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Whole Education Project

In response to the RSA's hugely popular [Education Charter](#), the RSA, in partnership with a number of other leading third sector organisations involved in education, are launching the Whole Education movement. **Whole Education** supports education that knits together academic, practical and vocational learning calibrated to the potential of each individual. To find out more information on the project and Education campaign, please [read more](#).



Climate, Copenhagen and Consequences

A special event is taking place on **24 February** in New York looking at Copenhagen and the outcomes of the **COP15** talks featuring Nikhil Chandavarkar in conversation with David A. Andelman. RSA Fellows are invited to the event which brings together two thought-leaders to offer expert perspectives on the key issues coming out of the COP15 talks. What are prospects for an effective global climate change treaty? What was achieved and what is left to do? For more information on the event, [read more](#).



Redeveloping Freeman Street and the Grimsby Network

As highlighted in a recent Fellowship newsletter ([19th January issue](#)), Richard Bellamy FRSA hosted an event on 4 February, assembling over 70 stakeholders and supporters of a major urban regeneration project led by the Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby.

The project aims to regenerate the Freeman Street area which forms part of one of the most deprived wards in the country with historic social problems. An **RSA Grimsby Network** has been launched, targeted to create the best possible standards for the project. The first meeting will be **4 March**. For more information on the network and project [read more](#).



The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative invite RSA Fellows to join judging panels in London schools

The **Youth and Philanthropy Initiative** (or YPI) offers pupils a 'hands on' experience of philanthropy that provides them with the skills and awareness to make a positive difference to their local communities. It is an active citizenship programme that raises awareness among young people of philanthropy's role in supporting civil society. YPI is inviting RSA Fellows to sit on the judging panel at school's final events. To find out further information on the initiative and how to get involved, [read more](#).



Fellow's Profile - Rajeeb Dey

Rajeeb Dey is the Founder & CEO of [Enternships.com](#), a idea which came out of the RSA Coffee House Challenge awards in 2006. He talks here of the value of creating a culture for young entrepreneurs and how he would like to engage with the Fellowship:

"[Enternships.com](#) is a portal that connects start-ups and small businesses around the world to talented students and graduates looking for entrepreneurial work placements. At a time of unprecedented levels of graduate unemployment and fewer jobs in the corporate world, we're working to connect talented graduates to the hundreds and thousands of small, dynamic and entrepreneurial firms who traditionally have not had access to top talent on campus.

In brief

Please see a selection of activities taking place worldwide...

Isle of Wight

FRSA Isle of Wight network launches on **Monday 22**



March, in Ventnor at the Buddle Inn from 6.30pm. Please join other Island-based RSA Fellows for an informal evening of discussion of what's in store when the RSA takes off on the island. Greg Slay, Deputy Chairman of RSA South Central region, will also be in attendance. [Find out more and register to attend](#).

For further information on this network and all activities going on in the area please visit the [FRSA South Central online site](#) or contact the local Network Manager [Olivia Rainford](#).

Perth

The next meeting of the RSA Perth City Network will take place on **Monday 22**



February 2010, 12 noon at the [Curtin University Centre for Entrepreneurship](#).

The speaker and facilitator is Professor Lynn Allen from Curtin University and the topic will be "Leadership in a Complex World". To find out more details of this event and other activities taking place in Australia and New Zealand please [contact A&NZ](#).

RSA

Come and join us for RSA Thursday event, [Visions of the Good Society](#) on **Thursday 4 March, at 1pm**.



W.G. Runciman, one of Britain's most eminent sociologists will argue that Plato's *Republic*, Hobbes' *Leviathan*, and Marx's *Communist Manifesto*, were irredeemably naive in their assumptions about how human societies function and evolve, and how human behaviour could be changed.

The idea came to me while I was studying at Oxford and President of the enterprise society - [Oxford Entrepreneurs](#) - one of the largest networks of student entrepreneurs in Europe. It struck me that whilst bankers, lawyers, accountants etc. can all do 'internships' what can aspiring entrepreneurs do? The best way to learn about business (other than to start up your own) is to work in an entrepreneurial environment such as a start-up or small business but as students on campus we had no exposure to these forms of work placements. Hence [Enternships.com](#) started as a basic listing site to connect these two markets and the idea won an award through the RSA Coffee House Challenge in 2006. Since graduating in 2008 I have been working on making it a global stand-alone jobs portal and the site relaunched in May 2009.

At Enternships we want to be more than just an ordinary jobs board. We are working to create a culture change to make entrepreneurship be seen as a viable and rewarding career path and hope that with more students and graduates doing 'enternships', many will be inspired to set up their own ventures. We want doing an "enternship" to have the same kudos (if not more) as a traditional corporate internship and eventually become a word recognised in the dictionary!

I joined the RSA at the age of 18 as an Associate Fellow through the RSA's Young Leaders Award. It was something I was awarded for my work in establishing a charity when I was at school - the [English Secondary Students' Association](#) (ESSA) - a national organisation working to empower school students aged 11-19 by giving them a voice in their education. I have been a Fellow ever since (and am 24 now) and found the RSA to be an inspiring and forward thinking organisation full of fascinating people. I would like to engage with older and more experienced Fellows and learn from their expertise. An internal RSA Mentoring programme would be great where younger Fellows or those beginning a new venture/career change could be matched with a more experienced Fellow in the same field.

I am passionate about entrepreneurship and education and have already been involved with RSA projects such as the Coffee House Challenge and have worked with the Education Team on [Whole Education](#) and the Education Charter, through my work at ESSA. I hope to continue contributing in any way I can through making useful introductions and participating in future projects and initiatives, especially in the arenas of entrepreneurship and innovation.

I have recently been undertaking work with Pearson and am organising an event for the UK-India Business Council in association with Pearson, Edexcel, Enternships and Microsoft, entitled "Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship." The purpose is to explore whether India is equipping its next generation of entrepreneurs with the skillset they require to be enterprising and tackle some of its most pressing social and economic issues. In the process I have been inspired to learn about the fantastic work of social entrepreneurs in India and how support organisations such as [UnLtd India](#) are helping catalyse social entrepreneurs to create a huge difference in their communities. It is amazing to see what small sums of start-up financing can help achieve - especially in the social enterprise arena. I hope that we can do more to support social entrepreneurs around the world, and especially in places such as India. By 2025 India's population will surpass that of China (according to the U.S Census Bureau). What is even more interesting and potentially worrying is that over 50% of India's population is aged under 25. This poses a huge demographic challenge and makes the need for entrepreneurship a top priority, to ensure that India has more job and wealth creators, to avoid a situation where there are tens of millions of unemployed young people looking for work.

[On connecting with other Fellows] One Fellow I interact with regularly is Lenka Setkova, Director of the Carnegie UK Trust's Inquiry into the Future of Civil Society, a fantastic initiative which is looking at ways we can strengthen Civil Society and looking to 2025 to see what role it will play and/or challenges it could face in the future.

I am keen to connect with fellow entrepreneurs, small business owners who would like 'enterns' (who can post opportunities for free on our [Enternships](#) site), as well as those in the field of education keen on supporting the 'student voice' agenda and empowering school students to become proactive and engaged learners".

Know of an inspiring Fellow whom you'd like us to feature in the

On **Thursday 25 February at 6pm** RSA Events will be live-streaming [Connected: The amazing power of social networks and how they shape our lives](#) with Nicholas Christakis. To watch the event, go to the [Watch Live](#) page and tune in!

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

Dublin

Join Fellows and guests in Dublin on **Tuesday 2 March**, for the regular Dublin Fellows networking evening at [El Bahia](#) from 7pm to 10.30pm for lively debate and networking. This takes place the first Tuesday of each month. For further information please contact Marion Witton FRSA on the [RSA Ireland online space](#).



Grimsby

The RSA Grimsby Network as detailed in [Redeveloping Freeman Street and the Grimsby Network](#)" article is launching on **Thursday 4 March** at the [Kingsway Hotel](#) in Cleethorpes. For further details of the network and project please contact Richard Bellamy on the [East Midlands online space](#).



USA

Have you ever met someone at the airport under the sign that reads "Meeting Point"? That's what Fellows are now doing virtually on the [American Coffee House](#). The goal is to generate communication across networks in every state. Being a part of an active RSA network can be transformational for individuals, their organizations and their communities. [Read more on the US webpages](#).



Other discussions on the [American Coffee House](#) include [The Future of the Book - Cyber Alternatives?](#) and discussions on the upcoming climate change event in New York on **Feb 24** detailed in this newsletter.

US Fellows Meetings

Fellows will be meeting in [Chicago](#) on Feb 16 and in [Washington DC](#) on Feb 23. If you are in area please come along for lively debate and discussions.

next newsletter? Please [contact us](#) and let us know their name and details.



Who to contact at the RSA

To find out exactly which staff member you should contact at the RSA please see the [contacts page](#) on the RSA website.

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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Anyone who would like to receive the US Fellows' newsletter, which includes details of US activities and events and which alternates with this one, should contact [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 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](#).