

RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP - REUNION/AGM SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2011

1. **Present:** R Sealey, R Maher, A Shepherd (for the President)
2. **Apologies:** D. Hollingsworth, S Courtney
3. **Terms of Ref:** It was **AGREED** that the terms of reference for the sub committee should be:
To organise all arrangements for the reunion/AGM meeting, including costings, and to report back to the Fellowship Executive for approval.
4. **Date of the Reunion:** The sub committee considered two dates, 10/11 September and 17/18 September. It was decided to recommend the 17/18 to the Fellowship Executive. The reason for this was because the sub committee thought that those dates would be *after* the TUC annual conference. It was **AGREED** that Roger would confirm the date of Congress this year.

[Please note that confirmation was received from Roger on 24 January that, although there have been changes to the organisation of Congress – with a one year external and a one year internal cycle – Congress *would* be held between 12-15 September, at Congress House with a slightly smaller number of delegates than usual (this is the internal part of the cycle)]

5. **To review the Booking Form:** It was **AGREED** that the Form be amended as follows:
 - Add: ‘Do you have a disability’ Yes / No; If ‘yes’, what support do you need: Hearing, Visual, Mobility (eg need the use of a wheelchair), Other (please state).
 - Add: ‘Course(s) taken at Ruskin’

It was **AGREED** that a draft be prepared for the next meeting.

It was also **AGREED** that we emphasise that this will be the last year the Fellowship meets at Walton Street and therefore it may be the last chance to see the building and rekindle old memories.

6. **To review arrangements for sending out the Booking Form:** It was confirmed that invitations and booking forms are usually sent out with the College mailing of the Summer edition of the Newsletter in late June. It was **AGREED** that we check how many members are on email and:
 - Send information out early to those on email
 - Check with the College if Richard could be provided with the database to enable him to do this.
 - Possibly set up a Fellowship Facebook page. Roger to check costs of doing this.
7. **To review what papers should be made available:** It was **AGREED** that the following should apply:
 - That information sent out should be in pamphlet format but probably in A3 size rather than A5, as it was last year. The pamphlet would contain the calling notice, a summary report from the Executive Committee, a brief history of the Fellowship and the programme of events.
 - For the AGM we should provide; 1) the agenda, 2) the minutes of the last AGM, 3) written reports from the officers, 4) a written report from the College Council reps. We may also be able to produce a Fellowship History Pamphlet for this year.
8. **To review the structure and theme of activities:** It was **AGREED** that the theme should be: “What it means to be a student at Ruskin” and that there should we should develop a ‘history activity’ that can engage the members in reflecting on their time at the College (eg working in ‘year’ groups, reviewing photos, members bringing in their own photos/memorabilia).

It was proposed that we have fewer speakers. The Principal would be the ‘key’ speaker. It was also suggested that Stephen Yeo would be a useful speaker in terms of the history theme.

In terms of the social activity it was **proposed** that the duo which provided music last year be re-engaged if possible. It was also **AGREED** to contact the local co-op for raffle / quiz prizes. Roger to provide a contact.

Looking forward to 2012, the group felt that Tony Benn would be appropriate for the centenary Reunion.

9. **Next meeting:** Sunday 17 April 12-1