

The work of the RCS includes...

Events. Around 50 events a year attract internationally acclaimed speakers to discuss topical global issues with audiences of up to 250 people. Hundreds of distinguished world figures have spoken at the RCS during its 141-year history. These popular events, coupled with a range of exclusive dinners, private roundtable discussions and social occasions, offer excellent promotional and networking opportunities for partners.

Young Commonwealth Competitions. The RCS has a rich history of engaging young people in current affairs through creative competitions. Our Competitions include writing, film and photography categories and attract entries from more than 60,000 young people under the age of 35 around the world each year. Prizes are awarded at a high-profile ceremony attended by renowned writers, filmmakers and photographers.

The Nkabom Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme. A life-changing youth project with global reach and international prestige, Nkabom brings together up to 53 young people aged 18-25 in a different location every two years. Peace-building and conflict resolution skills empower participants to become leaders in their own communities and the programme offers an unrivalled opportunity for personal development and cultural exchange. Participants subsequently join an active international network of young advocates.

Commonwealth Day. Each year Commonwealth Day is celebrated by the UK's largest multi-faith observance in Westminster Abbey. Organised by the RCS, the observance is attended by over 2,000 people including H.M. The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, Heads of State, diplomats and officials, international celebrities, and school children. Receiving considerable global media attention, this truly unique celebration offers an unrivalled opportunity for brand association.

Public Engagement Projects. In 2009-2010, the RCS ran a global public consultation on the future of the Commonwealth. Our website attracted over 30,000 hits from 150+ countries in less than four months. Extensive media coverage; more than 100 events in 23 different countries; and personal contributions from a range of celebrities, current and former Heads of State, business leaders and diplomats make RCS initiatives such as this an attractive marketing proposition for corporate partners.

Commonwealth Youth Summits. This UK-wide project enables schoolchildren to engage with international issues by playing the roles of leaders, foreign ministers and media teams in a mock Commonwealth Summit. Participants then present their views to the Prime Minister and Commonwealth Secretary-General. This project is run in partnership with DfID, Oxfam Education and local authorities.

Art Exhibitions. In the Commonwealth Club's gallery space, the RCS hosts an array of art exhibitions throughout the year, highlighting the work of young emerging artists from around the world, as well as established professionals.

For more information, or for a full Corporate Partnership Information Package, please email Zoë Ware at fundraising@thercs.org, or call 020 7766 9240.