

Sustainability Network Quarterly Newsletter – April 2017

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the RSA Sustainability Network Event on Thursday 23 March ([slides available here](#)). We had a great evening at St Katherine's Docks in London, with a thought-provoking presentation from [Clive Hall FRSA](#) (one of our Steering Group members), looking at the RSA's history and mission around commerce, manufacturing, and sustainability, and how our network can help to further that work.

Our network has grown and developed a lot over the last year. We now have nearly 400 members, a programme of four quarterly events per year, and eight sub-groups undertaking work on particular topics. These quarterly newsletters are one of the ways you can keep up to date with the network's activities. See below for opportunities to take part.

How you can get involved in network activity

RSA Engage: Creating a Sustainable Future | 5 June, 6 – 8pm | Applications for pitches now open

The [next RSA London Engage event](#) will explore ideas that have the potential to create a more sustainable future and is run in collaboration with the Sustainability Network. Join us for an evening of stimulating discussion, networking, and the opportunity to hear more about the RSA's work in this field in the Great Room at RSA House. If you'd like the chance to pitch at the event, find out more and apply [here](#) before 12 May or [book your place](#) to join us to hear and contribute towards Fellows' projects.

Sub-groups

Joining one of our sub-groups is a great way to get more involved in the network. Our sub-groups are action-oriented, and each aims to produce some useful outputs that contribute to their field. [Check out this document](#) for more information on the sub groups, details of their work, and how to get in touch.

Members' survey

We will be conducting an online survey shortly to find out more about what you would like to see from the network as we grow and develop. Stay tuned for more details and please give us your feedback.

Pinterest

Our network is on Pinterest – if you like to engage in a visual way, [take a look at the page and get pinning!](#) Collated by Steering Group member Hilda Varley, it is a visual collection of new and exciting technological innovations, government reports, products, services, and all aspects of living sustainably. These developing boards broadly align to the topics of the sub-groups. [Email Hilda if you're a fan of Pinterest or would like to contribute.](#)

Network Meeting Summary: Sustainability and the RSA

The RSA's Change Aim around Economy, Enterprise & Manufacturing is to '...bring together businesses, makers and entrepreneurs to understand and promote entrepreneurship, [sustainable](#) and innovative manufacturing and to create the next generation of socially responsible designers and enterprises' - an aim that closely aligns with our network's vision and objectives. Following our last meeting, there has been a lot of interest in convening some work around manufacturing, innovation, and sustainability. [Email Clive Hall to get involved](#) - Clive will be bringing together interested members in a sub-group to explore this further.

I hope to see you at one of our events soon!

All the best,

Susan Harris FRSA
Network Chair