



2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT





Chair's report

Kate Green MP
Chair, Fabian Society

In what has been the most remarkable year in politics, both here in the UK and abroad, the Fabians have continued to do what we're rightly renowned for: rigorous, principled, innovative policy thinking. Our work this year has focused on some of the most important public policy challenges of our time, from our future role in Europe, to the changing face of work, to the environment, to the kind of society we wish to live in. With a Labour government again in prospect, the Fabians are eager and excited to play our part in helping to shape the agenda of an incoming Labour administration, and our reports have presented a wide range of new, imaginative and pragmatic policy solutions which we have been very pleased to share and debate with senior Labour politicians.

As befits our position as longstanding members of the Labour family, this year we have also turned the spotlight on our internal party organisation. We were delighted to celebrate the contribution of Labour women politicians in our pamphlet *This Woman Can*, marking the 20th anniversary of the election of 101 Labour women MPs in 1997. But our work on how the party needs to do more to become more diverse and inclusive for the 21st century makes for uncomfortable reading - it couldn't be more important, and we hope our recommendations will be taken forward by the party executive.

As we progress on the path to government, we have also looked in detail at the changing nature of Labour's support, and what we need to do to secure power. And if some of our earlier predictions of electoral outcomes turned out to be a little wide of the mark, we can take comfort from the fact that nearly no one predicted the spectacular result in the 2017 general election! The society - and Fabians up and down the country - threw ourselves into campaigning when the snap election was called, and we are very pleased that 15 new Fabian MPs were

elected this June, giving a total of 305 Fabian members of the House of Commons and House of Lords.

In my first year as chair, my greatest pleasure has been meeting and attending events with our members. Our local societies go from strength to strength, and in Scotland, the appointment of a new staff member has enabled us to significantly increase our activity and impact. Fabian Women, the Fabian policy networks and Young Fabians have a full programme of activities, and make a huge contribution to the society.

Our national conferences have, as ever, proven to be stimulating, popular and hugely enjoyable, attracting top-flight national

and international speakers, including, again, at our New Year conference, the leader of the Labour party, Jeremy Corbyn. We hold a full programme of party conference fringe events - and we don't forget the social side, with our local societies' parliamentary tea party, and our reception at the Labour conference.

All this activity, and our continuing influence, could not be achieved without our amazing committee members, and especially our wonderful staff. I pay huge tribute to all of them, but especially to my predecessor as chair, Seema Malhotra, and to our general secretary Andy Harrop and deputy general secretary Olivia Bailey.

An enormous thank you to all of you who have given your support and commitment to the society this year. Politics will need the Fabians more than ever in the months ahead, and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

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General secretary's report

Andrew Harrop

General secretary, Fabian Society

Two remarkable political events formed the bookends for our 2016/17 reporting year - the EU referendum and the surprise June election. Inevitably, the Brexit vote shaped our political programme for the 12 months. As well as regular Fabian Review commentary online and in print, the society published two reports on the shape that a 'progressive' Brexit might take. One of them hit the headlines by kicking off the Labour party's debate on migration, with a group of prominent remain-supporting MPs calling for curbs on free movement.

The society's broader work on the UK's place in the world and our future constitutional order saw us host a major lecture on federalism by Gordon Brown. We also published reports on foreign policy in the age of President Trump and on democratic reforms to increase engagement in politics.

Then, the snap election dominated the final three months of our year. Several projects were postponed as Fabian staff and volunteers dedicated their time to the election campaign. Dozens of Fabians stood as candidates, including our research director, Olivia Bailey in Reading West. The election saw 15 new Fabian MPs returned, among them two former members of the executive committee.

Before the election was called, Jeremy Corbyn addressed our New Year conference, calling for action to tackle a system rigged against low income families. Our own work on the future of the left focused particularly on diversity issues, with reports on LGBT and BAME representation within Labour and a highly praised essay collection on the contribution of Labour women since the breakthrough of 1997's election. The society did its best to practice what we preach: during the year more than half our writers and speakers were women.

Away from party politics, the society hosted two important policy commissions. The first, the society's taskforce on the future of retail, reported in January. It concluded that active government leadership will be essential to

prevent either 'fewer' jobs or 'worse' jobs in British retail. The second, the Bach Commission on access to justice, published its interim report in the autumn and concluded its work shortly after the end of the reporting year. It highlighted the crisis in access to justice and called for an expanded right to justice.

There were smaller projects, on social security, integration and green devolution. But the society's other major initiative during the year was the Changing Work Centre, which is co-delivered with Community and chaired by Yvette Cooper MP. The centre published three publications on the changing labour market, workers' aspirations and employment for disabled people.

In all we published 20 reports during the year, as well as the quarterly Fabian Review which has continued to thrive under its new editor, Kate Murray. And we welcomed almost 4,000 people to more than 30 events, including our biggest and best Labour conference programme in recent times.

All of this was delivered by our small team of incredibly talented and dedicated staff. I give them all my heartfelt thanks. This year we added to our staff complement with the appointment of Katherine Sangster, as our first national manager for the Scottish Fabians: our contribution to Labour's renewal in Scotland. We also welcomed Robin Harvey and said farewell to Ed Wallis, Caitlin Griffith Otway and Tara Paterson.

But the Fabian Society is so much more than a team of employees. Our membership of 7,300 is close to its all-time high and the quality and quantity of volunteer-led activity is remarkable, from local Fabian societies to the Young Fabians, Fabian Women, the Scottish Fabians and now also new member interest groups. I am particularly grateful to our elected executive committee and for the support and cheerleading of the two wonderful chairs who served during the year, Seema Malhotra MP and Kate Green MP.



Scottish Fabians

Catriona Munro

Chair, Scottish Fabians

Scottish Fabians have gone from strength to strength in 2016-17. In late 2016, we ran a successful conference in Edinburgh. John Denham opened the conference with a keynote speech focusing on identity politics. There was then a lively panel session chaired by Sarah Boyack, followed by breakouts, and Ian Murray MP wrapped up the day.

Following that event, two Glasgow Fabians have been spearheading a group of thinkers who are producing pieces of work on Scotland's future outside the EU. This will form the basis of a further conference in late 2017.

At Scottish Labour party conference in March, Brian Wilson and Jenny Marra MSP discussed whether Scotland should keep talking about the constitution or make devolution deliver. The event proved so popular that it was standing room only.

Immediately after the June election we held a panel event with some of our new Scottish Labour MPs as well as candidates who just missed out (on this occasion). Important questions about local campaigning and how we win from here were raised by a very lively but exhausted audience and panel.

The Fabians have also campaigned in recent elections and two local societies are in gestation – in Edinburgh and in Fife, joining the already active societies in Glasgow and East Lothian. We are keen to support other local societies further north and south and in universities.

In addition, we want to ensure that an understanding of Scotland and its politics are factored into everything that the Fabians do at UK level.

We were sorry to lose from the Scottish Fabian executive Ann McKechin, who served on the executive since its establishment a few years ago, and Thomas Raine, who had been

its secretary this past year, Ann to take up an exciting new post and Thomas to complete his PhD.

However, we were delighted to welcome Margaret Curran and Frankie Grant in addition to Drew Smith, Scott Nicholson and Joe Long. We are able to do more in Scotland because we have Katherine Sangster as a member of Fabian staff to support and grow the Scottish Fabians.

There is a desperate need for policy development in Scotland and amongst Fabian members an obvious desire for a forum in which to consider the pressing issues we face. We hope that with Katherine on board, the Scottish Fabians can

make a real contribution to making Scottish Labour again a force to be reckoned with in Scottish politics.

There is an urgent and pressing need for clear and careful policy on the left as we leave the EU and the world is increasingly uncertain. At the same time, the Scottish parliament has vastly increased powers. Fresh ideas are needed. Our aim should be to help fill that void.

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Young Fabians

Ellie Groves
Chair, Young Fabians

This year the Young Fabians have experienced another 12 months of growth and varied activity from our members. We have worked hard to continue with our promise to create an open, transparent and outward-looking organisation that delivers for members. Thanks to our executive committee, networks and the hard work from all our members we have continued to organise high-level events, campaign in the general election and produce thoughtful and researched blog and magazine articles.

The level of activity within the Young Fabians was developed and maintained, with our executive and networks actively facilitating an environment which encourages members to participate and lead.

This year we have held a high number and variety of Young Fabian events, including a BAME Eid celebration and an event asking 'Should soldiers ever have immunity from the law?' as well as looking at fake news - with the Guardian's Zoe Williams.

With the extension of our networks to now cover ten key policy areas, Young Fabian members can access more and more events. The networks now include: law network, finance network, health network, international network, education network, communications network, technology network, BAME network, devolution network and home affairs network

Our secretary, Kuba Stawiski, created a monthly bulletin for our members which highlighted key blog posts and future events – this has improved the communication of activity to our members and has been well received.

As a society we responded to our members asking if we could campaign in seats across the country - as well as encouraging so many others to go out in their local constituencies across the UK.

With the extension of networks and a focus on producing policy proposals and analysis by Young Fabian members, more pamphlets have been started and worked on this year.

These include: Environmental Policy and the Future of Labour led by Isaac Turner, Young Fabians member; a home affairs network policy pamphlet - Exploring the Labour Political Spectrum and What is the Future for Brexit Britain? with chapters written by Young Fabian members, including Leo Gibbons-Plowright, Tess Reidy, Mercedes Broadbent and Sam Greenwood.

There are additional ventures in the pipeline including early stages of a pamphlet looking at the history of the Young Fabians led by executive member Luke John Davies.

The executive voted on supporting a charity of the year. Vice-chair Ria Bernard instigated this - known as the YF Aspiration Fund - to provide a focal point for fundraising events, and opportunities for policy discussion.

This involved a policy and fundraiser event in June with a frontline staff member at the charity, and a Young Fabian boat party auction. Working with Young Fabian member, Roisin Kelly, we secured donations of tickets, experiences and other high-value prizes from local businesses, MPs and Labour organisations for the auction.

Together, we raised over £1,200 for children with no recourse to public funds as they begin their journey to secondary school.

Our Anticipations team of Charlotte Norton (editor), Jack Phipps (deputy editor) and Ben Gartside (contributing editor) have had a busy year.

We've covered four themes in the magazine over the last year - education, the economy, crime and public services - with an impressive variety of article pitches. Particular thanks to John Biggs, Liam Byrne, Rushanara Ali and Rosena Allin-Khan who have written features.

We've also relaunched the blog with great success. Thank you to everyone who has contributed over the last year. We followed some of the themes in the magazine, and ran some blog specific series, such as the 20-year anniversary of the 1997 victory and doorstep stories.



Local societies

Deborah Stoate
Local Societies Officer

There are currently 46 local societies throughout Britain, with more in the process of being set up or re-formed. These local societies are affiliated to the national society but run in different ways with diverse and interesting programmes of meetings, social events and conferences. These events are advertised through the website, the Fabian Review and many local societies websites, Facebook pages and twitter accounts, both to keep members informed and to attract new members.

All local societies are affiliated to their regional Labour party through the national society and many are affiliated to, and send delegates to, their local CLP. There are three local society representatives on the Fabian executive committee and I thank them for their continuing support.

Local societies are asked to write an annual report which gives a snapshot of the past year's activity. Despite a lull in activity over the election period, most societies report a steady growth in membership. We hold a well attended annual meeting at Petty France in February for local society officers to discuss problems, clarify any changes and swap good practice.

This year a very successful regional conference was held in Sheffield in April, entitled 'Britain's Place in the World'. Oxford will host a conference in November and one is being planned for Birmingham. The House of Commons and Lords meeting and tea was held on 11 July and speakers Baroness Estelle Morris, Angela Rayner MP and David Lammy MP discussed the possibility of a national education service. The tea was held in the House of Lords with speakers Kate Green MP and Baroness Dianne Hayter and I should like to thank them for sponsoring the event. It was attended by more than 100 Fabians from all over Britain.

The local societies are the backbone of the national society and the local society secretaries are the backbone of their societies and the unsung heroes. I include some comments from

them regarding their societies. From County Durham, Alan Townsend's tip was to change the name of the society move the meeting venue closer to two constituencies and thus doubling the audience.

Michael Weatherburn says: 'The Oxford society goes from strength to strength. We now run monthly discussion meetings as well as public events which attract substantial audiences'. Martin Clay of Tonbridge & Tunbridge Wells says: 'We have had some encouraging levels of attendance. I have been pleased about the choice of well-informed speakers as they have tackled subjects that are under scrutiny and threat from political opponents of liberal ideas'. David Marshall of Havering local society runs a hectic programme of events, including theatre trips. Ralph Bayley of Brighton and Hove provides an interesting perspective: 'With Brighton & Hove Albion now in the Premier League and us holding our meetings on Friday evenings, this opens up the opportunity for Fabian premier football fans to come down on Friday evening for the meeting and stay on for the Saturday match.'

Brian Keegan of Peterborough reports that the most well-attended meetings – and they hold 10 annually – were on affordable public transport and housing – the great Fabian tradition of gas and water socialism! Ian Taylor of Bournemouth & District, the largest local society, reports that his most successful meeting was with Chris Evans MP, discussing 'Who voted for us and why?' Who better to consider these local questions than a local society?

Finally I should like to thank all the chairs, secretaries and officers of the local societies throughout Britain – all volunteers – who keep them running so successfully and who provide in a quite unique way, a varied programme of meetings and events where tolerant political debate can flourish within a socialist framework. Without their hard work this wouldn't happen.



Fabian Women's Network

Ivana Bartoletti

Chair, Fabian Women's Network

We at the Fabian Women's Network are proud of the work we have done this year, and want to thank the Fabian Society for its continued support. My heartfelt thanks go to vice-chair Sara Hyde and all committee members for a fantastic year.

Our main area of work has been the economy and its future in the age of digitalisation, automation and machine learning. Our Labour party conference programme reflected this. We held two events, on the future of work and artificial intelligence. The latter featured on Channel 4, and included an interview with me.

Thanks to a solid partnership with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), we put together a full programme of events, which culminated in a conference held at Unison HQ in the spring. Over 150 people attended from politics, business, academia and the union movement. The aim was to bring together female leaders to discuss how to re-imagine a new economic model post-Trump and Brexit, with protectionism on the rise as well as new and old global conflict. All interventions have been captured in our joint publication with FES, available on our website. A special thank you to Silke Breimaier at FES and Megan Corton Scott, Sara Hyde and Paulina Jakubec for putting the event and publication together.

We have continued to work on Brexit, and how it affects women, often in a solid partnership with the Labour Movement for Europe.

We produced a pamphlet called *Stand Up and be Counted: Be a Councillor* in conjunction with the LGA Labour Group. Special thanks to Abena Oppong-Asare and Sara Hyde on this.

The autumn issue of *Fabiana* and our Fabian New Year conference event were on the theme of feminist foreign policy. We are delighted that our *Fabiana* magazine is being issued on a regular basis, and want to thank Ellie Cumbo and Jos Bell for their fantastic work on it this year.

The public speaking and debating club continues to go from strength to strength, providing debating sessions where Fabian women have had the opportunity to improve

their public speaking skills in a supportive, and encouraging environment. Special thanks to Anna Kere for all her work on this.

There is renewed interest in reviving FWN North, following previous initiator Beth Knowles' promotion to Andy Burnham's team.

The FWN annual dinner in July was a success – over 100 people attended and the line-up of speakers was superb. Special thanks to Megan Corton Scott for all her work organising it, and for raising the resources FWN needs to continue to thrive. Jayne Almond has kept a keen eye on the finances and we finish this year in a stable position. We continue to communicate with members through our weekly newsletters. Thank you to Paulina Jakubec for making this happen.

With the launch of cohort seven in September 2017, almost 200 women will have been on the FWN mentoring programme, with annual applications numbering around 100. We've now drawn participants from all across the UK.

The snap election gave all 160 mentees an opportunity to demonstrate how powerful the network has become, rapidly mobilising information and resources to support those going for selection. People in Swindon could not have failed to notice a street full of Fabian women canvassing for one of their own.

Our heartfelt thanks to Christine Megson for all her hard work and passion. We are delighted to see her shortlisted for the mentor of the year award organized by Women of the Future. Mentee Beth Knowles has also been shortlisted, in the Community Spirit category.

Glass Ceiling Not Glass Slipper was set up by mentee Tamara Cincik and others to bring together cohorts of the FWN mentoring programme to work together as a network of over 150 talented and ambitious women.

Parliamentary events have been held on key topics which potentially hold women back. Events included: *Generation Rent*; *Is Education Teaching Us for the Jobs of the Future?*; *Working Class*; *Gendered Islamophobia*.

Year in review

JULY 2016

The Fabian Society's Changing Work Centre leads the debate on progressive ideas for the modern world of work with the publication of *Changing Work*, edited by Yvette Cooper MP. In the immediate aftermath of the Brexit decision, the society hears from Seema Malhotra MP, Alison McGovern MP, Keir Starmer MP and Guardian columnist Polly Toynbee at our annual parliamentary tea – and publishes reaction from Duncan Weldon, Luke Murphy, Caroline Macfarland and John McDonnell in the *Fabian Review*.



AUGUST 2016

Wide-ranging proposals for a social security system fit for the 2020s and beyond are unveiled in *For Us All* by the society's general secretary Andrew Harrop. The society also publishes reports on the arts and culture, and on the issue of LGBT representation in Labour.



SEPTEMBER 2016

The society runs a packed programme of events at Labour party conference in Liverpool including a democracy rally launching a new charter for democratic reform supported by more than 50 leading Labour figures. Also unveiled at conference are a report on disabled people and work and a collection of essays looking at the way forward as the UK tries to come to terms with the impact of the Brexit vote.



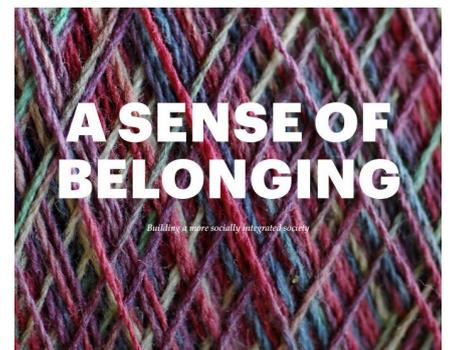
OCTOBER 2016

The society publishes *Green Places*, a report looking at how environmental issues can be put at the heart of the evolving devolution agenda. Contributions to the growing debate on English identity and culture are brought together in an essay collection, *Who Speaks to England?*



NOVEMBER 2016

Former prime minister Gordon Brown gives a Fabian lecture, calling for a new approach to the regions in the wake of the Brexit vote. Brexit is also on the agenda at the Fabian AGM, with a debate between Seema Malhotra MP, Mary Honeyball MEP, Brendan Chilton (Labour Leave) and pollster James Morris. The society also publishes reports on workers' perceptions of work and on the interim findings of the Bach Commission on access to justice.



DECEMBER 2016

Following the Casey Review on race and integration, the society publishes a collection of essays with centre-right think tank Bright Blue. *A Sense of Belonging* features writers from across the political divide looking at how to heal the rifts in post-Brexit Britain. Another report, *Outsiders*, puts forward ideas to increase BAME representation in the Labour party.

Year in review

JANUARY 2017

As the New Year begins, there is extensive media coverage for Stuck, general secretary Andrew Harrop's analysis of Labour's electoral prospects. Later in the month, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn outlines his vision of a fairer society at the Fabian New Year Conference. The society also publishes a contribution to the ongoing Brexit debate, with a set of progressive principles for the negotiations.

FEBRUARY 2017

Changes in the retail landscape could mean more than 1 million job losses or a race to the bottom on working conditions, according to the report from the society's retail taskforce which launches this month. The digital version of the Fabian Review assesses the fallout from the Stoke and Copeland by-elections.

MARCH 2017

The potential for NHS localism to transform healthcare services in England is the focus of the Fabians' new report, Local and National, launched with a roundtable event in Manchester with shadow health secretary Jon Ashworth MP. The society also hosts a seminar with Labour MPs under the Future Left banner looking at challenges and opportunities for Labour, while at Welsh Labour conference in Llandudno, Jeremy Miles AM, Eluned Morgan AM, Sian James and Roger Scully debate Labour's future in Wales.

APRIL 2017

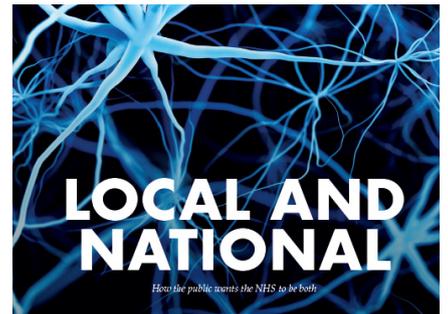
Twenty years on from the 1997 victory, the society marks the historic election of 101 women MPs with the publication of This Woman Can, featuring contributions from Harriet Harman, Margaret Beckett, Jacqui Smith and many others. A less happy election result – Donald Trump's victory in the US poll – is the focus of another publication, The Age of Trump, on foreign policy options for progressives. As the snap election is called, a conference hosted by Sheffield Fabians offers the opportunity for some election campaigning with keynote speaker Emily Thornberry.

MAY 2017

Society staff members take part in a series of doorstep campaign days, while coverage of the key issues continues on the Fabian Review blog. Jessica Toale assesses UK progress towards the UN's sustainable development goals in Our Shared Responsibility, launched with an event in London.

JUNE 2017

As the general election takes place, the society provides reaction and analysis on its website and plans for its summer conference which debates the campaign and what comes next. Fifteen members of the society join the ranks of Labour MPs.



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Membership 2016-17 (as of 30 June 2017)

	2016	2017	Change
Individuals	7,040	7,168	128
(of which Young Fabians)	(1,873)	(1,923)	(50)
CLPs, co-ops & trade unions	52	34	-18
Libraries	106	93	-10
Corporate	17	0	-17
TOTAL	7,215	7,295	80

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 2016 prize for the best Fabian publication of the year was awarded to Nick Donovan for his pamphlet *A Unique Contribution*.

In memoriam

Tony Atkinson
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Carol Berwick
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Eileen Booker
Audrey M.F. Brook
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Treasurer's report

David Chaplin
Treasurer, Fabian Society

Over the past 12 months a number of factors have negatively affected the Fabian Society's ability to raise income in order to meet our overall financial targets. The general election in particular caused disruption to a number of the society's existing projects and work plans, as well as complicating a frankly already challenging fundraising climate.

These factors are reflected in the end of year account for 2016/17, in which the Fabian Society is able to present a negligible deficit as the financial year comes to a close.

At the outset of the financial year, I reported to members that the executive committee's objectives remain to move the Fabian Society towards securing an annual net surplus, and a healthy and manageable cash-flow. Both of these strategic objectives suffered over the past 12 months as political events outside of our control made them harder to achieve.

However, despite these challenges our membership has remained one of the Fabian Society's core strengths in this financial year. Without the growing number of members, our political and financial position would indeed be weaker. I am especially grateful to those members – old and new – who continue to make provisions for additional contributions to the Fabian Society's work, either through regular giving or legacies. Your generous donations make a real difference in allowing the society to continue its work.

Over the past year, we have seen a small but reassuring increase in our membership of 1.4 per cent overall. This follows an increase of 9 per cent in the previous year, and as always, we will be considering new ways to engage and grow our membership over the coming 12 months.

The voluntary sections and the Young Fabians in particular play a vital role in expanding our

membership year-on-year, and that expansion is just as important as ever given the wider financial challenges that we have faced in recent months.

Looking ahead to the coming year, our financial and operational plans remain robust. The executive committee and the society's leadership team continue to prepare for a range of different scenarios which could have a negative impact on our financial health, and through the finance & general purposes sub-committee, the society's key performance indicators are monitored

regularly and our budget targets are scrutinised. As an executive committee, we remain committed to making cautious and prudent financial decisions and to continue to focus on building a lasting financial reserve for the society's future.

Finally, I'd like to thank the staff team of just over ten people who between them manage to keep the Society running with ever increasing pressures on their time. Andrew Harrop, our general secretary, Phil Mutero, our operations director, and Olivia Bailey our deputy general secretary have all worked incredibly hard alongside their outstanding teams to maintain the Fabian Society's excellent events, publications, research, and other editorial output over the past 12 months.

On behalf of the executive committee I'd like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the whole team at Petty France.

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Income & Expenditure

Account

for the Year Ended 30th June 2017

2017

2016

£

£

INCOME

Individual members	232,276	225,097
Institutional affiliations and subscriptions	5,325	6,320
Donations and legacies	12,934	9,466
Publications sales	2,472	2,663
Conference and events	154,786	140,109
Publication sponsorship and advertisements	93,569	47,509
Research projects	232,565	243,910
Rents	17,913	16,873
Bank Interest, royalties and miscellaneous	568	770
Total Income	£752,408	£692,717

EXPENDITURE

Research projects	59,155	54,953
Staff costs	420,346	362,626
Printing and distribution	94,456	84,869
Conference and events	54,817	65,374
Promotion	5,627	5,842
Affiliation fees	5,086	5,421
Postage, phone and fax	10,758	10,623
Depreciation	17,881	16,898
Travel	1,470	533
Other	6,910	6,148
Stationery and copying	9,179	6,545
Legal and professional	4,946	5,194
Irrecoverable VAT	1,223	333
Premises costs	52,038	52,598
Bad debts	1,882	-
Information systems	7,190	7,952
Total Expenditure	£752,964	£685,909
Surplus/(Deficit) Before tax and transfers	(556)	6,808
Transfers from reserves	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) before taxation	(556)	6,808
Corporation Tax	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£(556)	£6,808

Balance sheet

as at 30th June 2017

	2017		2016	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		1,226,090		1,237,559
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	6,448		4,515	
Debtors and prepayments	160,234		133,503	
Bank and cash	-		9,575	
	166,682		147,593	
CREDITORS-AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Creditors and accruals	(113,984)		(105,808)	
Net current assets		52,698		41,785
Net assets		£1,278,788		£1,279,344
General fund		1,272,513		1,273,069
Restricted fund		6,275		6,275
TOTAL FUNDS		£1,278,788		£1,279,344

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.

Auditors' statement

We have audited the financial statements of the Fabian Society for the year ended 30 June 2017 which comprise the income and expenditure account and balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the society's affairs as at 30 June 2017 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

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Conferences, receptions, lectures & seminars

Association of British Insurers, CityUK, Deloitte, ICAEW, Lloyds Banking Group, NSC Trust, TSB Bank, Young Women's Trust.

Trade unions

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