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**RSA Academy**6 messages

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Dear Fellows

At our most recent gathering, in light of our discussion with Matthew Taylor, we decided to meet again to agree on the next steps for the RSA Academy idea.

Meeting at an early time was discussed, as was trying to advance our discussions by email exchange. It seems that new demands on my time this week, in particular to travel East, coupled with forthcoming commitments of others, dictate that I default to the email option.

The primary question is to the next step, if we are to take the Academy idea forward in any shape or form. A symposium on the subject has been proposed, involving a range of people, including younger citizens most recently the beneficiaries of a local education. Other issues include potential need for funding from the RSA, as discussed with Matthew.

I can see benefits in pursuing the Academy idea, in one form or another, because it provides a focus and is very worthwhile in itself as an issue to discuss and potentially carry forward. It is also evident that our consideration and furtherance of the idea could be challenging due to the relatively small size of our gatherings, coupled with the understandable inconsistency of attendance at gatherings due to the commitments which Fellows and Associates must juggle.

This email is intended to initiate response and it is respectfully invited. You may set out detailed comments or make a proposal for the next meeting. I continue to extend my invitation to have meetings in Squire Sanders boardroom but would also support other suggestions as to venue and time.

Kind regards

Glen

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

I think the Academy idea is a great focus and as someone very new to RSA philosophy and purpose, I think it is really worth pursuing.

I was greatly engaged with the "transformative learning" intention and can see that the form the 'academy' might take can emerge over time through engagement with a range of people and other creative approaches. Engagement with young people is a great place to start. Their energy, views and visions for the future will no doubt be a great springboard for deciding some further development of the idea.

Regards

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Hello, all

I thought I would continue the conversation by adding to Jamie and Helen's comments.

I agree that the idea of some RSA involvement in the future of education in WA is an interesting one.

Given the intermittent nature of our meetings, the varied attendance and the the huge idea of an RSA Academy, I will admit to feeling overwhelmed at the idea.

I think there are all kinds of dangers in making assumptions about what might be 'wrong' with the existing system.

However, as my interests are more at the conceptual phase of ideas, may I suggest that we organise a meeting to explore various worldviews. One place to begin is to hear from those people who have recently graduated (survived) the existing system.

Another place is to hear from people who can speak of the world into which any new cohort of students will emerge.

It would be good to hear from other RSA members (whether they attended the meeting or not) about what they think about the approach.

thanks again to Glen for keeping us on track and providing a space to meet. I am happy to join another discussion before our next schedule meeting if there is support for that.

cheers

Lynn

On 27/10/2011, at 9:31 AM, Jamie Robertson wrote:

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I think Lynn's suggestion to meet again is the best way to go. As a local chapter of the RSA, we need something to focus our attention on. The notion of a RSA Academy in Perth is worthwhile and I would be glad to contribute my thoughts on this.

One of the key things to discuss is the scope of the project and what we need to do collectively to make it happen. We also need to know whether we are truly committed to a project that will prove challenging and absorb a significant amount of our time. If we can't make this commitment, we shouldn't start it.

Robert Ely's paper provides a good overview of what we need to do to get things going. If we are going to tackle this, I agree that we need to engage the RSA and WA schools as soon as possible.  
Could we set a date for a meeting in the next week or so?

Regards,  
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Hi all,

My belated contribution...

I like the idea that we contribute some of our resources to improving the quality of education and that we do that in an innovative way. My interest in participating in the RSA was as a reflective space where we would be stimulated by a wide range of topics and we could reflect upon those to expand our horizons and to deepen our capacity for thoughtful reflection. So I'd prefer that RSA Academy project be one of the stimuli and not the major focus of the Perth RSA, hence I'd support a sub-committee pickup up the project and keeping in regular contact with the overall Perth 'chapter'.

I'm a compulsive social analyst so I'd be happy to take up a role with the Academy to provide reflections on how I see the project as a part of both conscious and unconscious community dynamics. This could potentially help to provide a rich picture of the context in which the Academy will operate as well as helping the project to work in concert with existing educational systems.

As for the functioning of the larger Perth RSA group, I'm happy to work with Glen and others to create a program of events for next year that is stimulating, rewarding and challenging.

Regards  
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