

# Focus on RSA

## SUSTAINABILITY



RSA recycled conference bags (made from three recycled bottles)



Folasade Odekunle presenting her paper and Camilla Chlebna remotely joins in the discussion live from Germany



Reusable water bottles and lanyards alongside our paper badges

### Issue 1 Welcome

Welcome to the first Issue of *Focus on RSA*! We are delighted to be able to share with you some of the areas the Regional Studies Association has been working on. In this issue, our focus is on our work on sustainability, and specifically our work to reduce our carbon footprint. In the office, we are actively engaged in reducing our carbon footprint on a day-to-day basis; whether it be through reusing cups, cycling to work or recycling anything and everything that it is possible to recycle, both in the office and at home.

### Conferences Remote Participation

Following a successful trial at our Student and Early Conference in Lincoln last year, we are excited about our inaugural and fully carbon-choice conference at the University of Staffordshire in March 2020. Remote participants in regional hubs around the world will be able to join in the discussion, present papers and network with those attending in person. This conference will give both virtual and live attendees the opportunity to meet and share work whilst reducing travel emissions.

### Leading the way Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

We are encouraging all our members to consider their journal subscriptions and to opt to read their journal articles online rather than in print to reduce postal emissions and paper wastage. Our conference programs are now accessed through the conference app rather than printed, and badges are paper-based and can easily be recycled. Conference attendees are encouraged to reuse lanyards and this year, we can't wait to share our conference bags with participants, each one made from 3 recycled bottles.