

Dear Fellow

Thank you for your interest in joining the Fellowship Council.

RSA Fellowship Council

The Fellowship Council is a forum which bridges the gap between the Fellowship and the RSA. Fellowship Council members perform two broad functions, the first is to support Fellowship activity on the ground and the second is to bring Fellow expertise into the RSA. More detail can be found in the [Terms of Reference for the Fellowship Council](#).

We are seeking two types of Fellowship Councillor, area/nation based and thematic, through different appointment procedures. The different procedures for each are set out below.

Nation/Area Representation

England is divided into five areas, North, Central, South West, South East and London, with. This map ([link here](#)) outlines the boundaries for each area. If you are unsure which area you are in and wish to know, please contact networks@rsa.org.uk. It is not necessary to know this for your application as you will be assigned an area based on the contact details we have for you. Each area will elect two Fellowship Councillors, with a third councillor selected after the elections to ensure a diverse representation on the council (this diversity includes geographic diversity as well as age, ethnicity, gender and so on).

Each devolved nation elects two Fellowship Councillors.

The process for election to the council is as follows:

- Candidates complete the area/nation nomination form attached, along with a CV, by the 14th June
- A committee of Fellowship Councillors and Trustees will star those candidates they believe best meet the required skills and experience outlined in the role description
- All candidates will go forward to election, regardless of whether a candidate has been starred or not
- Elections will be held between the 10th September and 5th October
- The results will be announced at the AGM on 9th October

If you put your name forward for election and are not starred, you will have the opportunity to withdraw your candidacy.

Thematic representation

There are six councillors selected to represent the thematic areas of the RSA.

The RSA currently works in three areas:

- Public services & communities,
- Creative learning & development
- Economy, enterprise & manufacturing.

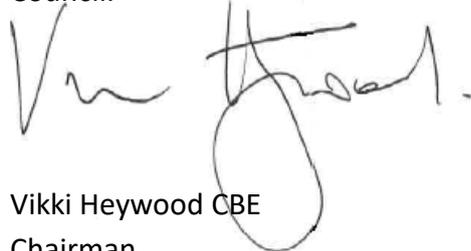
Two councillors will be selected for each area. The process for selecting thematic councillors is as follows:

- Candidates complete the thematic application form attached, along with a CV, by the 14th June
- A committee of Fellowship Councillors and Trustees will select those candidates they feel best meet the required skills and experience outlined in the role description
- The committee may decide to shortlist and interview candidates if they feel this is necessary
- The results will be announced at the AGM on 9th October

How to Apply?

If you are interested in applying for a role on the Fellowship Council, please provide a CV of no more than 2 A4 sides and complete the nomination form. Both documents should be submitted at [this link](#).

I would like to thank you for your on-going support for the RSA – without you our work would not be possible. I look forward to welcoming the new team to the RSA Fellowship Council.



Vikki Heywood CBE
Chairman

Role Description for Fellowship Councillors

Fellowship Councillors help play a key role in the RSA's engagement with Fellows, helping the RSA to nurture the best new ideas, and to ensure that the Fellowship's voice is heard within the organisation.

The term of a Fellowship Councillor is two years and it is possible to stand for election for one additional two-year term.

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Area

There are two Fellowship Councillors elected by other Fellows in Scotland, Wales, Ireland and each of the areas of England. Each English area has an additional Fellowship Councillor who will be selected after elections to ensure diversity within the Fellowship Council (this includes geographic diversity, as well as age, gender, ethnicity and so on).

The areas of England are North, Central, South West, South East and London.

Thematic

Thematic councillors are selected for the contribution they could make towards the RSA's Change Aims.

Why participate as a Fellowship Councillor?

Many Fellowship Councillors find the experience highly rewarding. In particular they value the opportunity to:

- Put their skills and experience to use to make a lasting difference to an organisation they care about
- Support other Fellows and contribute to what's happening in their geographic area or area of knowledge
- Learn more about the RSA and the work we do
- Work and network with interesting people from diverse backgrounds
- Enhance their transferable skills and broaden their experience.

All Fellowship Councillors are expected to:

- Support the mission and values of the RSA;
- Be an effective advocate and ambassador for the RSA;
- Participate as a full voting member of the Fellowship Council;
- Participate in the various committees and working groups of the RSA as necessary.

In addition, Scotland, Wales*, Ireland and English area Fellowship Councillors are expected to:

- Support activities of Fellows in their area;
- Work with staff (the Area Manager) to build activity;
- Understand Fellows' views in their area and feed this knowledge back to the organisation.

In addition, thematic Fellowship Councillors are expected to:

- Support the Fellowship Engagement team in the involvement of Fellows in RSA activity within their specialist area.
- Support activities of Fellows in their specialist area, including Fellow-led thematic networks.
- Understand Fellows' views in their thematic area and feed this knowledge back to the organisation.

Experience required to fulfil the role of Fellowship Councillor

The following elements are important for Fellows to be able to fulfil their role as a Fellowship Councillor. It is strongly recommended that they be addressed in your application/nomination form.

Area Councillor – experience required

- Familiarity with, and interest in, the work of the RSA;
- Experience of a volunteer role;
- Experience of at least one of the following (preferably with Fellows):
 - Creating successful networks and events;
 - Developing and delivering successful projects;
 - Supporting and developing people;
- Good interpersonal, networking and communication skills;
- Willingness to dedicate sufficient time to the role. The expectation is attending four half-day meetings in London and other activities which take a variety of forms, though a typical commitment would be monthly local meetings (usually online and in the evening) and active supporting (and starting) of local groups.
- Willingness to undertake this role without remuneration (other than reasonable out-of-pocket expenses).

Thematic Councillor – experience required

- Experience to be able to make a significant contribution to the direction of the RSA in one of the [three areas of our work](#)
- Familiarity with the work of the RSA in their area of experience;

- Good interpersonal and communication skills;
- Willingness to dedicate sufficient time to the role. The expectation is attending four half-day meetings in London and other activity which takes a variety of forms, such as attending two change aim panels per year, joining the Catalyst panel (for minimum one panel meeting per year) and supporting allocated thematic networks.
- Willingness to undertake this role without remuneration (other than reasonable out-of-pocket expenses).