



ANNUAL REPORT 2015

**FABIAN
SOCIETY**

FABIAN EXECUTIVE 2014-15



Seema Malhotra MP
Chair, Fabian Society

In December I took over as chair of the Fabian Society from outgoing chair Jessica Asato, whom I would like to thank for her leadership. I would also like to extend congratulations for her excellent campaign as Labour's parliamentary candidate in Norwich North and on the birth of her daughter Freya.

This year the Fabian Society has achieved an incredible level of output for such a small team, a real credit to the work of general secretary Andrew Harrop, Felicity Slater, Ed Wallis and the staff and volunteers at the Fabian Society. I am proud of the contribution the Fabians made in the run up to the general election, from our agenda-setting New Year Conference to our cross-party conference in March on 'A Future without poverty'. Labour lost the election, but the imperative to change Britain for the better remains, perhaps more than ever.

That's why it's right that the society's publications in the last year have focused on the key debates of our time, contributing to our vital role in shaping discussion on the centre-left about how we respond on issues at home as well as in Europe and beyond. *A Convenient Truth: A better society for us and the planet* by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett, the authors of *The Spirit Level*, was one such output, setting out the relationship between inequality, consumerism and environmental sustainability. Andrew Harrop and Howard Reed's *Inequality 2030* highlighted how the UK has faced almost 10 years of falling living standards with poverty and inequality on the rise. The research showed that plausible and affordable government intervention can reduce future levels of poverty, and that we will pay a high price for inaction.

Since the election we have been driving forward debate about how we respond, understanding the dynamics of Labour's defeat and the experience of Fabians who stood as candidates to help ensure the report *The Mountain to Climb* is an important contribution to the analysis of the electoral challenge facing Labour in 2020. Other contributions include how we should reinvent taxation, and better balance local control with national standards in healthcare.

The Young Fabians have continued to inspire and engage, and produced an excellent output, *China Ready: Equipping Britain for an Asian Future*. The Young Fabians, the Fabian Women's Network (which saw its 10th anniversary this year) and all our local societies are tremendous assets to the Fabian Society, helping us reach out and enrich our debate and contribution to political thinking across the country.

My thanks to Phil Mutero and Giles Wright – membership has grown to over 7,000 and I have every confidence that with the programmes underway for this year, the numbers will continue to rise. Thanks also to the executive, our vice chairs Steve Race and Ivana Bartoletti and our treasurer David Chaplin for all their fantastic support this year. Inevitably we have seen members of the staff team move on to new roles and I would like to thank all of them for what they helped achieve. We said goodbye to Marcus Roberts, deputy general secretary, Anya Pearson, assistant editor, Richard Speight, media and communications manager, Ciara Dunne, events and partnerships assistant and Rob Tinker, senior researcher. We have also welcomed Olivia Bailey as research director and Lucy Snow as editorial and communications manager.

The Fabians helped found the Labour party and I'm proud of our strong history of leading debate in the Labour movement. Just as we drove forward many of the ideas and policies which powered Labour to victory in 1945, 1964 and 1997, I know that this year, we will be helping build the first steps of Labour's pathway to victory in 2020.

FABIAN SOCIETY EXECUTIVE 2014-2015

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FABIAN STAFF 2014-15

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Giles Wright (Membership Officer)
Deborah Stoate (Local Societies Officer)

FABIAN SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 (as of 30 June 2015)

	2014	2015	Change
Individuals	6459	6783	324
Of which Young Fabians	1520	1670	150
CLPs, Co-ops and Trade Unions	64	57	-7
Libraries	119	116	-3
Corporate	24	19	-5
Total	6666	6975	309

The Fabian year has been all about the general election and its aftermath. In the autumn and winter our events created platforms to present and debate manifesto ideas and our publications set the agenda for how the party should govern. Then in Spring all went quiet, with Fabian staff and volunteers dedicating themselves to campaigning (our editorial director, Ed Wallis, was seconded to be a speechwriter for Ed Miliband). And since the result we have been immersed in election post-mortem and debate on the left's future.

This abrupt shift was reflected in the contrast between our two main conferences. In January we heard Ed Miliband set out his case to be prime minister, and then in June our packed summer conference included the first debate of the Labour leadership contest. We also held conferences on health, Europe and poverty (the latter, jointly, with the Conservative think tank Bright Blue).

During the year our electoral analysis made waves – we were the first think tank to expose the threat UKIP posed to Labour and the mountain Labour will have to climb to win in 2020. But I was just as proud of the excellent policy-focused publications on Europe, housing, climate change, youth unemployment, business partnerships, inequality and public services. In all there were 21 reports across the year (three published jointly with other think tanks) on top of the continued success of *Fabian Review*, in magazine and digital form.

The election also led to a good deal of staff turnover at the society and I'd like to thank the fantastic group of employees who served the society during the last parliament, especially my deputy Marcus Roberts. We now have an excellent new team in place, with a slightly smaller headcount that reflects the financial reality of another five years of opposition. I'd also like to thank the outgoing executive, whose two-year term is now coming to an end. The work of the society is made possible by such dedicated staff and executive members.

As with the Labour party, the society's membership has been on the rise and by the end of the summer it had exceeded 7,000 for the first time in a number of years. The member-led activities of the society were excellent, despite the distraction of the election, with dozens of great events organised by local societies, the Scottish, Welsh and Young Fabians and the Fabian Women's Network. We know the coming years are going to be hard for the British left, but the society is well placed to help Labour face the future.

YOUNG FABIANS 2014-15

Alexander Adranghi
Young Fabians

This year has been a year of change for the Young Fabians. We have set a course of transforming the Young Fabians into a member-led movement. We have ensured that members will be the ones in charge of setting our group's activities, with the Executive Committee taking a more supporting role.

We have more members actively involved and running the group's activities than in recent history, and we have empowered and encouraged members to lead on their own initiatives. This year we expanded our topical networks, with their own committees leading, and supported individuals who want to develop events, writing and research work. We have had and have ongoing more publication outputs in a single year than at any time since the 1980s. This is testament to the drive and creativity of our community and the members' synergy with this year's new ethos.

The year began with a new all-members training and direction-setting day in January - Leadership Day. Over 60 members attended from across the country, and we elected officers for our five Networks. We also introduced online groups on Facebook for some key regions to allow members to interact with each other directly and provide a forum to develop potential ideas for projects and other activities.

We have historically reduced our activities during election years. Nevertheless we ran a number of general election campaigns in Essex, London, Sheffield and the North West, supporting Labour candidates in 10 marginal constituencies.

I am very proud that our Networks have continued to develop and thrive. Our Finance Network celebrated its fifth birthday with an event on the future of social investment with Andrew Adonis, kindly supported by Simmons & Simmons. Our Health Network continued to grow with events on digital policy in health and future Labour health policy, plus their second health pamphlet on financing the NHS. The new Education Network has looked at topics including reforming vocational education and international comparative analysis of education systems.

The new International Network has been an outstanding success, hosting two international youth delegations from Austria and Sweden, sending delegations to Brussels, Sweden and China, and holding receptions at the Danish and Israeli embassies.

Elsewhere we have published a pamphlet on the rise of China edited by Joel Mullan, and Louie Woodall produced an essay collection from Labour parliamentary

candidates. We hosted a panel debate, led by Callum Totten, to look at potential progressive coalition options, and one on the renewal of the party post election, led by Jun bo Chan. We have also had a BAME research project authored by Vickrim Grewal and Ade Adeyemi, a look into the UKIP threat by Rayhan Haque and Martin Edobor and a look at the Future of the Labour Party by Alvin Carpio and Jess Toale, with the latter two projects reaching out with events beyond London.

Of course, a lot of what the Young Fabians is about is bringing like-minded people together, and our socials are a key part of this. This year we put on our largest in recent history when we co-hosted an Election Night party with London Young Labour that attracted over 200 people. On top of this, our famous London Boat Party in July was ably put together by Sophie Keenleyside and Ben West, and our Labour conference reception in Brighton was led by Martin Edobor.

This year we have proven that we can grow our community by getting more people involved from across the country and encouraging them to run more activities. We can utilise our community's wide ranging interests and delivery a greater diversity of topics. I hope that this new trajectory from the Executive Committee, focused on providing support for our members' own projects, continues. I wish everyone the best for the forthcoming years, to further improve and expand our movement nationwide.

YOUNG FABIAN EXECUTIVE 2014-2015

Elected members

Alex Adranghi (Chair), **Martin Edobor** (Vice Chair) **Ade Adeyemi** (Vice Chair), **Paulina Jakubec** (Secretary), **Sophia Morell** (Treasurer), **Ellie Groves** (Anticipations Editor), **Heather Vernon**, **Louie Woodall**, **Alvin Carpio**, **Ben West**, **Sophie Keenleyside** (Health Network Chair), **Jess Toale**

Co-optees and Senior Officers

Luke John Davies (International Network Chair), **Joel Mullan** (Education Network Chair), **Joshua Price** (Finance Network Chair), **Camilla Clarke** (Communications Network Chair), **Benjamin O'Connor**, **Nisreen Mansour**, **Joe Jervis**, **Mems Ayinla**

FABIAN WOMEN'S NETWORK 2014-15

Ivana Bartoletti
Chair, FWN



This has been a very busy 12 months for the Fabian Women's Network. We have provided support to our women running in target seats, celebrated our tenth anniversary, and have run a range of successful events and training sessions throughout the year.

Policy development is underway through work with the LGA Labour Group on the representation of women at a local government level, and we are due to publish a report with them on this issue, the outcomes of which we expect to feed into wider discussions on the Labour Party's NEC.

Through panels and fringes at Labour Party conference we led the policy debate on the representation of women in political and public life, on mental health and on disability, feeding into a pamphlet we published in partnership with Disability Labour (authored by Susie Gilbert and Reema Patel) on the barriers disabled people face. We have also organised events and discussions on devolution, the Human Rights Act, foreign policy and Europe. Through the FWN magazine *Fabiana*, many Fabian women – including Kezia Dugdale MSP, Kate Green MP and Seema Malhotra MP – contributed to a discussion about the direction the democratic left following the general election defeat.

FWN's events team has been busy this year, raising funds for the Network's mentoring programme and for *Fabiana*. The highlight of the year was our 10 year anniversary celebration in February. Over 150 guests networked and heard speeches from FWN's founder and president Seema Malhotra MP and deputy leader the Rt Hon Harriet Harman. In December 2014 we hosted packed festive drinks at Fabian HQ and we squeezed into HQ again for our annual summer drinks, where over 100 guests heard pitches from a number of the candidates for leader, deputy leader and London Mayor.

The public speaking and debating club (run by Charlotte Proudman and Paulina Jakubec) has been a roaring success with over 80 fabulous Fabian women attending. The workshops have equipped Fabian women with the skills and confidence they need to speak in public, and given them the opportunity to put their skills into practice in front of an audience before receiving expert feedback from esteemed public speaking coaches. Many went on to stand as Labour PPC in the May 2015 election, or went on to become councillors.

This September we launched our fifth mentoring cohort, bringing the total number of women who have been on the programme up to 125. The general election gave seven mentees the experience of

being a PPC, and FWN supported them in target seats, organising campaigning sessions across the country. Nearly everyone in that cohort was promoted in their professional or public life, including into the policy team at the Guardian, a senior post in the Ministry of Justice, special adviser to a shadow minister and cabinet positions in local councils.

The new cohort is distinctive, with women from a wide range of backgrounds: from architect and social worker to filmmaker and farmer. The age profile is older; we have mentees from Scotland, Wales, the North East and East and the ethnic mix is diverse. We have gained new mentors to respond to the profile and programme development. All have buddies from previous cohorts. As our profile increases so do requests for support: for example, mentees input into the summer programme of Fearless Futures, a charity supporting girls from disadvantaged London schools.

Our second evaluation report is due for publication in November.

FABIAN WOMEN'S NETWORK EXECUTIVE 2014-2015

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Charlotte Proudman
Felicity Slater
Shama Tatler
Sofie Jenkinson
Abigail Wood

FABIAN LOCAL SOCIETIES 2014-15



Deborah Stoate
Local Societies Officer

There are currently 54 Local Fabian Societies in Britain, not to mention our extremely active branches in Australia and New Zealand. From Exeter to Ipswich and from Glasgow to Portsmouth, Local Fabians meet up to debate, listen to speakers, research and to socialise. We have lost a few societies this year but new societies will be forming in Croydon and Sutton, Thanet, Enfield and Haringey, Stockport, Fife and the Cardiff Local Society will be reforming as well. We were sorry to hear of the death of June Clarkson who was the secretary of Portsmouth Fabian Society for many years – she will be greatly missed.

It is often said that the Local Societies are the backbone of the Fabian Society – they certainly are the unique component in its organisation. Local Societies are affiliated to the National Fabian Society, they enhance and support the work of Local CLPs and provide an open forum for research and debate locally. There is a Local Societies page on the website which gives details of meetings and activities and the Listings page in *Fabian Review* gives details of both activities and contacts. Many Local Societies now have Facebook and Twitter accounts, too.

We receive an annual report from each local society which gives us a snapshot of their health and activities. Active membership remains roughly around 25 and Societies meet bi-monthly, although the larger societies – Bournemouth and District and Brighton and Hove for instance, meet more frequently.

Surrey Society meets eight times a year and chooses the topics at an annual ‘thinking together’ meeting. Tom Moore of Southampton Fabian Society notes – ‘this year has been very positive in the variety and quality of our meetings. They have allowed debate as well as informing us in a way that there is not always time for in more formally political meetings. We have been able to secure speakers on matter of crucial local and national importance ranging from housing and welfare to urban regeneration and social policy’. Venues for meetings range from Town Halls to Union offices, pubs and in Dartford’s case the Working Mens’ Club, where we sometimes have to compete with Shadows Tribute Band evenings – a character forming experience!

Local Societies usually hold two Regional Conferences annually - in the autumn and spring, which was postponed this year due to the general election. We have an Annual South Western Regional Conference in Bournemouth at our regular venue of the Miramar Hotel. The 2014 Conference – ‘The Many

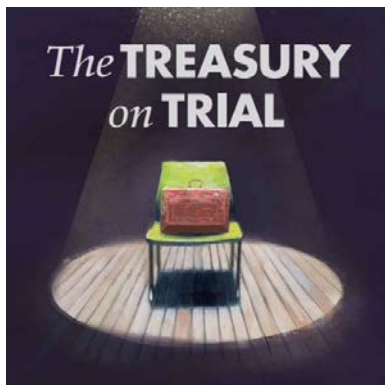
Not the Few. Tackling Inequality in Labour’s Britain’, proved extremely popular and attracted over 70 people from all over Britain. Speakers included MPs Mike Gapes, Alan Whitehead and John Denham, plus PPCs and councillors. I should like to thank Ian Taylor, secretary of Bournemouth and District Fabian Society for his tireless help in organising this event.

The highlight of the Local Societies year is what used to be called the House of Commons Tea but has now been renamed the House of Commons and Lords Meeting and Tea, due to the exorbitant charge now imposed on using the banqueting facilities in the House of Commons! I would like to thank Baroness Dianne Hayter both for sponsoring the meeting and for speaking, alongside Lord Maurice Glasman, Seema Malhotra MP and Wes Streeting MP. We had a capacity audience of 120 and the Cholmondely room, with its riverside terrace, proved an extremely popular venue and has already been booked for next year.

I should like to thank all those people who work so tirelessly on behalf of the Local Fabian Societies, particularly the secretaries – a voluntary and extremely time consuming role which can sometimes seem thankless. Without volunteers to serve on the local Executive Committees – to book venues, arrange speakers and communicate with members, there would be no local Fabian Societies. Our strength is in our membership and in the quality of their ideas, their values and enthusiasm, and their willingness to organise. I should particularly like to thank John Wood, the retiring secretary of Colchester Fabian Society who says, ‘I have really enjoyed my 12 years cajoling people to speak, and finding that, at the end of most years, I can say that we have done what we can to offer a forum for the people of Colchester to take part in political debates with some leading speakers. As Colchester won’t have a Labour MP for some time, this is really needed’. And there you have it!

The Local Fabian Societies were formed well over a century ago to debate current moral and political questions and also to try to find practical solutions to the economic and social evils of the day. In the words of George Bernard Shaw, they set out to ‘Educate, Agitate, Organise’ and I am proud to say that they are still doing that today.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2014



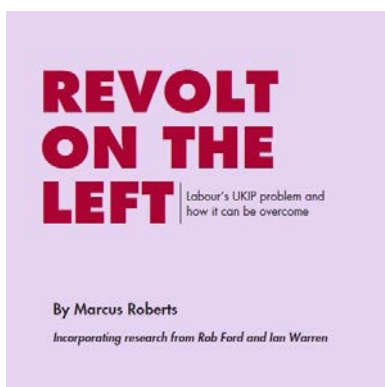
AUGUST

The summer edition of *Fabian Review* examines the Treasury's dominant position in UK policymaking and outlines reforms to help make progressive promises a reality, with pieces from Dan Corry, Colin Thain, Stian Westlake and others. Keir Starmer and Francesca Klug defend the Human Rights Act and Mary Riddell interviews Lisa Nandy MP. August also sees the publication of *Europe was the Future Once*, Mark Leonard's Fabian Ideas pamphlet on how to reinvent the pro-European cause.



SEPTEMBER

The Fabian team decamp to Manchester for Labour Party conference and host a lively and well-attended fringe programme. Highlights include Yvette Cooper and Lord Maurice Glasman on the Fabian Question Time panel, and our 'Spin Alley' discussion on the leader's speech with Sadiq Khan and *The Times*' Jenni Russell. Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett's Fabian Ideas pamphlet *A Convenient Truth* is also released, as is Robert Tinker and Natan Doron's *Silent Majority*, which reveals that the majority of the public are in support of building more social housing.



OCTOBER

Revolt on the Left, Marcus Roberts' report on Labour's UKIP problem and what can be done about it, is launched, gaining wide media attention. The society also publishes *Riding the New Wave* in which Anya Pearson and Rosie Rogers bring together essays from a diverse range of authors and ask 'is Labour in danger of becoming an irrelevance for this generation of feminists?'



NOVEMBER

November sees the release of *Going Public*, Andrew Harrop's report on how public services can involve the public in everything they do and embody a special public character and spirit.

DECEMBER

Out of Sight, Richard Brooks' Fabian Ideas pamphlet on how we lost track of thousands of NEETs and how we can transform their prospects, is released. The winter edition of *Fabian Review* tackles the big questions the election campaign won't answer and carries pieces from Charles Clarke, Zoe Williams and John McTernan, plus an interview with Yvette Cooper.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2015

JANUARY

2015 begins with a packed New Year conference - as we enter the election year, Labour leader Ed Miliband MP sets out voters' choice between two visions of Britain. Also on the bill are Sadiq Khan, Tristram Hunt, Lord Andrew Adonis, Margaret Hodge and Frances O'Grady. *In It Together*, by Ed Wallis and Robert Tinker, is published, arguing that Labour must show it will take business to heart, not keep it at arm's length.



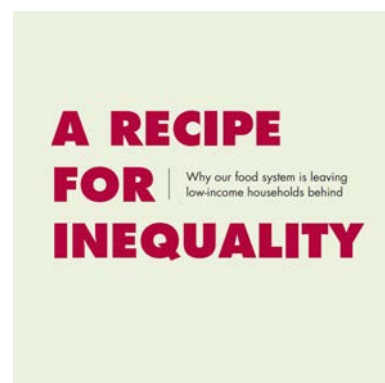
FEBRUARY

Inequality 2030 is launched, and presents the findings of a quantitative assessment of the prospects for living standards and inequality over the coming years, using new modelling. It shows what action is needed to increase the living standards of typical households. The society also launches the first publication in its series on tax reform, *Values Added*, by tax research fellow Daisy Srblin.



MARCH

The first publication of the independent Fabian Commission on Food and Poverty is released, entitled *A Recipe for Inequality*. It demonstrates that those on the lowest incomes are the ones losing out from our food system and gains widespread media coverage. *Places to Be*, Ed Wallis' report on green spaces for active citizenship, is also launched.



APRIL

The *Fabian Review* election special asks how Labour can respond to the changing political climate, with pieces from Georgia Gould, Peter Hain, Seema Malhotra and Marcus Roberts. Plus, Stephen Bush interviews deputy leader of the Labour party Harriet Harman. The society publishes *Bringing it Home*, which sees Ed Wallis bring together expert contributors to explore how we might make a global deal on climate change a reality.



MAY

Following Labour's devastating defeat in the general election, the society publishes its *Mountain to Climb* analysis. In it, Andrew Harrop's sets out how many seats Labour will have to win in 2020 to secure a majority, taking into account scheduled boundary changes.

JUNE

Just one month after Labour's loss, a packed Fabian Summer conference provides space for crucial discussion about the future direction of the centre-left. All declared leadership candidates join us for their first debate of the contest.

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FABIANS REMEMBERED



THE JENNY JEGER PRIZE

The Jenny Jeger Prize was organised to commemorate Jenny Jeger, life-long Fabian and Chair of the society in 1984.

The 2014 prize for the best Fabian publication of the year was awarded to *Measure for Measure* by Andrew Harrop and Robert Tinker.

IN MEMORIAM

John Barcroft

Joel Barnett

Michael Barratt Brown

James G. Bennett

Reginald John Bollans

June Clarkson

William H. Coleman

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TREASURER'S REPORT 2014-15



David Chaplin
Treasurer

Despite the wider challenges facing the Labour movement following the 2015 general election, the Fabian Society has ended the financial year in a fairly solid position.

Since May, we have focused firmly on protecting our revenue and preventing further losses to our income streams as a result of the general election.

Over the coming twelve months, my personal priority - on behalf of the Executive Committee - will be to continue to monitor this closely with a firm objective of ending the year with a tangible financial reserve.

That ambition aside, the society will continue to face considerable new threats to our financial stability over the coming year.

At the time of going to press, the result of the Leadership election has yet to be declared, but clearly wider changes in the Labour Party will affect the society's fundraising efforts and our funding streams. In addition, despite challenges over the past two years, effectively managing our cash-flow remains a top priority for the Executive Committee and the task is made much harder at a time of uncertainty.

Finally, whilst membership numbers have begun to slowly improve, our challenge as a Society is now to continue that growth and ensure newly joining members remain with us for the foreseeable future. The Young Fabians, as always, have a key role in supporting this ambition.

Finally, I'd like to pay tribute to all the staff, especially Phil Mutero our Operations Director, for all their hard work. The society's staff have done an outstanding job at seeking out new funding opportunities, the team's entrepreneurial spirit is a huge asset to the society and our future.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2014-15

The Fabian Society's financial year runs from July 1st 2014 to June 30th 2015 and the financial information in this report covers that period. This report is sent to all members in the September mailing and presented to the AGM which takes place on Saturday 21st of November 2015.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounts presented in this report are an extract from the financial statements and may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the society. For further information the full financial statements and auditor's report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from the Fabian Society, 61 Petty France, London SW1H 9EU. The full financial statements were approved on 7 August 2015.

AUDITORS STATEMENT

We have audited the financial statements of The Fabian Society for the year ended 30th June 2015 which consists of a balance sheet, income and expenditure account and notes to the accounts. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold property and on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and The Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (The FRSEE) effective April 2008 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice for Smaller Entities).

In our opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with The Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (The FRSEE) effective April 2008 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice for Smaller Entities), of the state of The Fabian Society's affairs at 30th June 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Knox Cropper
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Registered Auditors

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015 (£)	2014 (£)
INCOME		
Individual members	205,604	186,886
Institutional affiliations and subscriptions	6,320	5,325
Donations and legacies	7,377	50,512
Publications sales	3,751	2,548
Conferences and events	242,057	151,261
Publication sponsorship and advertising	54,650	86,690
Research projects	176,500	235,679
Rents	15,593	24,271
Bank interest, royalties and miscellaneous	599	2,178
Total income	712,451	745,350

	2015 (£)	2014 (£)
EXPENDITURE		
Research projects	38,236	38,244
Staff costs	387,687	376,123
Printing and distribution	71,636	85,901
Conference and events	87,947	83,600
Promotion	6,628	8,410
Affiliation fees	5,244	5,990
Postage, phone and fax	12,082	13,563
Depreciation	17,873	18,965
Travel	2,121	901
Other	5,837	5,518
Stationary and copying	9,073	9,102
Legal and professional	5,680	9,257
Irrecoverable VAT	422	564
Premises costs	53,083	49,461
Information systems	8,080	8,372
Bad debts	-	1,000
Total expenditure	711,629	714,971

Surplus/ (Deficit) before tax and transfers	822	30,379
Transfers from reserves	-	-
Surplus/ (Deficit) before tax	822	30,379
Corporation tax	-	1,832
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	822	28,547

BALANCE SHEET 2014-15

AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		1,253,716		1,270,081
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	2,120		2,340	
Debtors and pre-payments	98,077		121,343	
Bank and cash	487		698	
	<u>100,684</u>		<u>124,381</u>	
CREDITORS-AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Creditors and accruals	<u>(81,864)</u>		<u>(122,748)</u>	
Net current assets		18,820		1,633
NET ASSETS		<u>1,272,536</u>		<u>1,271,714</u>
General fund		1,266,261		1,265,439
Restricted fund		6,275		6,275
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,272,536</u>		<u>1,271,714</u>

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