



Annual Report April 6th 2021 - April 5th 2022

AIMS AND PURPOSES

Mattering Press is an Open Access publisher that is dedicated to increasing access to the social scientific study of expert-led knowledge in a field often referred to as Science and Technology Studies (STS). As an open access publisher we aim to increase access to research in the field of STS by making it widely and freely available in the form of monographs and edited collections.

Mattering Press established itself as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 15-05-2013. The object of the charity as set out in our constitution is

To advance the education of the public in Science and Technology Studies, in particular by commissioning and publishing social scientific work on an open access basis.

All Mattering books will, therefore, be available freely as ebooks and as printed books to purchase. We also support books using formats that are experimental or difficult to publish using conventional publishing models.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on fee-charging. Open Access book publishing is still a relatively new phenomenon and the Open Access community is still experimenting with ways to make this form of publishing economically sustainable. The Press is partly funded through general donations, donations made for accessing books online and book sales. Mattering Press does charge fees to costs of publication, although discounts on this range from 25% to 100%. At the same time, we are working with partners in the ScholarLed consortium to develop new infrastructures and partnerships that will enable us to move away from a dependence on these fees.

During the financial year that this document reports on – 06-04-2021 to 05-04-2022 - the Press resumed its activities in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crises. We resumed production on new books and engaging with our stakeholders. Indeed, it was a busy year, including the publication of five new books.

ACTIVITIES

Books Published

- [Energy Worlds in Experiment](#) was published on 29th April 2021. The book is an experiment in writing about energy and an exploration of energy infrastructures as experiments. Twenty authors have written collaborative chapters that examine energy politics and practices, from electricity cables and energy monitors to swamps and estuaries.
- [Sensing In/Security](#) was published on 24th August 2021. The book investigates how sensors and sensing practices enact regimes of security and insecurity. It extends long-standing concerns with infrastructuring to emergent modes of surveillance and control by exploring how digitally networked sensors shape securitisation practices
- [Environmental Alterities](#) was publishing on the 10th June 2021. In the context of accelerating environmental crises and exhausted intellectual paradigms, this book asks what comes after 'after nature'. Instead of demanding new models and approaches, it invites its readers to look to the endpoints and failures of what is already known, in order to generate alternative forms of ethical engagement with worlds both on this planet, and beyond it.
- [With Microbes](#) was published on the 10th June 2021. The book asks: what does it mean to be with microbes? Across 24 contributions, authors attune to microbes and describe their multiple relationships with humans and others.
- [Engineering the Climate](#) was published on the 6th December 2021. The book unpacks the turbulent trajectory of one of the most contested techno-political projects of our time: the idea to deliberately alter, to engineer, the earth's climate to counteract global warming.

Project Involvement

- Matter Press editors, Joe Deville and Julien McHardy, continued to be involved as a Co-Investigator and Consultant in the COPIM (Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs) project funded by Research England and the Arcadia Fund. For example, in March 2022, [Deville presented](#) at RLUK as part of an event on Making Open Access Books Work Fairly. Julien McHardy explored how experimental publishing might help us rethink archiving, as part of a collaborative event titled [Data Books & Data Bodies: Performing Archival Data differently](#), as well as in July 2021 highlighting [a new experimental publishing collaboration](#) with POP, the Politics of Patents Project. McHardy also contributed to an [OASPA webinar on Business Models for Open Access](#) in February 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Mattering Press is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The charity trustees are also the General Editors for the Press. The Editors, or the Board of Trustees meet quarterly to administer the business of the Press. All decisions are brought to the board either via email or during meetings. Trustees each have a portfolio that they are responsible for administering.

In the event of a retiring trustee, the board will meet to discuss the skill requirements needed to fill the position. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees and Editors, the board has regard for the skills, knowledge and experience needed to administer the CIO. Nominations for the new Trustee may come from the Board or the wider STS community. The Editors will vote to accept new applications at a General Meeting. New trustees are then inducted into charity business at their first Trustees meeting. During this meeting they are briefed about their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, the Mattering Press Constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. The work of administering the charity is supported by the Advisory Board.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The correspondence address for Mattering Press is 8 Limley Grove, Manchester, M21 8UB, United Kingdom.

Charity Number: 1152056

The Trustees that have served during the financial year here reported and until the date this report was approved are as follows:

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

6th April 2021

To

5th April 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Receipts from institutions | 4,065 | - | - | 4,065 | 1,734 |
| Individual donations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sales | 2,491 | - | - | 2,491 | 1,653 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 6,557 | - | - | 6,557 | 3,387 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 6,557 | - | - | 6,557 | 3,387 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Administration | 522 | | | 522 | 149 |
| Printing and distribution | 3,405 | | | 3,405 | 2,416 |
| Production | 9,939 | | | 9,939 | 4,169 |
| Marketing | | | | - | 975 |
| Sub total | 13,866 | - | - | 13,866 | 7,709 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 13,866 | - | - | 13,866 | 7,709 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 7,310 | - | - | - 7,310 | - 4,322 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 46,622 | - | - | - | 50,944 |
| Cash funds this year end | 39,312 | 1 | - | - | 46,622 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Bank Current Account | 34,361 | - | - |
| | Paypal Account 1 | 733 | | |
| | Paypal Account 2 | 4,219 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 39,312 | - | - |

| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

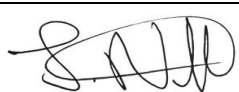
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Joseph Deville

5th February 2023