

Charity number: 1117449
Company number: 05794137
(England and Wales)

Surveillance Studies Network
Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 April 2025

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**Surveillance Studies Network
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 30 April 2025**

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 30 April 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects for which the charity is established are the advancement of education for the public benefit by the promotion of the study of surveillance as a facet of contemporary social and technological change and its consequences for individuals, groups, organisations, nations and regions by;

1. Supporting and promoting the free exchange of academic information about surveillance across academic disciplines and cultures.
2. Promoting learning and the sharing of knowledge about surveillance between scholars, students, organisations and the public world wide.
3. Owning and publishing a journal known as Surveillance and Society and other online resources devoted to the publication of communications which advance knowledge concerning the study of surveillance and society.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover the charity's liabilities and provide a reserve of £20,000

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and was incorporated on 25 April 2006 as amended by special resolution dated 19 September 2006.

Every member undertakes, if the Company is wound up or dissolved while he/she remains a member or within 12 months after ceasing to be a member, to contribute up to the sum of one pound (£1) towards the liabilities incurred by the Company while the contributor was a member and the costs of winding up or dissolution.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The recruitment and appointment of trustees is laid out in full within our Articles of Association available at Companies House.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Surveillance Studies Network
Charity registration number	1117449
Company registration number	05794137
Principal address	66 Hight Street Lewes East Sussex BN7 1XG

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Professor Dean Wilson
(Resigned: 03 April 2025)
Rosamunde Van Brakel
(Resigned: 09 April 2025)
Azadeh Akbari Kharazi
Dr Julia Chan
David Murakami Wood

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Bryce Newall
Gavin Smith
Fernanda Bruno

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by Text

JULIA CHAN

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Dr Julia Chan

26 February 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)
For the year ended 30 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	125,016	125,016	-
Charitable activities	3	35,263	-	35,263	1,367
Investments	4	250	-	250	247
Total		35,513	125,016	160,529	1,614
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5/6	(33,685)	(56,219)	(89,904)	(11,038)
Total		(33,685)	(56,219)	(89,904)	(11,038)
Net income/expenditure		1,828	68,797	70,625	(9,424)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		35,367	-	35,367	44,791
Total funds carried forward		37,195	68,797	105,992	35,367

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 April 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		106,412	53,463
		106,412	53,463
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(420)	(18,096)
Net current assets		105,992	35,367
Total assets less current liabilities		105,992	35,367
Net assets		105,992	35,367
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	12	68,797	-
Unrestricted income funds	12	37,195	35,367
Total funds		105,992	35,367

For the year ended 30 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Julia Chan
Trustee

26 February 2026

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Surveillance Studies Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charitable company is small.

Funds

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the company, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Restricted funds		
Grants received	125,016	-
	125,016	-

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3. Income from charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Promotion of surveillance education</i>		
Conference and membership fees	32,849	1,004
Income from publishing royalties	2,414	363
	<u>35,263</u>	<u>1,367</u>
	<u><u>35,263</u></u>	<u><u>1,367</u></u>

4. Investment income

	2025 £	2024 £
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	250	247
	<u>250</u>	<u>247</u>
	<u><u>250</u></u>	<u><u>247</u></u>

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Promotion of surveillance education	33,655	56,219	89,874	10,738
Support costs	30	-	30	300
	<u>33,685</u>	<u>56,219</u>	<u>89,904</u>	<u>11,038</u>
	<u><u>33,685</u></u>	<u><u>56,219</u></u>	<u><u>89,904</u></u>	<u><u>11,038</u></u>

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Support costs				
Promotion of surveillance education	89,874	30	89,904	11,038

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7. Analysis of support costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Promotion of surveillance education		
Finance	73	-
Governance costs	(43)	300
	<u>30</u>	<u>300</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy fees	492	300
(Gain)/Loss on foreign currency translation	(535)	-
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9. Staff costs and emoluments

	2025	2024
Trustees	6	2
	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>

10. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	420	18,096
	<u>420</u>	<u>18,096</u>

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12. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/05/2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/04/2025 £
<i>General</i>				
General	35,367	35,513	(33,685)	37,195
	35,367	35,513	(33,685)	37,195

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/05/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/04/2024 £
<i>General</i>				
General	44,791	1,614	(11,038)	35,367
	44,791	1,614	(11,038)	35,367

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted Funds

	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/04/2025 £
Open Technology Fund	125,016	(56,219)	68,797
	125,016	(56,219)	68,797

Restricted Funds - Previous year

Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/04/2024 £
-	-	-

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Purpose of restricted funds

Open Technology Fund

This fund supports the establishment of a Majority World track at the conference to expand the scope of surveillance studies to include non-Northern / Western discourses and practices. This entails bringing members from the region to the conference and ensuring issues concerning the most vulnerable communities are meaningfully included in the agenda.

The project also launched a network to promote skill sharing and collaboration among surveillance researchers across the Majority World, translate and open source valuable resources into minority languages, and set in place strong support systems to aid collaboration and advance our understanding of repressive surveillance. While regional networks carrying out research on surveillance exist, they are not connected at a global level to exchange ideas, build support networks, and disseminate the outcomes of their projects. The Surveillance in the Majority World Research Network helped fill this gap, facilitating spaces of exchange and ensuring resources and knowledge are publicly accessible for all involved.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	37,195	37,195
Restricted funds		
Open Technology Fund	68,797	68,797
	105,992	105,992

Previous year

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	35,367	35,367
Restricted funds		
	35,367	35,367

14. Company limited by guarantee

Surveillance Studies Network is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.