
RSE Young Academy of Scotland Alumni Policy

The Young Academy of Scotland (YAS) alumni hold a wealth of experience and knowledge about the activities and governance of YAS, and are encouraged to remain engaged and involved with YAS.

As stated in section 4.4 of the Statute of the Young Academy, former members of YAS, other than those whose Membership has been terminated, for example as a result of Disciplinary procedures or failure to pay membership fees, are Alumni.

With the permission of those members, the YAS Office will maintain up-to-date email lists of YAS Alumni. Profiles of YAS Alumni will be displayed on the YAS website, under a new database entitled “Alumni of YAS.” Like the “YAS Members” section of the website, this database will be open and searchable by keyword and discipline. The intention is that the database will represent an important tool for YAS members to identify Alumni who may be able to provide advice to current YAS members.

YAS Alumni will continue to receive the RSE Events Diary, *ReSource*, *Science Scotland*, and other RSE Publications.

YAS Alumni are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the ‘Representing YAS’ guidance document, which covers Alumni and Emeritus Members, as well as current Members.

Emeritus YAS Members

Alumni who wish to remain actively engaged with YAS activities are asked to pay an annual fee that will contribute to the ongoing activities of YAS. The fees will be administered by the RSE Office and collected by Direct Debit in August of each year. Alumni who choose to pay this fee shall be regarded as Emeritus YAS Members.

Alumni who wish to become Emeritus mid-way through the Emeritus year (from February onwards) are required to pay half the annual fee.

Emeritus YAS Members will receive the following benefits:

- Invitation to one plenary meeting or Annual General Meeting per year, as designated by the YAS Facilitating Group (FG).
- Invitations to appropriate YAS Working Group (WG) and Networking events.
- Participation in the activities of YAS WGs with the agreement of the WG and the FG.
- Receiving the YAS Newsletter, magazine, and other publications.
- Participation in an annual dinner for Emeritus YAS Members and FG members.
- Eligible to apply for RSE Fellow/YAS Grants (though with the caveat that if demand for those grants greatly exceeds the funds available, current YAS members will be given priority)

The above benefits are expected to evolve as YAS develops and its body of Emeritus YAS Members grows.