people. I've recently developed a **new website** and joined **Twitter** (@LKMco) and would love any ideas people have on how to make the best use of these."

Get in contact with Loic [via 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!

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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are welcome to join Felloes for this stimulating visit. The exhibition is closed on a Wednesday evening but will be opened for the RSA and another group. To confirm your place please contact [David MacLehose FRSA](#) by Friday 22 October.

Leicester

Fellows are invited to attend a lecture at De Montford University, Leicester on **Wednesday 10 November**, 6pm, with Professor Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy at City University's Centre. For more information visit the [West Midlands online network](#).



RSA

Join us on **Tuesday 2 November**, **6.00pm** for *Why Rights Aren't Wrong* where Maggie Atkinson, Children's Commissioner for England gives her inaugural speech at the RSA, championing the rights and interests of young people. [Book now to attend](#).



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USA

This is a busy month around the North American networks, with Network meetings in Chattanooga, **Vancouver**, and a drop in sessions in Manhattan with Lynn and later in the month with **Frances Gallagher** of RSA Scotland and the Fellowship Council. Fellows' events include: **Social Innovation Match Making** in Washington DC; **Crisis Management in Business: Supply Chains, Business Partners and Sustainability** in New York; the **Creativity World Forum** in Oklahoma City. Check the **American Coffee House** for details. Fellows who visit the US are welcome to join the US mailing list by contacting [Lynn Broadbent](#).



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

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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