

Running a Self-Organised Event at the 120th Anniversary

2023 is a big year for the Rhodes Trust, marking the 120th anniversary of the Rhodes Scholarships, the 20th anniversary of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation, and the 5th anniversary of the Schmidt Science Fellows programme. Rhodes House will also reopen in 2023 after the transformational 'Big Build' project.

We are delighted to be welcoming all Rhodes Scholars back to Rhodes House for three days from **29 June to 1 July 2023**, for a festival of events. There will be lots to see and do at Rhodes House and around Oxford.

As part of the 120th Anniversary, we encourage Scholars to consider self-organising events. This may be with your Class year, Constituency Group, with old teammates or just with friends.

We have provided this guide to help you make your self-organised event as successful as possible.

Don't forget to let the Alumni Team at Rhodes House know about the event you are planning by submitting it to the [Self-Organised events Form](#).

Your Role as Host

These events will run in addition to the Rhodes Trust-managed programme of events and social activities, and are independently organized and hosted. You, and anyone you will be working with, will manage all aspects of the event. As the host, you will:

- Create your event title, description, and format
- Inform the Rhodes Trust team about the event you are running
- Spread the word about your event to those you would like to invite
- Arrange all logistics for the event (e.g. book a venue or arrange Zoom hosting)

As your event is shaping up, the Rhodes Trust team will:

- Provide guidance on best practices for hosting events
- Help you to promote your event via 120th communications

Class Leaders

We invite all Class Leaders to consider running an event for their Class.

If you are not a Class Leader, but would like to help support a Class-based event, please email Rhodes120@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk for a list of your Class's current Class Leaders. We would be happy to put you in touch.

Online Events

The 120th Anniversary event will be run as a hybrid event. If you are not able to attend the event in-person, we encourage you to consider running an online event to connect with fellow Rhodes Scholars.

If you are running an online event, and need access to an online platform, please email Rhodes120@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk for support.

In Person Events

Due to limited budget and capacity, the Trust is not able to provide funding to support self-organised events, or assist with logistics such as booking venues or taking registrations.

Venues – A list of suggested venues can be found below. We recommend booking spaces as far in advance as possible as Oxford does become busy at peak times.

Timing – You are welcome to run your event at any time over the course of the three days; however, we have set aside the **evening of Friday 30 June** and **midday on Saturday 1 July** as free time when there will be no Rhodes Trust organised programming. This would therefore be a good opportunity to run self-organised events. Please refer to our [programme](#) for more details on Trust-organised events.

Event Checklist

Make sure your event runs smoothly by running through the checklist below.

Before the Event

Action	Who is undertaking?	Completed?
Let the Alumni Team at Rhodes House know about the event you are planning by submitting it to the Self-Organised events Form .		Y/N
Discuss ideas for your event with fellow Scholars to share thoughts and gain feedback.		Y/N
Book a venue/set up Zoom link.		Y/N
Promote the event to those you would like to invite. Contact Rhodes120@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk if you would like help sharing details of your event.		Y/N
Take note of registrations/interest. Check if any attendees have accessibility requirements (in person or online) or dietary requirements/allergies (in person).		Y/N
A week before the event, ensure that all details (venue/Zoom link) are sent to those who have registered. Ensure that registrants' email addresses are not visible to other registrants when doing this (use BCC) for data protection purposes.		Y/N

During the Event

Action	Who is undertaking?	Completed?
Welcome guests as they arrive (in person) or let them in from the Waiting Room (online).		Y/N
When the event has finished, close the event and thank those who attended.		Y/N

After the Event

Action	Who is undertaking?	Completed?
Send a thank you note to any speakers or volunteers.		Y/N

Suggested Venues (Oxford)

Cocktails, Bars & Wine Cafes –

- [Angels Cocktail Bar](#)
- [Duke of Cambridge](#)
- [Alchemist, Victors](#)
- [The Varsity Club](#) (TVC)
- [Sandy's Piano Bar,](#)
- [Frevd](#)
- [Love Jericho](#)
- [The Lighthouse](#)
- [The Baron](#)
- [The Mad Hatter](#)
- [Tap Social Movement](#)
- [Oxford Wine Café](#)

Historic Pubs

- [The Bear Inn](#) (Fullers)
- [The Turf Tavern](#) (Greene King)
- [The King's Arms](#) (closest to Rhodes House and a popular local student drinking spot)
- [The Rickety Press](#) (Dodo Pub Co.)
- [The Jericho Tavern](#) (boasting a rich history of live music performed by Radiohead, Mumford & Sons and Supergrass)
- [The Old Bookbinders Ale House](#) (family-run pub)



Country and riverside pubs

- [The Perch](#) – 800 years old and located in the beautiful fields of Port Meadow. Open fires and plenty of outdoor seating. Fans of inspector Morse will recognize the pub, which features as one of Morse's favourite drinking holes in the programme.
- [The Trout](#) – a large beer patio, peacocks and riverside views.
- [Cherwell Boathouse](#) – a late-Victorian working boathouse overlooking the river. Also a start point for Punting.
- [The Fishes](#) – an imposing Victorian building set in acres of wooded grounds leading down to the banks of Seacourt stream.

Restaurants

Fine dining: [Parsonage Grill](#), [No.1 Ship Street](#), [Cote Brasserie](#), [Quod](#), [Gees](#), [The Ivy](#), [The Wild Rabbit](#)

Steakhouse: [The Porterhouse Grill](#), [The Chester Arms](#)

Italian: [Mamma Mia](#), [Franco Manca](#)

Turkish: [Antep Kitchen](#)

Caribbean: [Spiced Roots](#)

Polish: [Polish Kitchen](#)

French: [Pierre Victoire](#), [Pompette](#)

Indian: [Spice Lounge](#), [The Standard](#)

Lebanese: [La Casa](#), [Najar's Place](#), [Comptoir Libinaiis](#)

Thai: [Chiang Mai Kitchen](#), [Giggling Squid](#), [Thaikhun](#)

British: [The Anchor](#), [C.R.A.F.T Burger](#), [Bill's](#), [Pieminister](#), [Keeper's Kitchen & Bar](#), [Browns](#), [The Victoria](#) (Pie Pub), [Joe's Bar & Grill](#)

Sri Lankan: [The Coconut Tree](#)

Sushi: [Sticks'n'Sushi](#)

Tapas: [Al-Andalus](#), [Arbequina](#), [Kazbar](#)

Vegan: [Happy Friday Kitchen](#), [Delhish Kitchen](#), [The Punter](#)

Brunch: [The Handle Bar](#), [George Street Social](#), [The Breakfast Club](#), [Art Café](#)

Coffee & Cake: [Colombia Coffee Roasters](#), [Black Sheep Coffee & Cocktails](#), [Artisan Café](#), [Missing Bean](#), [Vaults & Garden](#), [Brew](#), [Barefoot Bakery](#), [GAIL's Bakery](#), [Pret A Manger](#)

Hotels

[The Cotswold Lodge Hotel](#)

66A Banbury Road, Park Town, Oxford, OX2 6JP. Tel: 01865 512131.

[Head of the River](#)

Folly Bridge, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 4LB. Tel: 01865 721600.

[Malmaison](#)

Oxford Castle, 3 New Rd, Oxford, OX1 1AY. Tel: 01865 689944.

[VOCO Oxford Spires](#)

Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4PS. Tel: 01865 324324.

Colleges may also be able to offer spaces in which to meet. Contact your College to see if they may be able to accommodate you.