



RSA Facts

The RSA moved to its current home in 1774. The House has remained a hub for enlightened thought and social activism ever since, with many of the greatest minds of the past two centuries passing through its doors.

Dear colleague

Thank you for giving my recent speech to the civic museums event such a warm reception. I thought it was a great event which I am sure will lead to more thinking and collaboration. On the invitation of Cheryl I wanted to tell you a bit more about the RSA's work on heritage and to make a personal invitation.

I spoke at the event about the [RSA Heritage Index](#) which combined over a hundred data sources to map heritage assets and participation across the UK. From this work we developed the idea of 'networked heritage' and created a network of RSA Fellows who are taking these ideas forward.

I'm glad to say that we are just about certain to undertake Heritage Index 3 later this year, hopefully this time using even better data and data visualisation. We are confident this will spark many conversations nationally and locally. Also, we expect to launch a new theme of work around the link between local heritage and inclusive growth. The idea here, as I mentioned in my speech, is to recognise that inclusion isn't only an economic concept but also a social and cultural one. Connection to place is important to people's sense of agency, resilience and hope and the connection between heritage and inclusion can bring heritage practitioners to the centre of one of the core debates unfolding in central and local government.

My invitation is for you – if you have not already done so – to consider joining the RSA Fellowship. As well as making all of the RSA's work possible, Fellows have access to the brightest new ideas, innovative projects, a diverse network of like-minded people, and a platform for social change. As I've said, heritage will be a big part of our work going forward, so given your expertise and commitment this would be a great time to get involved.

If this of interest to you, please email me at matthew.taylor@rsa.org.uk and I would be happy to tell you more.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Taylor', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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