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PRESS RELEASE

Royal Philatelic Society London invites Youth Members

The Royal Philatelic Society London is launching an initiative to encourage the next generation of young philatelists. Associate Membership is now available to young collectors over the age of 14 at a special concessionary rate of just £10 per annum. This associate membership will run until the end of the calendar year in which the individual leaves full time education.

Commenting on the launch, Frank Walton, President RPSL, said, "It is important that we encourage the next generation of young philatelists to ensure the future of our great hobby. Our Society can share its enthusiasm for collecting with young people and hopefully inspire them to improve their knowledge and sustain their interest for years to come."

The main benefits of membership of the Royal are:

1. Membership Certificate
2. Use of the premises at 41 Devonshire Place with the opportunity to attend regular meetings, inspect many of the finest collections of stamps in existence, and meet prominent collectors. The junior member, under the age of 18, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when visiting Society premises.
3. Access to one of the most comprehensive libraries of philatelic literature in the world, as well as the latest catalogues and periodicals.
4. The right to submit philatelic items to the Expert Committee of the Society at fees lower than those payable by non-members, including one opinion each year free (subject to £15 handling charge).
5. The receipt, via downloads from the website, of *The London Philatelist*, published ten times a year.
6. Access to online information through the members' section of this website, using a personal user name and password.
7. Associate Members will have no voting rights at General Meetings of the Society.

Associate Members must be nominated by either,

- a) Two Members or Fellows of the RPSL (Proposer/Seconder)
- b) A National Philatelic Association
- c) A Regional Federation
- d) A Philatelic Society or Club
- e) The FIP Youth Commission or International Exhibition Commissioners.

Following Council approval of membership the initial fee of £10 is payable for the first calendar year. The subscription of £10 for each subsequent year will fall due on 1 January.

The launch of Associate Membership is likely to be the first of a number of initiatives to help promote youth philately in the UK. John Davies, Chairman of the Stamp Active Network, commented, "We are delighted that the Royal Philatelic Society London has stepped forward to put its energy and resources behind youth philately. The future of the hobby will be more secure if societies and individuals recognise that we all need to play our part in sharing our interest and enthusiasm with young people. The Royal is to be congratulated for taking a lead in this."

For more information about membership of the Royal Philatelic Society London, go to www.rpsl.org.uk

For more information about youth philately in the UK, go to www.stampactive.co.uk

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