



The Ruskin College Fellowship

Dear Ruskin Fellowship Member

I am writing to you as a member of the Ruskin College Fellowship. I do hope you don't mind me contacting you but I am exploring the possibility of establishing a local Oxfordshire group of ex students. This letter is to ask if you would be interested in coming to an initial meeting to discuss this and express any views or thoughts on how you would benefit from such a group. My own current thoughts are that a local group could:

- Reflect on their time at Ruskin and share views and thoughts on how it has contributed to their lives, careers etc.
- Keep up to date on current issues affecting adult education and Ruskin, in particular
- Be updated on the current very significant changes happening at Ruskin
- Consider ways in which we might be able to assist the college at this time, and increasingly as the move to the Headington site gets closer. This may be particularly relevant to us as we still live relatively close to the College.

....but there may be many more, or different, thoughts you would wish to contribute.

I went to Ruskin College when I was 23 in 1972 for two years. I was part of the first intake of students studying for the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work. Those were extremely important and formative years for me and I have forever felt grateful to Ruskin College, and to Ted Morgan who led the Social Work course at that time, for the opportunities it gave me. Whilst being a life member of the Fellowship, there seem to have been few opportunities to meet and talk with past students and make any real contribution to the college. In discussion with current and past Officers of the Fellowship, it seemed the right time to explore the possibility of establishing local groups as a way of bringing people within a certain locality together a few times each year in an informal and relaxed way.

I see myself as purely a catalyst in this and have no fixed ideas as to how, or if, it could progress; this would depend on those who come together.

The meeting will take place on **MONDAY 4th OCTOBER at the college in WALTON STREET, OXFORD from 7.30pm – 9.00pm** to explore the idea and I do hope you will feel able to come. Professor Audrey Mullender, the College Principal, will be with us for at least part of the meeting. Please could you indicate on the slip below whether or not you would be interested/able to come, or e mail me at youngi715@aol.com . Please supply your e mail address if possible as this will help to avoid postage costs. Please bear in mind that there is no parking at the college but public parking is available in St Giles, nearby.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Stan Young

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I am/am not interested in exploring the development of a local group of ex-Ruskin Students.
I can/cannot attend the meeting on 4th October at Ruskin College, Walton Street, Oxford.

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E Mail address (please print) _____