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News and Events



2010 AGM

You will soon receive your papers for the 2010 AGM, to be held on **Monday 6 December at 5pm**, in the Great Room of the RSA. Any Fellow is welcome to attend and vote; as long as Fellowship fees are not in arrears.

There are a number of important issues on the AGM agenda so if you cannot attend the AGM then **please ensure you complete a proxy vote**; these papers are included in your AGM pack. For more information, please visit [our website](#) or contact us on 020 7451 6907.



RSA Academy: join us for the opening

The RSA Academy opened in September 2008. We are now delighted to invite RSA Fellows to attend the special Fellows' opening event of the new RSA Academy building on **Monday 22 November** by Academy Principal, Michael Gernon. The Fellows' opening event will include a full tour of the new build and facilities. [Read more...](#)



Invitation to join judging panels in London schools

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a unique and dynamic programme that offers young people the opportunity to engage in the world around them, beginning in their own communities. YPI is a combination of classroom learning with hands-on experience. Following last year's successful event, YPI is delighted to invite RSA Fellows to sit on the judging panel at schools' final events. [Read more...](#)



Fellows' projects awarded next round of Catalyst resources

RSA Catalyst and **RSA Skills bank**, together helping Fellow-led projects with grants and pro-bono expertise, is pleased to announce three new ideas to regenerate local communities. Each project contributes to community regeneration in a slightly different way and we hope that there will be some great successes and lessons to be learned for urban and rural communities from these projects. [Read more...](#)



Launch of Fellows' network in Canada

Charles McCaffray and Stephen Murgatroyd are launching a Canadian Fellows' Network with an inaugural event in Vancouver on **Thursday November 25**. Discussion will center around a presentation by Donald Simpson entitled *A New Renaissance? Challenges for the First Half of the Twenty First Century*. The network will take place from 6.30pm. [Read more...](#)



Fellow's profile - Carrie Fitzsimmons

Carrie Fitzsimmons FRSA is the Executive Director for **ArtScience Labs** which is an international network of creativity and innovation labs founded by Harvard Professor David A. Edwards. She talks here of the need for creativity and why the RSA Fellowship inspires her:

"**ArtScience Labs** aims to promote socially beneficial innovations through cultural experimentation at the frontiers of science. ArtScience Labs performs around fifty experiments annually to engage the creative minds of hundreds of students, artists, designers and scientists around the world, with innovative outcomes. I am also the Founding Director of the **ArtScience Prize**, which started in Boston and is now being replicated both

In brief

A selection of activities taking place worldwide...

Chichester

Fellows are invited to attend a special meeting of the Chichester network, taking place on **Monday 15 November** from 6.30pm. We will be focusing on the seed fund, **RSA Catalyst** so this is an opportunity to find out how your ideas can be turned into action.



Joining us at the network will be Alex Watson, RSA Catalyst and RSA Skills bank coordinator. To book your place and find out more information please register on the [event page](#).

Leeds

Please join us for the 2010 Edward Boyle Memorial Lecture on **Tuesday 30 November** to take place at the University of Leeds. The event will feature Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive, RSA exploring modern concepts of citizenship and how engaged, resourceful and creative members of a community can inspire a better future based on freedom, fairness and progress.



The Edward Boyle Memorial Lecture has been funded from an endowment left to the RSA from the Edward Boyle Memorial Trust, which was founded in memory of the Rt. Hon. Lord Boyle (1923-1981) and focused on education, learning and music. [Book now to attend.](#)

Peterborough

Join us on **Tuesday 16 November** for the return of the RSA Citizen Power Peterborough Network at the Great Northern Hotel. Please join us from 5.30pm to 7pm.



The theme for this event will

nationally and internationally."

"I believe that we need more creativity in everything we do from education and culture to commerce. Bringing art and science together is a catalyst for innovation. We work with students around the world, encouraging them to believe in themselves and dream big ideas. Every year we have an annual scientific theme from which we create seed ideas that the students use as a starting point to develop their own ideas. Our theme this year is the Future of Water. What is the future of water? What can we do now to make this future as bright as possible? These types of questions will guide young people around the world as they create art and design ideas at the frontier of science."

"I joined the RSA because the organization, its purpose and the Fellows are a complete inspiration for me. I wanted to be a part of the international group of Fellows who have a commitment to social progress and who share the same values as me and have the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with other Fellows."

"I hope my work with the [ArtScience Prize](#) and [ArtScience Labs](#) will ultimately have an impact on our education system and culture. We need to encourage people to take risks (you learn more from your failures) and get out of silos. I want people to come to the table and say "the solutions of the past aren't good enough, we're going to try something different." We need to completely rethink how we educate our youth for the future. I want to inspire young people everywhere to believe in themselves and encourage them to go beyond what they think is possible."

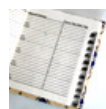
"I am inspired by the recent exposure of education issues in current media, such as the Education Nation series on NBC and the Waiting for Superman movie. As this topic moves into popular media, it is sparking intense debate and varying opinions on the state of our educational system. I am excited that people are actually talking about what's going on in education, what's working well and what's not, and bringing that conversation to the forefront of public dialogue."

On connecting with another Fellow: "Recently I have spoken to Russell Willis Taylor, President and CEO of National Arts Strategies. Russell and I are a part of a national group that has been meeting to discuss creativity. The group has formed [National Creativity Network](#) (NCN) which is launching on **Monday November 15th** in Oklahoma City at the [Creativity World Forum](#)."

"I would like for interested Fellows to participate in the [National Creativity Network](#). The vision for the NCN is to spark state and national movements to create environments - in our schools, in our workplaces, in our communities and in our public offices - where every person is inspired to grow creatively."

For more information on the [National Creativity Network](#) please contact Carrie [by email](#).

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.



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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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](#).

be The Peterborough Curriculum project, supporting schools to co-design a curriculum with partners from the community. We look forward to meeting you at the Network and to confirm your interest please sign up to the [Citizen Power social network](#) or email [Viv Long-Ferguson](#).

Bristol

Fellows are invited to attend the next Bristol Network taking place **Tuesday 16 November from 6.30pm**.



This month the Network welcomes Thomas Neumark, Associate Director of Connected Communities. This event is likely to be very popular - to register your place please visit the [event page](#) or contact [Chris Luffingham](#).

RSA

Join us on

Thursday 11 November at 11am for [Beyond Fiscal Fables and Greek Myths – the honest debate about our economic future](#). Shadow Chancellor Alan Johnson will discuss how to tackle the deficit in a way that is fair and meets the long term needs of the economy. [Book now to attend](#).



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

New York Fellows with an idea to share are invited to join Lynn Broadbent for coffee on **November 10** on a drop in basis. Alternatively if you are based in Washington DC, please join her for lunch on **December 3**. Email [Lynn Broadbent](#) for details of both meetings.



Visit the [American Coffee House](#) to see details of other network events and conversations taking place around the country. All Fellows travelling through the US are welcome.

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?

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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