

Royal School of Needlework

Friends Forum — Open call for young friends

The Royal School of Needlework (RSN) is the international centre of excellence for the art of hand embroidery. Based at the historic Hampton Court Palace, we offer a range of courses, from leisure classes to degree-level education, and are home to the renowned RSN Embroidery Studio. Our mission is to keep the art of hand embroidery alive and thriving through education, innovation, and heritage.

Our fundraising team is beginning work on several important new initiatives, and we would love to hear from younger voices who share a passion for hand embroidery and other endangered crafts.

We are creating a small **RSN Friends Forum**, a group that will act in an advisory capacity, offering ideas, feedback, and insight to help shape how we build and sustain meaningful support for the RSN, both in the UK and internationally.

We are particularly keen to hear from people under 35, ideally with some experience or interest in membership, fundraising, or community-building. To help broaden our international perspective, we will accept applications from around the globe.

The commitment would be light: around one hour, four times a year, usually via online meetings on Teams or Zoom (reliable internet access required).

In recognition of your time and contribution, forum members will receive a one-year RSN Stitching Membership, which includes a 10% discount in our shop and on classes.

If you'd like to be involved, we would be delighted to hear from you. Your perspective would be incredibly valuable as we shape this next step.

Please contact us at fundraising@royal-needlework.org.uk.