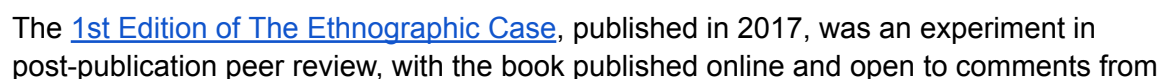




Aims and purposes

Mattering Press established itself as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on the 15th May 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 are, therefore, freely available 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.

This year we were very pleased to mark the publication of the [Second Edition of The Ethnographic Case](#), edited by Emily Yates-Doerr and Christine Labuski. As with most of our books, the cover was designed by Mattering Press Editor and Trustee, Julien McHardy.



readers. In this new 2nd edition the editors and authors have updated the text, both in response to these comments and taking into account changing contexts in the years since the book's first publication. This edition, including a new introduction and conclusion, is not only available free to read online, but also to purchase as a hard copy.

Finances

A major development this year has been the full launch of Mattering Press' [Supporter Programme](#) on the Open Book Collective. This is a new departure for the press. Previously, like many small open access book publishers, the press has been almost wholly reliant on income from book production fees, to support its work. While we try to levy these fees in ways that are mindful of the inequities of such funding models, [as we describe](#), we have always recognised that charging book production fees is not a long term solution to the challenge of how to sustain open access book publishing.

With the launch of this supporter programme, university libraries have the opportunity to provide financial support to the press for its open access publishing work, in exchange for benefits including an annual report and public acknowledgement. This financial model is key to press' aim to become fully financially self-sustaining and less reliant on the charging of publishing fees.

In this financial period, contributions from supporting institutions generated over £4,000 in income, as shown in our separate accounts. While this is still less than a single book publishing fee of £6,000, this accounted for over 40% of our income between the 6th April 2023 and the 5th April 2024.

Table 1: Distribution of of Mattering Press income, April 6th 2023 to April 5th 2024

Type of income	£	Proportion
Publishing fees	854	8%
Supporter programmes	4,447	41%
Individual donations	104	1%
Sales	5,511	50%
Total	10,915	

This new income stream has had an immediate effect. For most of its existence, the day to day work of running Mattering Press has been undertaken by the press' now seven [Editors and Trustees](#). This work is voluntary and unpaid. It has been, and continues to be supplemented by paid work undertaken by external contractors, such as [Tetragon](#), which provides typesetting services, and our talented group of copy editors and proofreaders.

However, in March 2024 we were delighted to welcome Mattering Press' first ever employee: Jennifer Horsley, who works as our Publishing Project Manager. One of our Trustees, Joe

Deville, [has written about](#) how much of a revelation it has been to have Jennifer on the team. Jennifer helps support our production workflow, as well as undertaking a range of back office activities, all of which have helped improve the way we work and engage with current and prospective authors. We simply would not have had the financial security without the new income stream from the Open Book Collective.

We would therefore like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank both the Open Book Collective and all our [supporting institutions](#) for helping support a more sustainable future for small open access, scholar-led publishers such as our own.

Activities & community engagement

Our Trustees were involved in a range of activities during the period in line with the press' mission to support open access publishing in and related to STS.

A particularly important event of the year for the press' Trustees was a workshop we convened in Wavre, Belgium. The aim of the workshop was to discuss publishing futures, including, crucially, the futures of the press itself. The event brought together almost all of the press' Trustees in person for the first time in many years, including Endre Dányi, Joe Deville, Anna Dowrick, Natalie Gill, Julien McHardy, and Michaela Spencer.

Amongst many other topics, we discussed what the press' efforts and energies should be focused on, and how, practically, to sustain our work. One of the key outputs of these conversations was a shared agreement that the press' future depended on having additional support in the form of a Publishing Project Manager. As discussed above, this was to materialise later in the year with Jennifer Horsley joining the team. More generally, we left the workshop with a renewed commitment and conviction that Mattering Press .. matters.



Julien McHardy was centrally involved in the successful launch, in December 2023, of the [Experimental Publishing Compendium](#). This resource “gathers and links tools, examples of experimental books, and experimental publishing practices with a focus on free and open-source software, platforms, and digital publishing tools that presses and authors can either use freely or can adapt to their research and publishing workflows”. We very much

support this resource, and encourage others to use it, to further embed experimental publishing practices within the scholarly system.

Julien also continued to advance the work of [ScholarLed](#), a collective of seven small academic-led open access publishers. This includes regular ‘salons’ aimed at sharing resources and information amongst participating publishers. During this period, this includes sessions on topics such as metadata management and fair use/fair dealing.

Joe Deville began his work leading a new project to support diamond open access publishing, supported by Arcadia and Research England. This project will further develop infrastructures and workflows for supporting open access books, as described in the project [press release](#). This includes working to ensure the financial sustainability of the Open Book Collective, which he leads as Managing Director, as well as contributing to the associated [Copim](#) community.

Joe also [introduced the work of the press](#) in September 2023 at a ‘Meet the Publishers and Authors’ session at the AsSIST-UK (UK Association for Studies in Innovation, Science and Technology) biannual conference at Manchester University. Mattering Press also set up a stand in the main hall.



Metrics & impact

As a small press, we do not currently have the capacity to provide reliable quantitative measures of the impact of our books in terms of usage. This is something we are, however, continuing to work on with our partners in the [Copim](#) community.

We are able, however, to provide some indicative citation statistics for our books (via Google Scholar, 5th February 2025). For edited collections, this includes citations only for the book as a whole.

Mattering Press books have achieved a total of 696 citations to date. This is broken down as follows:

[The Ethnographic Case \(2nd Edition\)](#)

Edited by Emily Yates-Doerr and Christine Labuski

Publication year: 2023

Citations: 4

[Democratic Situations](#)

Edited by Andreas Birkbak and Irina Papazu

Publication year: 2022

Citations: 20

[Concealing for Freedom](#)

Ksenia Ermoshina and Francesca Musiani (Foreword by Laura DeNardis)

Publication year: 2022

Citations: 22

[Engineering the Climate](#)

Julia Schubert

Publication year: 2022

Citations: 10

[With Microbes](#)

Edited by Charlotte Brives, Matthäus Rest and Salla Sariola

Publication year: 2021

Citations: 38

[Environmental Alterities](#)

Edited by Cristóbal Bonelli and Antonia Walford

Publication year: 2022

Citations: 2

[Sensing In/Security](#)

Edited by Nina Klimburg-Witjes, Nikolaus Poechhacker & Geoffrey C. Bowker

Publication year: 2021

Citations: 19

[Energy Worlds in Experiment](#)

Edited by James Maguire, Laura Watts & Brit Ross Winthereik

Publication year: 2021

Citations: 17

[Boxes: A Field Guide](#)

Edited by Susanne Bauer, Martina Schlünder, Maria Rentetzi

Publication year: 2020

Citations: 17

[An Anthropology of Common Ground](#)

Nathalia Brichet

Publication year: 2018

Citations: 11

[Ghost-Managed Medicine](#)

Sergio Sismondo

Publication year: 2018

Citations: 148

[Inventing the Social](#)

Edited by Noortje Marres, Michael Guggenheim, Alex Wilkie

Publication year: 2018

Citations: 143

[Energy Babble](#)

Andy Boucher, Bill Gaver, Tobie Kerridge, Mike Michael, Liliana Ovalle, Matthew Plummer-Fernandez, and Alex Wilkie

Publication year: 2018

Citations: 18

[Modes of Knowing](#)

Edited by John Law, Evelyn Ruppert

Publication year: 2016

Citations: 100

[Imagining Classrooms](#)

Vicki Macknight

Publication year: 2016

Citations: 9

[On Curiosity](#)

Frank Cochoy

Publication year: 2016

Citations: 37

[Practising Comparison](#)

Publication year: 2016

Citations: 81

Governance

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 press' two Advisory Boards.

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:

Uli Beisel, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Endre Dányi, Bundeswehr University Munich, Germany
Joe Deville, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK
Anna Dowrick, Oxford University, UK
Julien McHardy, Studio, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Michaela Spencer, Charles Darwin University, Australia
Natalie Gill, University of West England, Bristol, UK

There have been no changes in Trustees over the period.

This report was approved on 5 February 2025 by Uli Beisel, Endre Dányi, Joe Deville, Anna Dowrick, Natalie Gill, Julien McHardy, and Michaela Spencer.



Mattering Press		Charity number: 1152056	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	06 April 2023	To	05 April 2024

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts					
Receipts from institutions (publishing fees)	854	-	-	854	-
Receipts from institutions (supporter programmes)	4,447			4,447	175
Individual donations	104	-	-	104	280
Sales	5,511	-	-	5,511	1,544
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,915	-	-	10,915	2,000
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,915	-	-	10,915	2,000
A3 Payments					
Administration	1,032			1,032	467
Bank Charges	20			20	
Marketing	416			416	726
OBC Fees	364			364	
OBC Donations	262			262	
Printing & Distribution	939			939	1,603
Production	1,874			1,874	3,762
Staff	-			-	
Travel & Subsistence	1,337			1,337	
Exchange Differences	-			-	
Sub total	6,243	-	-	6,243	6,558
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,243	-	-	6,243	6,558
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,672	-	-	4,672	- 4,559
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,717	-	-	34,717	39,276
Cash funds this year end	39,389	-	-	39,389	34,717

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds			
Co-Op Current Account	32,185	-	-
Wise Accounts	686		
Paypal Accounts	6,519	-	-
Total cash funds	39,389	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
B5 Liabilities			
	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Joseph Deville

Date of approval

5 Feb 2025