



# Trustees' Annual Report 2021

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## Chair's Report

### Rosie Harding

As the coronavirus pandemic continued to disrupt academic routines, and place additional burdens on academics, the SLSA Board of Trustees continued to work to to achieve our charitable objects, which are:

*for the public benefit to advance education and learning in the field of socio legal studies and to promote research, the useful results of which shall be published for the public benefit, teaching and the dissemination of knowledge in the field.*

We have achieved these objects this year through our Annual Conference, as well as our small grants, fieldwork grants and seminar grants, our newsletter, website and blog, our work on equality and diversity, open access, SQE reform, and research ethics. All of these activities are detailed in this annual report.

### SLSA Board News

Four members of the SLSA Board stepped down at the 2021 AGM:

- Professor Emilie Cloatre (Trustee)
- Dr Roxanna Fatemi-Dehaghani (Trustee)
- Professor Antonia Layard (Vice Chair and Ex-Officio Trustee)
- Tahir Abass (PGR Representative)

We welcomed the following new members to the SLSA Board this year:

- Beverley Clough (Trustee)
- Sabrina Germain (Trustee)
- Mitchell Travis (Trustee)
- Maddy Millar (PGR Representative)
- Caroline Hunter (York Conference Rep)
- Jed Meers (York Conference Rep)
- Arwen Joyce (Precarity Rep)

Chris Ashford was elected to the Ex-Officio Trustee role of Vice Chair at the April 2021 AGM.

There were three formal Board meetings in 2021, in January, May and September. All of those meetings took place online, using Zoom. We had originally planned to meet face-to-face in September 2021, but the ongoing disruption caused by the pandemic, and a lack of access to hybrid meeting spaces prevented this from being possible. The Board hope to meet in person in 2022 for at least one of the regular Board meetings.

Each year, at the AGM, one-third of the SLSA Trustees must retire, though may stand for re-election if they are eligible to serve another term. Trustees usually serve on the Board for up to 6 years (two terms of three years each). In exceptional cases, such as when a trustee is elected to an Ex-Officio role, they may serve on the board for up to 9 years. This year, Vanessa Munro (Treasurer), Philip Bremner and Rebecca Moosavian will retire by rotation, and will be standing for re-election, though Vanessa Munro will be stepping down from her role as Treasurer. Diamond Ashiagbor, Rosie Harding (Chair), Ed Kirton-Darling,

and Jess Mant will retire from the board and do not seek re-election. Huw Pritchard has also come to the end of his term on the Board as Cardiff Conference representative.

So that the total number of trustees is easily divisible by three, there will be five vacancies for election as Trustees at the AGM, including election to the ex-officio roles of Chair and Treasurer. Statements from all those who have put themselves forward for election will be circulated with the AGM paperwork and an election will be held at the AGM. In keeping with the hybrid nature of the SLSA conference, the AGM will be held both in person and via zoom. All members are welcome to attend, whether or not they are at the SLSA conference.

### SLSA Annual Conferences

The 2021 SLSA Annual Conference, which was hosted digitally by the University of Cardiff was our biggest conference ever, with over 700 delegates. Whilst there were a few early digital teething problems, overall the conference was a great success. We remain indebted to Cardiff University, the Learned Society of Wales, the *Journal of Law and Society*, *Modern Law Review*, *Social & Legal Studies* and Wiley for their generous sponsorship of the 2021 Online SLSA Conference.

As we write this annual report, we are making the final preparations for our 2022 Conference hosted by York Law School from 6-8 April 2022, and will be available to both in-person and online attendees. We should take this opportunity also to remind members that the locations of our 2023 and 2024 conferences have already been announced:

- 2023: Ulster University, Derry-Londonderry, 4-6 April 2023
- 2024: University of Portsmouth (dates tbc)

We are particularly delighted that Portsmouth have volunteered to host in 2024, after sadly having to cancel our 2020 conference there as the pandemic took hold.

The annual SLSA PG Conference was hosted online in 2021 (and 2022, though the latter falls outside the period covered by this report). As the risks of gathering in person reduce, and recognising the importance of networking for emerging scholars, the SLSA Board plan to transition back to a face-to-face PG conference in 2023.

Flora Renz and Clare Williams hosted a hugely successful SLSA One-Day Conference on 'Doing Socio-Legal Research in a Pandemic' on 21 September 2021. Further details are available below.

### Learned Society Activities

As a learned society, the SLSA represents our members across a wide range of sectors and activities. We have continued to work as part of the Academy of Social Sciences and with the Law Commission, REF2021 law panel, funders of socio-legal research and to represent our members' views and interests in legal education forums. Of particular note in this year is our work with the Law Commission, including supporting them in their work on developing their 14<sup>th</sup> programme of law reform, and co-hosting an online conference exploring possible topics for inclusion.

## Research Ethics Review

The ongoing research ethics review that had been taking place since early 2020 was completed in 2021. The updated Statement of Principles of Ethical Research Practice are available on the [SLSA Website](#), alongside a historical note about the development of the SLSA Ethics statement.

## A personal thank you

Finally, as noted above, I will be standing down from my role as Chair of the SLSA at the 2022 AGM. It has been my great pleasure and privilege to serve on the SLSA Executive Committee and the SLSA CIO Board of Trustees since April 2013, including as Vice Chair from 2015-2017 and as Chair from 2017-2022.

In that time, the SLSA has (amongst other things) incorporated as a CIO, weathered the storm of the coronavirus pandemic, grown our membership, expanded our international activities, supported our PGR and ECR community, and introduced new support for non-academic impact arising from Socio-Legal Research (see further below). I am greatly indebted to all those who have served the SLSA community as members of the Executive Committee and the SLSA Board over the time that I have been Chair. None of these achievements, all of which help to support, develop and expand our field, would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the SLSA Trustees and other Board members, nor of the engagement and support of our membership, especially those who lead streams and current topics at our Annual Conferences.

As we emerge into a world where we will have to adapt many of the ways we do things in response to the continuing risks posed by the coronavirus, I am pleased (and relieved!) that the SLSA remains in a strong position to support and serve our membership. I am grateful that the SLSA membership put their trust in me to lead the SLSA over the last few years, and I trust and hope that our Association, and our field will continue to thrive in the years ahead.

## Vice Chair's Report

**Chris Ashford**

### PGR Representative Recruitment

Together with sub-group colleagues (Victoria Adkins, Jess Mant, Emma Milne, Colin Moore, and Rebecca Moosavian) we considered 9 applications, and selected Maddy Millar, a first year PhD student from Exeter. I am delighted that Maddy has accepted the post. It was a strong field of applications, and I am grateful to the sub-group for their tremendous work reviewing the applications and coming to a final decision, particularly during the Summer months.

### Law Commission

I represented the SLSA, alongside Rosie Harding at the annual meeting with the Law Commission in June 2021, attended by representatives of the other scholarly law associations.

### Bar Standards Board Review of EU Law

Together with Mitch Travis, I led the SLSA engagement with the Bar Standard Board review of EU Law as a 'foundation' subject of the academic stage of

training for the Bar. Alongside the other scholarly societies, we encouraged open engagement with the sector and await formal proposals.

### Annual Book Prize

I reviewed the rules and process of the competition, taking soundings from Nathan Emmerich who administers the prize entries once the SLSA receives them. No changes have been made for this year and the call for nominations has been posted through our usual channels.

## Treasurer's Report

**Vanessa Munro**

Please see appended Annual Accounts for the Treasurer's Report.

Below is the overview report with the breakdown of accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan-31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021. The accounts were sent at the end of January 2022 to The Kelvin Partnership for independent examination in line with the requirements of our CIO registration with the Charities Commission.

### Overall Assets

Opening Balance as 1.1.21	£82,760.14
Total Income 1.1.21 - 31.12.21	£37,430.04
Total Expenditure 1.1.21 - 31.12.21	£41,129.80
	<b>- £3,699.76</b>
Closing Balance as 31.12.21	£79,060.38

### Coop Account

Opening Balance as 1.1.21	£67,707.98
Closing Balance as 31.12.21	£62,479.98

### Lloyds Account

Opening Balance as 1.1.21	£14,888.40
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Closing Balance as 31.12.21	£16,580.40
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### Paypal Account

Opening Balance as 1.1.21	£153.76
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Closing Balance as 31.12.21 monthly to Coop]	£0.00	[income transferred
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**Notes:** Increased membership donation took effect from July 2021 but was not uniformly adhered to by all members. Reminders were issued, resulting in many top up payments. We would expect a further increase in membership income next year as all members update payment arrangements. The conference donation from the Cardiff 2021 conference is still pending. At the AGM in 2021, we projected an income of £54,500 for 2021 which included a £20k Cardiff conference donation. Though delayed, we now expect that Cardiff donation to be larger, and have projected £50k on that basis in next year's budget, alongside projected donation from York 2022 in due course. Aside from the Cardiff donation delay, income projections for 2021 as outlined at the previous AGM have been largely accurate. At the AGM, we projected an expenditure for 2021 of £47,150, and have in fact managed to make some savings against that. As a result, the SLSA accounts are looking in a strong position, which is why, as outlined in the 2022 projections, the Trustees intend to reinstate higher budgets for Grant and Seminar competitions, and to introduce a new stream of Impact & Engagement funding.

### **Breakdown of Income & Expenditure:**

**Period: 1/1/21 - 31/12/21**

### **Income**

Membership	22181.31
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Annual Conference Donation	0.00
Newsletter Sponsorship	7500.00
Conference Flyer Inserts	700.00
Prize Sponsorship	1250.00
One Day Conference Donations	0.00
PG Conference Deposits	0.00
Grant Underspend Refunds	5795.53
Miscellaneous	3.20

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,430.04</b>
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### **Expenditure**

Executive Committee Expenses	70.00
PG Conference Expenses	0.00
SLSA Admin Support	2200.00
Newsletter: Editing	16154.00
Production	5260.00
Small Research Grants	4135.00
Seminar Competition	2700.00
Fieldwork Grants	3010.00
Annual Prizes	1360.00
SLSA One Day Conferences	0.00
Website & Database	1278.00
Charities Insurance Premium	500.84
Training & Mentoring Grants	0.00
AcSS membership	652.00
Production of Flyers	0.00
IALS Storage Fee	87.20
Auditor Fee	960.00



Miscellaneous	2762.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,129.80</b>
<b>Net Balance</b>	<b><u>- £3,699.76</u></b>

### **SLSA Budget Forecast 2022**

Below is a forecast for 2022 (with 2021 actuals in red). It is based on certain assumptions –

- That we continue to hold a number of our Trustee meetings online
- That we hold the next PGR conference in Jan 2023 in hybrid format (previous event online in Jan 2022 at no cost). Costs may be transferred to host in 2022 to facilitate planning
- That membership remains constant with more members paying the increased donation
- That the Cardiff donation comes in at £50,000
- That the York donation will come in at £20,000
- That the newsletter be returned to its previous length, having been reduced to save costs as an interim measure due to reduced income from cancellation of Portsmouth 2020

### **Income**

Membership	25000 [22,181]
Annual Conference Donation (York, 2022)	20000 [0]
Annual Conference Donation (Cardiff, 2021)	50000 [0 – 2020 cancelled]
Newsletter Sponsorship	7500 [7,500]
Conference Flyer Inserts	700 [700]
Prize Sponsorship	1250 [1,250]
One Day Conference Donations	0 [0]
PG Conference Deposits	0 [0]
Grant Underspend Refunds	0 [5796]
Miscellaneous	0 [3]

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>104,450 [37,430]</b>
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## Expenditure

Executive Committee Expenses	2500 [70]
PG Conference Expenses	5000 [0]*
SLSA Admin Support	2500 [2200]
Newsletter: Editing	21000
[16,154]	
Production	7500 [5,260]
Small Research Grants	10000 [4,135]
Seminar Competition	5000 [2,700]
Fieldwork Grants	5000 [3,010]
Impact & Engagement Grants	15000 [0]
Annual Prizes	1350 [1,360]
SLSA One Day Conferences	4000 [0]
Website & Database	2000 [1,278]
Training & Mentoring Grants	1000 [0]
AcSS membership	700
[652]	
Production of Flyers	400 [0]
IALS Storage Fee	100 [87]
Charities Insurance	600
[501]	
External Auditor Fee	1500 [960]
Miscellaneous	0 [2,723]
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85,150 [41,089]</b>

**Membership and Data Protection**  
**Colin Moore**

## Overall Membership Numbers:

As of 10/02/2022 our membership database holds information for the following members.

Full Members	653 (an increase of 95 members).
Full Members (Overseas)	77 (an increase of 21 members).
Honorary Life Members	13
PG Members	542 (an increase of 75 members)
Retired Memberships	20 (an increase of 1 members)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,305 (an increase of 182)</b>

Membership continues to increase steadily across both full and PGR membership sections.

## Data Protection Officer

There was one data protection request this year. This resulted in an author's name being redacted from digital versions of a previous conference programme.

## Grants

### Ed Kirton-Darling (Grants Sub-Committee Chair)

In the 2020-21 grants competition, we received 14 applications for Small Grants and 7 applications for PhD Fieldwork Grants. We provided £7,135 in grants to support research, via our small grants and PhD fieldwork grants scheme. Candidates were assessed against (longstanding) published criteria by the grants committee, which then made recommendations to the Board.

The successful applicants were:

### Small Grants:

- Suhraiya Jivraj (Kent, £1,500.00): 'Transforming Social Justice Through Activism',
- Elizabeth Seal (Sussex, £1,135.00): 'Race, Crime and Justice in Britain, 1870-1955'. (Note that after receiving the award, this applicant received a BA grant to take some of this work forward, and so modified what she would do with the funding and then returned us £300 of the original project grant, using the rest for additional work to support the research).
- Ethnie Dowds (QUB, £1,500.00): 'New Methodologies in Feminist Legal Studies: Legislative Drafting Project'

### PhD Fieldwork Grants

- Marcelo Carvalho-Loureiro (Birmingham, £1,000.00): 'Decolonising Nationality Law: a syncretic theory of citizenship'
- Gee Imaan Semmalar (Kent, £1,000.00): 'Colonial folklores in legal archives; Caste and gender deviant categorisations in 19th century colonial India'

- Marie Wilmet (European University Institute, £1,000.00): 'Healing through justice? Empirically evaluating the mitigating effect of the civil party system on the harms suffered by Cambodian victims of sexual and gender-based crimes'

## Seminar Grants

In the time period 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021 the SLSA Seminars Sub-Committee awarded four seminar grants in February 2021 out of a pot of £2700. In total there were 18 applications for seminar grants in this round, all of which were of extremely high quality and demonstrated the significant range of socio-legal research activities currently taking place despite the challenges of Covid.

To reflect the impact of Covid-19 the Seminar Grants rules have been modified as of last year to allow applications that include funding for IT costs to enable online events.

Summary of grants awarded:

<b>Applicant name and seminar title:</b>	<b>Amount awarded</b>
Laura Pritchard-Jones and Bev Clough: "Mental Capacity in the Context of Sexual Relationships and Intimacy"	£1,000
Anna Nelson and Elizabeth Chloe Romanis: "COVID-19 and Birthing Services: Socio-Legal Reflections & Lessons"	£700
Lucy Finchett-Maddock, Sean Mulcahy and Sophie Doherty: "Art/Law Network Online Seminar Series 2021: Homing - Beyond 2020"	£1000
	<b>Total: £2700</b>

## SLSA One Day Conference

**Doing Socio-Legal Research in a Pandemic: How, Why, When, Where?**

**Flora Renz and Clare Williams**

The ways we do, talk, and think about socio-legal research have fundamentally shifted. State and University responses to Covid-19 have disrupted sites of power and privilege, of inclusion and exclusion, of access to resources and ability to be heard. Our approaches to research practices have shifted as a consequence. While research across the social sciences has adapted rapidly to substantively explore new practices and structures, questions of how we go about socio-legal research (methodology and epistemology) remain largely unaddressed. To investigate some of these issues we organised a one-day virtual conference sponsored by the SLSA on the 21st September 2021. The event had been widely publicised, and we were delighted to present eight papers split across three

panels, with two keynote presentations. The event was truly global, with speakers from Australia, South Africa, The Netherlands, Colombia, Norway, and the UK. Over 140 people had registered for the event, and we had an audience of 40-65 across the entire day, confirming the need for events that support and connect the sociolegal community given the upheavals of the past two years.

We had SLSA funding set aside to cover child and other care costs to enable participation, but this was not required in the end.

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

### **Clare Williams (EDI Sub-Committee Chair)**

In line with the ongoing work of the SLSA and other subcommittees, the EDI subcommittee has been busy throughout 2021. The beginning of 2021 saw some changes to the committee's line up, as Professor Diamond Ashiagbor, who chaired the SLSA's EDI committee since its inception in 2019, stepped down as chair of the group in January 2021. Professor Ashiagbor has led the development of SLSA's EDI agenda, including the drafting of key SLSA policies and engagements, in particular the Equality and Diversity Policy and associated documents, and has been instrumental in placing the SLSA on firm EDI footings. I agreed to stand in as chair of the subcommittee in January and hope to continue the excellent work. At the same time, the EDI subcommittee was also boosted by Dr Flora Renz and Dr Simon Flacks, along with Maddy Millar who joined Victoria Adkins as PGR rep. Victoria, along with Dr Jess Mant and Dr Ed Kirton-Darling will be leaving us in April 2022 when they stand down from the SLSA Board, and all will be hugely missed.

We also welcomed the SLSA's first Precarity Rep, Arwen Joyce, in November 2021. The creation of this Board-level role within the SLSA to raise the profile of issues related to casualisation in higher education is both timely and important. The burden of casualisation falls disproportionately on women, BAME and disabled staff, eroding labour rights, bargaining power, and financial security, and Covid has exacerbated much of this disadvantage. We hope that the Precarity Rep role can be a conduit for the diverse views and concerns of precariously employed socio-legal researchers to the SLSA Board, and we look forward to supporting Arwen in the role.

The most ambitious project undertaken by the EDI committee this year was the SLSA's first EDI survey, which was launched on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and ran for 6 weeks. The survey had been proposed in early 2020 and marks the culmination of the hard work of many people. As we were unable to use the membership database to collect demographic information about our members, the survey became the best tool available to us to begin our data journey. I would like to extend deep gratitude to all those involved in designing, reviewing, piloting, revising, and administering the survey, and all those involved in analysing the data and drafting the report.

The survey highlighted that while the SLSA is doing well in some aspects of EDI work, there are areas requiring us to go further. EDI is the work of everyone, and a journey rather than a destination, and in this spirit, the data will offer a springboard and empirical grounding for future activities, engagements, and policies. While the response rate of around 8% makes wider inferences about the

SLSA or socio-legal community difficult, some of the comments from the survey highlighted that the SLSA was “one of the more inclusive” societies, praising it for its work engaging and encouraging postgraduate and early career researchers. The survey highlighted areas of race and disability as being weaker points though, and along with socio-economic status and class, and the rise of precarity in higher education employment practices, the data offers a solid starting point for the SLSA’s EDI focus over the coming years. The full Report will be published on the SLSA’s website, with updates in the newsletter and eBulletin, and is shared in the spirit of dialogue that we hope to continue.

The pivot to online and hybrid events as a result of Covid offered us a remarkable social experiment into access and accessibility, and we are consciously working towards retaining the best aspects of inclusion that we glimpsed through the lockdowns as far as reasonably practicable. As we saw with the online SLSA annual conference in 2021, hybrid and online events have the potential for greater inclusion not only of those with disabilities, but those with caring responsibilities for children or adults, and for those who are unable to travel. The SLSA-sponsored one day conference hosted on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 by Dr Flora Renz and myself, “Doing Socio-Legal Research in a Pandemic”, received positive feedback about the event’s accessibility as well as the community-building content. Nevertheless, while hybrid options were strongly urged in survey responses, there is a desire to return to face-to-face events, and we will carefully consider maximum possibilities for inclusion as we try to balance multiple needs in the SLSA’s “post-pandemic” engagements list.

Earlier on in 2021, the EDI subcommittee in partnership with Professor Linda Mulcahy, continued to collate and record law school statements responding to the Black Lives Matter movement and expressing a commitment to anti-racism. In recognition of the longstanding ongoing work to decolonize the academe by members of our community, and in solidarity, the SLSA wanted to record and preserve these statements, and continues to collate statements by law schools. Please continue to submit these to the SLSA to be recorded on the website.

The EDI subcommittee has reviewed and drafted additional policies throughout 2021, and this included reviewing the membership options that the SLSA offers. We reviewed policies for retired membership and introduced a policy allowing members to freeze their membership on EDI grounds which can be viewed on the SLSA website. The subcommittee continues to review SLSA policies and practices to ensure that these operate with equality and fairness, and welcome comments and suggestions from our members about how these can be improved.

## **International Activities**

### **Smita Kheria (International Liaison Officer)**

International Liaison annual report

The focus in 2021 was on continuing to maintain existing international connections and reaching out to new socio-legal organisations. Specific activities included:

- Making contact with a selection of organisations and communities, especially in the Global South, with the aim of, initially, improving sharing of opportunities for relevant memberships through our existing mechanisms (e.g. e-bulletin; social media), and in the longer term, exploring the potential for collaborative events and activities.
- Representing SLSA at LSA-FICA Meeting for discussion of, and preparation for, LSA's 7th Global Meeting on Law and Society (taking place in Lisbon, Portugal in July 2022 at the ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon) with a view to ensuring that SLSA's interests as co-sponsors of the meeting are suitably represented, and that relevant information about the conference is disseminated to SLSA members.
- Representing SLSA at a workshop for planning in-person networking activities at LSA's meeting in Lisbon, to facilitate better connection between representatives of international socio-legal associations, and their memberships, and using the Lisbon meeting to provide better visibility to associations at the conference and beyond.

## Postgraduate Activities

### **Victoria Adkins and Maddy Millar (PGR Representatives)**

The SLSA PGR Conference took place on 6 and 7 January 2021 and due to the pandemic, the conference was hosted online. Despite this, the conference was very successful and positive feedback was received from attendees. The online format also allowed us to have a larger attendance of PGR's, as well as providing an opportunity of attendance for those who would not have been able to attend in person for various reasons. The programme provided an opportunity for PGR's to network with each other as well as to engage with some early career researchers. Many thanks to the organising team and speakers for hosting a wonderful and successful event.

The SLSA PGR Activities were also held online in 2021 but again these were still a real success. Again, positive feedback was received throughout the event, with frequent mentions on Twitter. In addition, PGR's were still able to participate in a poster competition, with 15 very impressive entries received. A short quiz was also held online in the evening of the PGR Activities to provide an opportunity for PGR's to network informally. The PGR representatives at the event (Tahir Abass and Victoria Adkins) are grateful to the online platform providers for their support in planning the activities.

In April Tahir Abass stepped down from his role as PGR representative. Tahir was a great PGR representative, making a valuable contribution to the SLSA community during his role and the SLSA Board would like to express their gratitude to Tahir for his important work. Victoria continued in her role as PGR representative and during the summer Maddy Millar was recruited as the new SLSA PGR representative to replace Tahir.

Throughout the summer the PGR's attempted to launch informal PGR catch-up sessions to provide a space for PGR's in the socio-legal community to network more informally. Whilst there was interest for this on social media, attendance at



the first session was low, however the ongoing pandemic and timing of the session may have contributed to this. The PGR's will revisit this initiative in 2022.

During October to December, the PGR representatives have been preparing for the 2022 PGR Conference and PGR Activities, as well as carrying out a recruitment drive to encourage new PGR's to become SLSA members. This has involved contacting Socio-Legal PGRs across the UK, through their institutions, and inviting them to join the association.

## Open Access

### **John Harrington (Open Access Working Group Chair)**

The SLSA Board recognises the importance of open access (OA) issues for SLSA members. Its OA Working Group has kept a watching brief on developments in this area, having responded at length to the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) consultation in 2020. Based on the latter, UKRI published an updated OA policy for UK researchers in August 2021. In the case of all UKRI-funded research, this will require immediate OA for peer-reviewed research articles submitted for publication from 1 April 2022 and a new requirement for monographs, book chapters and edited collections published from 1 January 2024 to be made OA within 12 months of publication. These requirements are likely to be taken over into any future iteration of the Research Excellence Framework (REF). The OA Working Group studied the policy closely and updated corresponding guidance for members on the SLSA website. This was publicized to members through the Newsletter. The Working Group will continue to follow developments and has recruited two new SLSA Board members to boost its capacity to respond to the implementation of the UKRI policy, and wider developments in relation to OA.

## Impact Working Group

### **Rosie Harding (Impact Working Group Chair)**

Ensuring that academic research makes the most of pathways towards impact has been increasing in importance over the last decade and more. As impact becomes further embedded in REF, and as the value to be gained from working with non-academic partners becomes increasingly recognised, ensuring that all scholars have access to funds to support impact is increasingly important. We recognise that impact activities are unevenly supported across UK Higher Education Institutions, and across types of socio-legal scholarship.

Since becoming a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the object of the SLSA is:

“for the public benefit to advance education and learning in the field of socio legal studies and to promote research, the useful results of which shall be published for the public benefit, teaching and the dissemination of knowledge in the field.”

This new ‘public benefit’ object means that we have greater scope to support activities that are aimed at developing non-academic, cultural, social, economic



and justice impacts and effects of socio-legal research, which is an important element in ensuring public benefit.

During 2021, an Impact working group was established to generate proposals for how the SLSA could support impact activities. The Board subsequently agreed to a range of ways that the SLSA will support impact in the future, including **impact funding, networking funding, impact prizes, and training on impact**. These impact and public engagement focused activities will be launched for our membership in 2022.

## Social Media and Blog

**Jess Mant (Social Media Officer and Blog Editor)**

### Social Media Stats

- Twitter followers: 5818
- Facebook group members: 1500
- Facebook likes: 1805

### Activity (Social Media):

Social media continues to play an important role in promoting events, opportunities, and activities of our members. It is used to encourage registration and participation in socio-legal events, whether sponsored by the SLSA or elsewhere.

The official SLSA twitter and Facebook accounts have been used as a primary means of sharing information and promoting engagement with both the annual postgraduate conference (hosted online by the SLSA Board in January 2022) and the annual conference (hosted virtually by Cardiff University in April 2021, and due to be hosted in hybrid format by the University of York in April 2022). This has involved publicising calls for session convenors for the PG conference, registration for both conferences, call for current topics for the annual conference, as well as publicising the CFPs for the annual conference.

Throughout, social media has been useful for disseminating information about event formats and opportunities as our members move into a new context where events are increasingly being held in hybrid-format.

Social media has also played a vital role in disseminating the first ever SLSA membership survey, organised by the EDI subcommittee, with a corresponding blog post prepared by the committee to inform members about the survey and its importance for our continued representation of the socio-legal community.

Social media has also continued to be used to promote engagement with the SLSA blog, publicising new posts and encouraging broader dissemination.

### Blog Activity

We have continued to have a regular stream of blog submissions, with posts going live every few weeks if not more frequently. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the blog has continued to provide an important outlet through which our members have been able to engage with each other's work, as well as gain

insight and feedback on their early research ideas about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on socio-legal issues and concerns.

## Website Report

**Daniel Bedford (Webmaster)**

**Main Site [www.slsa.ac.uk](http://www.slsa.ac.uk)**

There have been a few design changes to the SLSA site, including some alterations to the frontpage graphics. The site will continue to undergo changes this year, as we migrate to the new version of Joomla.

## YouTube

The [SLSA YouTube channel](#) was successfully launched in November 2021. The channel includes videos of winners of grant and publications prizes. The videos on the site have already been watched by 253 viewers.

## Newsletter and Ebulletin

### Newsletter and ebulletin editor's role

My role is broadly threefold: firstly, to keep in close touch with the SLSA Board (including attending Board meetings, the annual conference and via the Board email list) so that I am fully acquainted with SLSA activities and able to ensure they are widely publicised and reported; secondly, to keep the SLSA membership informed of SLSA activities – including funding initiatives, prizes, events and important deadlines – and to enable them to share their own news with socio-legal colleagues via the newsletter and ebulletin; and, thirdly, in an independent news-gathering role through subscribing to mailing lists – eg British Academy, Nuffield Foundation, UKRI, law publishers etc – and online research in order to monitor and feedback important developments, publications, funding opportunities, job vacancies and the like through the newsletter and ebulletin. In addition, I answer general membership queries and liaise with individual SLSA Board members when appropriate, in particular the chair, treasurer, blogeditor, membership secretary and webmaster. This is all done through my integrated role as newsletter, ebulletin and website editor.

### Socio-Legal Newsletter

The Socio-Legal Newsletter is published termly – spring, summer and autumn/winter. During 2021, we published three newsletters, Nos 93, 94 and 95 (2x12pp, 1x16pp). During the first part of the Covid crisis, the Board took the decision to reduce printing and distribution costs by cutting the number of pages in the newsletter and printing it on cheaper paper using cheaper ink (ie black on white, instead of our traditional dark blue on cream). In autumn 2021, the Board decided to increase the pagination again, but to retain the black and white format.

The newsletter is mailed to all SLSA members in the UK and EU. Members in other parts of the world receive a link to an online version. Members who receive a paper copy have the option to change to the online version if they prefer. The current mailing list is approximately 1100. The newsletter sponsors (see below)

also receive five copies each for circulation to non-SLSA colleagues and students to promote the SLSA's work and aims to a wider audience.

The newsletter was launched in 1989 and has been published without interruption since then. Electronic issues dating back to 2002 are available on the SLSA website.

## Content

The newsletter content is focused on the activities of the SLSA Board and of SLSA members. Members are actively encouraged to contribute material for each issue. From January 2021 to December 2021, we covered, among many other things:

- announcement and details of SLSA AGM and Trustee nominations and elections;
- news arising from SLSA Board meetings ;
- SLSA 2021 Cardiff online conference – call for papers, full details of conference in advance and a comprehensive report afterwards;
- SLSA 2022 York hybrid conference – including the call for papers and details of the format and arrangements for the SLSA's first ever hybrid annual conference;
- reports of SLSA one-day conferences and seminars – for example 'Critical Perspectives on Land Registration', 'Benefits in Wales: Opportunities and Challenges for Social Security Devolution', 'The Gender Pay Gap from History to Computer Algorithms' and the SLSA's free Postgraduate Conference (online in 2021);
- announcement of the winner of the SLSA Annual Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community (Professor Caroline Hunter) and the shortlists for the prestigious SLSA Book and Article Prizes;
- numerous reports from the SLSA Grants Scheme (research and fieldwork), including pre-project summaries and final reports and other outcomes from completed projects – the scheme has funded over 150 projects since its launch in 1999;
- tributes/obituaries to recently deceased eminent socio-legal scholars;
- plus, regular sections featuring news from members about their research activities, events, publications and so on.

## Newsletter sponsorship scheme

A large portion of the newsletter printing and production costs is covered by our sponsorship scheme which has been running since 2008. The newsletter is currently supported by about 20 UK law schools which commit to a contribution of £500 per year for each three-year cycle. The scheme is in the final year of its fourth cycle (2019 to 2022), demonstrating how much the law schools value the role of the SLSA in promoting socio-legal studies to the wider community and supporting the dissemination of the work of its members and other socio-legal scholars.

## SLSA website and ebulletin to members

The SLSA website is a key feature of the SLSA's work. It carries full details of all SLSA activities, including funding schemes, events and prizes. It is updated on a

weekly basis in term-time and, in particular, features an extensive 'Socio-legal News' section which is the basis for the weekly ebulletin.

The SLSA has been providing the ebulletin service to members since June 2000. From around February 2005, the ebulletin developed into a weekly message, and since then it has become a key part of the SLSA's work in providing information to members about its own activities and also as a conduit for members to share their news with colleagues. The final ebulletin of December 2021 was sent to 1058 recipients (increased from 927 in December 2020). The ebulletin is extremely popular with members with a consistent 'opening' rate of between 40% and 50% and a constant stream of membership news for inclusion. In 2021, the weekly ebulletin continued to be published on Fridays during termtime. The SLSA also uses this electronic mailing list to send one-off messages about important events, for example the announcement of the AGM and the call for papers and posters for the Annual Conference.

## General

Overall, the commitment of the SLSA to communicating with members and building links across disciplines via the newsletter and ebulletin reflects its key objectives to 'to advance education and learning in the field of socio legal studies and to promote research, the useful results of which shall be published for the public benefit, teaching and the dissemination of knowledge in the field'. In partnership with SLSA Board members I will aim to continue to find ways to improve this aspect of its work.

## Appendix: Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

Please see attached Annual Report for details [AnnualAccounts\_SLSA2022]



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**for**  
**Socio-Legal Studies Association**

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Professor V Munro



## **Socio-Legal Studies Association**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Association Model CIO for the year ended 31 December 2021. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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**Socio-Legal Studies Association**

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**Trustees**

Professor D Ashiagbor  
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Doctor R Fatemi-Dehaghani (resigned 31.3.21)  
Doctor N Graffin  
Professor J Harrington  
Doctor S Kheria  
Doctor E Kirton-Darling  
Professor A Layard Vice chair (resigned 31.3.21)  
Ms J Mant  
C Moore Membership secretary  
Ms R Moosavian  
Professor V Munro Treasurer  
Doctor F Renz  
Professor R Harding Chair  
Professor C Ashford  
Doctor E J Jones  
Doctor S Flacks  
Doctor E Milne  
Doctor C Williams  
Doctor M J Travis (appointed 31.3.21)  
Doctor B A Clough (appointed 31.3.21)  
Doctor S Germain (appointed 31.3.21)

**Company Secretary**

Doctor N Graffin

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Professor R Harding - Trustee



Professor V Munro - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Socio-Legal Studies Association**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Socio-Legal Studies Association ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Craig M Fotheringham BSc CA  
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11 March 2022

**Socio-Legal Studies Association**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

		Year Ended 31.12.21 Unrestricted funds £	Period 14.11.19 to 31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies		37,390	31,112
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2		
Outgoing resources		41,090	45,373
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<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(3,700)	(14,261)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		81,800	96,061
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Socio-Legal Studies Association**

**Balance Sheet  
31 December 2021**

		31.12.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Cash at bank		79,060	82,760
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(960)	(960)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		78,100	81,800
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the Association Model CIO keeps accounting records and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association Model CIO as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



R Harding - Trustee



V Munro - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the Association Model CIO, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The Association Model CIO is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
Outgoing resources	<u>30,785</u>	<u>7,145</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>41,090</u>

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 14.11.19 to 31.12.20 £
Independent examiner's fee	<u>960</u>	<u>960</u>

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the period ended 31 December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021. There were trustees' expenses of £881 paid for the period ended 31 December 2020 in relation to executive meeting expenses.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	31,112
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Outgoing resources	45,373
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(14,261)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	96,061

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b><u>81,800</u></b>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Accrued expenses	<u>960</u>	<u>960</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	81,800	(3,700)	78,100
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>81,800</u></b>	<b><u>(3,700)</u></b>	<b><u>78,100</u></b>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	37,390	(41,090)	(3,700)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>37,390</u></b>	<b><u>(41,090)</u></b>	<b><u>(3,700)</u></b>



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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 14.11.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	-	(14,261)	96,061	81,800
Unincorporated SLSA	<u>96,061</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(96,061)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>96,061</u>	<u>(14,261)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,800</u>
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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Socio-Legal Studies Association**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 14.11.19 to 31.12.20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Memberships	22,141	21,651
Sponsorships	8,750	8,750
Flyer inserts	700	700
Royalties	3	11
Grants returned	<u>5,796</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>37,390</u>	<u>31,112</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	37,390	31,112
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	501	501
Sundries	3	-
Executive meeting expenses	70	2,428
Newsletter production	21,414	19,263
One day conferences	-	450
Website	1,278	2,262
Subscription	1,972	652
Flyer production	-	380
Storage fee	87	87
Seminar competitions	2,700	7,455
Annual prizes	1,360	865
Student support	1,400	-
Small research grants	4,135	3,319
Fieldwork grants	<u>3,010</u>	<u>5,931</u>
	37,930	43,593
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	960	960
Administrative expenses	<u>2,200</u>	<u>820</u>
	3,160	1,780

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**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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11 March 2022

**Socio-Legal Studies Association**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

		Year Ended 31.12.21 Unrestricted funds £	Period 14.11.19 to 31.12.20 Total funds £
	Notes		
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		37,390	31,112
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2		
Outgoing resources		41,090	45,373
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<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(3,700)	(14,261)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		81,800	96,061
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet  
31 December 2021**

		31.12.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Cash at bank		79,060	82,760
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(960)	(960)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>78,100</u>	<u>81,800</u>

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the Association Model CIO keeps accounting records and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association Model CIO as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



R Harding - Trustee



V Munro - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the Association Model CIO, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The Association Model CIO is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
Outgoing resources	<u>30,785</u>	<u>7,145</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>41,090</u>

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 14.11.19 to 31.12.20 £
Independent examiner's fee	<u>960</u>	<u>960</u>

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the period ended 31 December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021. There were trustees' expenses of £881 paid for the period ended 31 December 2020 in relation to executive meeting expenses.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	31,112
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Outgoing resources	45,373
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(14,261)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	96,061

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>81,800</u></u>

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Accrued expenses	<u>960</u>	<u>960</u>

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	81,800	(3,700)	78,100
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>81,800</u></u>	<u><u>(3,700)</u></u>	<u><u>78,100</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	37,390	(41,090)	(3,700)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>37,390</u></u>	<u><u>(41,090)</u></u>	<u><u>(3,700)</u></u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 14.11.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	-	(14,261)	96,061	81,800
Unincorporated SLSA	<u>96,061</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(96,061)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>96,061</u>	<u>(14,261)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,800</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>96,061</u></u>	<u><u>(14,261)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>81,800</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	31,112	(45,373)	(14,261)
	<u>31,112</u>	<u>(45,373)</u>	<u>(14,261)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>31,112</u></u>	<u><u>(45,373)</u></u>	<u><u>(14,261)</u></u>

**8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period 14.11.19 to 31.12.20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Memberships	22,141	21,651
Sponsorships	8,750	8,750
Flyer inserts	700	700
Royalties	3	11
Grants returned	<u>5,796</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>37,390</u>	<u>31,112</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	37,390	31,112
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	501	501
Sundries	3	-
Executive meeting expenses	70	2,428
Newsletter production	21,414	19,263
One day conferences	-	450
Website	1,278	2,262
Subscription	1,972	652
Flyer production	-	380
Storage fee	87	87
Seminar competitions	2,700	7,455
Annual prizes	1,360	865
Student support	1,400	-
Small research grants	4,135	3,319
Fieldwork grants	<u>3,010</u>	<u>5,931</u>
	37,930	43,593
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	960	960
Administrative expenses	<u>2,200</u>	<u>820</u>
	3,160	1,780

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Year Ended 31.12.21 £	Period to 31.12.20 £	14.11.19
Total resources expended	<u>41,090</u>	<u>45,373</u>	
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u><u>(3,700)</u></u>	<u><u>(14,261)</u></u>	

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