



Summary Report from the Executive Committee September 2009 to June 2010

Key Points:

1. **The Fellowship Constitution:** The Constitution was discussed at the February Executive meeting and at a convened special meeting in April. This work followed the work done by a sub – committee in the previous year. A draft revised Constitution will be available for the consideration of the AGM.
2. **Membership:**
 - **Numbers:** The current membership stands at 600 ‘live’ members; 3,590 on database but data not accurate in many cases.
 - **Alumni Database:** The Fellowship is working with the College to develop the Alumni Database and to improve the Fellowship’s membership records. Gathering information on such a large scale is a significant operation and it is in the best interests of the College and the Fellowship to work closely together on this project.
3. **Finance:** Sally Courtney became acting treasurer during the year. Fellowship officers are working with Sally to identify the best way of presenting information, dealing with gift aid, amalgamating Fellowship accounts, considering amalgamation with College accounts, identifying an independent auditor. Once again, it is essential to have a strong working relationship with the College on these issues.
4. **Summary - Fellowship Accounts: Year to**

	<u>31/12/10</u>	<u>31/12/09</u>
Balance Brought Forward	6877.35	5962.75
Income	516.16	2971.55
Total Income	7393.51	8934.30
Total Expenditure	119.62	2056.95
Income over expenditure	396.54	914.60
Balance Carried Forward	7273.89	6877.35

5. **Sub Committees:** One sub-committee was established during the year that has been given the working name of The Ruskin Education Project. Three Briefing Papers have been produced: 1) *Learning through Life*; 2) *The Learning Revolution*; 3) *The Way Forward*. One meeting was held on 27 March. The sub-committee is working on; circulating College literature in local areas; adult learning campaigns; writing the Fellowship History. Copies of the Briefing Papers are available on request.
6. **Working Agreement between the Fellowship and the College:** An agreement has been produced that clearly outlines what the Fellowship will do and what the College will do in the relationship. It also lists the services the College can provide to Fellowship members. Copies are available on request.
7. **Fellowship members on College Council:** The Fellowship has three representatives on the College Council. The Fellowship elects members for the three places at the AGM. Attendances this year have been as follows:
College Council (two meetings per year, December and June):
Possible attendances= 6. Actual attendances: 2 December; 3 June = 5
8. **Fellowship Officers for the Year:**
 - President: Jan Smith (resigned April 2010)
 - Deputy President: Debbie Hollingsworth
 - Secretary: Peter Russell (resigned April 2010)
 - Membership Secretary: Carole Orgell-Rosen
 - Treasurer: Sally Courtney (acting)
9. **Training for Executive Committee Members:** A training pack for Executive Committee members has been produced during the year. The training pack can be used independently of any formal training session.
10. **Absent Friends:** Mike Convery, Myrtle Risborough (1947-49), Hugh Gallagher.

PROGRAMME



FRIDAY Meet at Jude the Obscure, 54 Walton St. 7pm for drinks.

SATURDAY

10.30-11.00 Welcome and registration

11.00 – 12.30 Speaker 1: Jeremy Corbyn

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:30 Speaker 2: Audrey Mullender

14:30-16:00 Speaker 3: Tom Schuller.

16:00 Tea /Coffee

18:30 Executive members available to discuss in an informal setting:

- Items from the Summary Report
- The Pros and Cons of the proposed new Constitution
- Becoming an Executive Committee member
- Anything else members may want to discuss

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Social: Bar, quiz and perhaps some music.

SUNDAY

10:00 Ruskin Fellowship AGM 2010

13:00 Lunch

14: 00 Safe journey home.

Post AGM: It is envisaged that the first Executive Committee meeting will take place in early October. At this meeting, the AGM minutes will be considered, a plan of work for the year will be developed and sub committees identified. Any training needs for new members will also be considered.

THE RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP RE-UNION AND AGM 17, 18, 19 SEPTEMBER 2010 – WALTON STREET

Dear Fellowship member,

On the weekend of September 17, 18, 19 we will be holding the Fellowship Re-union and the AGM. This is the most important time of the year for the Fellowship because it brings together members to discuss the progress we have made over the year and enables the members to make important decisions regarding the coming year.

However the meeting also provides the opportunity to meet friends both old and new; friends that share the important experience of a Ruskin education. You are cordially invited to attend all, or part, of the weekend.

As you will see from the programme at the end of this leaflet, this year we have three speakers:

Jeremy Corbyn: Jeremy has been MP for Islington North since 1983.

Tom Schuller: Tom is the Director of Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning.

Audrey Mullender: The College Principal will update the Fellowship on College issues

The rest of this leaflet provides: A summary report of the work of the Executive Committee for the year; the programme for the weekend.

A separate application form for attendance at the weekend is also provided.

Debbie Hollingsworth (Deputy President Ruskin Fellowship)