

## RSA Sustainability Network – Sub-groups

*Sub-groups are one of the key ways the Network can take action on specific issues. The sub-groups are out-come focused, so each group aims to produce a physical output such as an event, a report, a think piece, an industry resource, a webpage etc. Because the Network is largely coordinated by volunteers, the aim is that sub-groups will be self-driven. Seven networks have been created so far and you can find out more about these and how you can get involved below.*

If you would like more information about the structure of the network and how to get involved please email Mark Hall at [mark.hall@rsa.org.uk](mailto:mark.hall@rsa.org.uk)

### Sub-Groups

#### **Consultation responses. Sub-group lead: Victor Anderson (CUSP)**

**Purpose:** Prepare responses to government consultations in relation to sustainability on behalf of the RSA/RSA Sustainability Network. Victor and members will keep an eye out for consultations on relevant topics and, where they arise, will circulate information to all Network members inviting them to contribute to the Network's response. Victor and sub-group members will then coordinate and prepare the response, with input from the RSA Board if necessary.

If you are interested in participating, contact Victor at [victor.anderson@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:victor.anderson@anglia.ac.uk)

#### **Pop-up sustainable department store. Sub-group lead: Talia Hussain (Ramnation)**

**Purpose:** The Sustainable Department Store project aims to bring together a wide range of products that have a compelling story about local production, positive labour practices, recycling or raw materials usage. We want to bring sustainability to the high street, by creating a familiar department store experience that shoppers recognise. Initially, we'll be aiming for a temporary store in a major shopping area, for up to a month in autumn 2017. If you are interested in participating, please contact Talia at [talia@ramnation.co.uk](mailto:talia@ramnation.co.uk)

#### **Hackathons. Sub-group lead: Farooq Allah (UKSSD)**

**Purpose:** To organise hackathons on key sustainability issues. The topics may vary. This group will coordinate and run the Hackathons. There has been interest from several members in an initial hackathon with Leeds Council, Forum for the Future and the Open Data Institute on a topic around infrastructure and climate change (yet to be fully mapped out).

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mark Hall at [Mark.Hall@rsa.org.uk](mailto:Mark.Hall@rsa.org.uk)

## **Sustainable Development Goals Deployment Freespace. Sub-group lead: Robin Dickinson (Green Growth Intl)**

**Purpose:** To provide an online “freespace” for members to share knowledge and engage on deployment of the SDGs. It will enable the RSA Sustainability Network to maximise the deployment opportunities presented by the SDG programme by providing a knowledge platform covering the Sustainable Development Goals, Targets and Initiatives; facilitating collaborative engagement internally between Network members, sub groups and external SDG initiatives.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Robin at [rdickinson@greengrowthintl.com](mailto:rdickinson@greengrowthintl.com)

## **Creativity and Sustainability. Sub-group lead: Anna Sexton (OpenToCreate)**

**Purpose:** The creativity & sustainability sub-group will develop conversations, ideas and actions to take forward around the themes of creative responses to sustainability, specifically looking across creative making and arts practices linked to sustainability. The first outcome of the sub-group will be to research previous work done by the RSA, for example the Arts & Ecology programme 2005-2010, and write a blog post/article about this for the RSA website/magazine indicating how the sub-group can build on this. The sub-group actively invites innovators within the fields to get involved.

If you are interested in participating, contact Anna Sexton at [anna@opentocreate.com](mailto:anna@opentocreate.com)

## **Students and Recent Graduates. Sub-group lead: Patrick Vickers**

**Purpose:** This group will link university students and recent graduates with organisations in the sustainability sector –i.e. to link those who want to work on a transition to a sustainable society with the people and projects in the professional world who are making this happen. There is a growing body of evidence that millennials would like to work for organisations that have a purpose, as opposed to purely profit oriented organisations. However, careers departments at universities are lagging behind the desires of young professionals. The RSA sustainability network can play a part in bridging that gap. The first phase will be an event that will target students from all of the London universities. Ideal speakers would be representatives from different fields of sustainability. It will encourage students and new graduates that there is a lot out there to get involved with, and the sector offers plenty of serious career paths.

If you are interested in helping organise the event or in speaking, please email Patrick at [patrickvickers1226@gmail.com](mailto:patrickvickers1226@gmail.com)

## **Health and Wellbeing. Sub group lead: Tabi Jane**

**Purpose:** The RSA Sustainability Health & Well-being group’s aim is to educate people on the necessity for well-being to be recognised as a key part of sustainability and will do this through producing a series of short informative videos on various topics related to sustainability and health and well-being.

If you are interested in getting involved please email Tabi at [earthtabi@earthself.org](mailto:earthtabi@earthself.org)

## **Other sub-groups**

*Several other sub-groups are currently in the early stages of development. These are listed below – please get in touch with the lead contact if you are interested in getting involved in these themes and might be interested in getting involved in a developing a subgroup.*

**Sustainability impact of RSA activities** - Professor Wendy Purcell [wendympurcell@gmail.com](mailto:wendympurcell@gmail.com)

**Visual resource of sustainable products** - Hilda Varley [hilda@straptrap.co.uk](mailto:hilda@straptrap.co.uk)

**User Centred Design** - Merryn Haines-Gadd [M.Haines-Gadd@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:M.Haines-Gadd@brighton.ac.uk)

**Benchmarks for householder resource use** - Tanuja Pandit [tanujapandit2@gmail.com](mailto:tanujapandit2@gmail.com)

*If you have an idea for another sub-group and are happy to lead it: please let us know by emailing the Chair, Susan Harris at [susan@srsustainablebusiness.co.uk](mailto:susan@srsustainablebusiness.co.uk) and RSA London Manager, Mark Hall at [Mark.Hall@rsa.org.uk](mailto:Mark.Hall@rsa.org.uk) briefly giving the topic, the outcome, and your contact details. We will then circulate this information to the Network calling for expressions of interest. If others are interested, we'll put you in touch so that you can form a sub-group and take things forward.*