

Waterwise Director of Policy and Innovation made a Fellow of the RSA

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Aaron Burton, Director of Policy and Innovation at Waterwise, has been granted a Fellowship of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.



The prestigious [Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce](#), commonly known as the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) have welcomed Aaron Burton, Director of Policy and Innovation, into their membership. This was based on recognition of his role with Waterwise and his experience of sustainability projects.

Founded in 1754, the RSA aims to share powerful ideas, carry out cutting-edge research and build networks and opportunities for people to collaborate, helping to create fulfilling lives and a flourishing society. Fellows of the RSA are elected by a panel of existing fellows who consider the nominee's merits, creativity and alignment with the society's ambitions. Fellows are permitted to use the post-nominal letters 'FRSA' and Aaron Burton joins a select group of around 29,000 fellows globally, including Dame Judi Dench, Bob Dylan and Tim Berners-Lee; former fellows of the RSA include Stephen Hawking, Karl Marx, and Benjamin Franklin.

Aaron said:

"I'm very excited about my nomination as a Fellow of the RSA. I'm passionate about sustainability and the benefits of knowledge sharing. I hope to work with other Fellows to bring new concepts and ideas into my work but also contribute to sustainability in wider areas of society. I hope this helps broaden my work and engagement through Waterwise into existing and future projects being undertaken by the RSA."

Notes to Editors

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A short biography for Aaron is below:

Aaron is an internationally recognised expert in water efficiency and sustainable water management. He has worked in the UK and Australia across NGO, consulting, industry, academic, regulatory and government roles. This has included projects integrating water and energy efficiency, climate change adaptation and resilience and water sensitive urban design/ integrated water management. He led development of the award winning 2017 Water Efficiency Strategy for the UK and co-authored the 2009 Water Resources Strategy for Wales. He is a Fellow of the RSA, a Trustee of CIWEM and Secretary of the International Water Association Efficient Urban Water Management Specialist Group.