



Hi,

Welcome to our third blog update! We hope it finds you well during this unseasonably warm October weekend.

Read on for the latest news from our management committee and alumni and don't forget to reply to this email or contact us at [secretary@rooseveltscholarship.org](mailto:secretary@rooseveltscholarship.org) or on 07767 797 335 if you have any comments or anecdotes to share.

2021 scholars meet with dignitaries



Ahead of their time in the US our two new scholars, Natalie and Zaimal, have been busy meeting with local dignitaries including the Lord Mayor, Cllr David Trimble (pictured above with Natalie).

Natalie was lucky to squeeze in a trip to the US Embassy in London too, fielding advice on organisations and places to visit during her scholarship.

Both scholars have also been invited by the Chair of Nottinghamshire County Council, Councillor Mike Quigley, to meet him in October and to attend part of the November Full Council meeting.

These meetings have become a tradition for newly appointed scholars, allowing them to raise awareness of their important projects and to pick up some diplomatic hints and tips before they take off for America.

Alumni Spotlight: Cllr Rebecca Langton, 2013 Scholar



Our 2020 Mayflower Scholar, Tom Cable, has been busy pioneering our new Alumni Spotlight series, where he talks to previous scholars about their NRMTS experience and how it has impacted their life going forwards.

Most recently in the hot seat was Councillor Rebecca Langton, 2013 scholar and Nottingham City councillor responsible for skills, growth and economic development. [Click here](#) to listen to Rebecca's reflections on her scholarship and its influence on her work in the city and her personal development.

Russ appears on East Midlands Today!



Our secretary and treasurer, Russ Blenkinsop, recently [appeared on East Midlands Today](#) to talk about taking action to limit climate change and avoid local disasters.

The news item was prompted by the publication of a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), showing that without immediate global action the average temperature of the planet will rise above the internationally agreed threshold of 1.5 degrees celsius.

Whilst the impact of climate change is often thought to be happening "elsewhere", Russ and his neighbours in Lowdham have experienced increasingly frequent and severe flooding in recent years.

East Midlands Today's environment correspondent, Sally Bowman, spoke with Russ in his capacity as secretary of Lowdham Flood Action Group to find out

more about the regional experience of climate change.

### Our next sustainability event

Following the great success of our previous sustainability events, organisers and 2019 alumni Sam Lux and Henry Franklin are planning another event in the near future.

Sam's important work on the upcoming COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference is quite rightly taking priority at present, but she and Henry will soon be inviting a UK and a US speaker to share their expertise on a specific sustainability issue once again.

From what we hear, it's looking like the next topic might be based on a space theme - so watch *this* space for more details!

In the meantime, if you own or work for a small UK business, you can help Sam (and the planet!) by [pledging to commit to Net Zero](#).

Thanksgiving Event - Save the Date





It's that time of year again! Our management committee are busy beaver-ing (turkeying?) away on plans for our annual Thanksgiving event, which this year will be taking place on **Tuesday 23rd November**.

COVID permitting, we're hoping the event will be a hybrid online-in person affair, but we'll be in touch with more details as soon as we have them.

Until then, get this date in your diary for another evening of fascinating reminiscences from high-flying alumni and a chance to catch up with scholars old and new.

News to share with us?

If you have news or perhaps memories from your own scholarship that you'd like to share with fellow alumni, please do get in touch by emailing [secretary@rooseveltscholarship.org](mailto:secretary@rooseveltscholarship.org) or calling/texting 07767 797 335.

Our alumni all have unique scholarship experiences and have gone on to do a variety of interesting things. If you can help us out in our efforts to capture these stories, we'd love to hear from you.

With all our best wishes for the autumn season,

**Rachel Armitage (Scholar, 2016)**

on behalf of the ***Nottingham Roosevelt Memorial Travelling Scholarship***

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