

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 283670

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1981-11-26

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALTERNATIVE PROCESSES AND METHODS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHANGE, WHICH STUDIES ARE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, THROUGH INTER-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES, MEETINGS CONFERENCES, AND THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT RESEARCH RESULTS, OPERATION AND PRACTICE, COURSE CURRICULA, AND TRAINING SCHEMES.

Activities: To advance knowledge of the alternative processes and methods of socio-economic change, which studies are commonly referred to as development studies. The focus of study is developing countries and countries in transition.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Ireland
- Scotland

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-01-31 | £246,423 | £228,925 | - | - |
| 2024-01-31 | £204,164 | £202,061 | - | - |
| 2023-01-31 | £129,026 | £127,301 | - | - |
| 2022-01-31 | £113,426 | £127,643 | - | - |
| 2021-01-31 | £90,504 | £102,448 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------------------------|------|------------|
| Dr Annalisa Prizzon | | 2020-06-19 |
| Dr Claire Louise Mcloughlin | | 2024-06-28 |
| Dr Eyob Balcha Gebremariam | | 2023-06-30 |
| Dr Ibrahim Nateel | | 2024-06-28 |
| Dr Kamna Patel | | 2024-06-28 |
| Dr Rakiya Mamman | | 2025-12-17 |
| Dr Touseef Yousuf Mir | | 2023-06-30 |
| Prof Emma Mawdsley | | 2023-06-30 |
| Prof Jonathan Fisher | | 2020-06-19 |
| Prof Laura Emma Camfield | | 2014-11-01 |
| Prof Michael Jennings | | 2021-07-02 |
| Prof Mohammad Jahangir Alam Chowdhury | | 2023-06-30 |
| Prof Peter Taylor | | 2020-06-19 |
| Prof Shailaja Fennell | | 2020-06-19 |
| Prof Uma Kambhampati | | 2018-06-29 |
| Professor Indrajit Roy | | 2021-07-02 |
| Sheila Chebet Ronoh | | 2023-06-30 |
| Zechariahs Benapugha Owutuamor | | 2023-06-30 |

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Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025
for
Development Studies Association

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for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are to promote and advance international development as a field of study, research and action, with a mission to deepen understanding of how global poverty and inequalities are produced, sustained and may be overcome, and how a better future may be advanced.

VISION

In taking forward its mission and vision, the DSA is committed to:

1. Advance connections between people that will extend and deepen understanding of development issues
2. Raising the profile of the UK development studies community and provide a platform for its collective voice
3. Build the institutional strength of the DSA
4. Nurturing the future of development studies in the UK through support to students, early career researchers and Higher Education teachers
5. Promote greater inclusiveness, diversity and equity within the development studies community

ACTIVITIES

In pursuit of these objectives, the DSA has achieved the following during the Financial Year 2024-2025:

1. Annual Conference

The 2024 Annual Conference was held as a hybrid event, offering both in-person and online attendance. It was organised and hosted by SOAS, University of London, 26-28th June 2024. Key statistics being Participants: 694; Papers/presentations: 460; Plenaries: 3; Panels, Roundtables and Workshops: 72.

Planning for the next annual conference began in July 2024 and it was agreed, further to positive evaluation results, that a three-day event will be hosted by the University of Bath in late June 2025 once again in a hybrid format. The format worked well again in 2024 with ~75% of delegates attending in-person and the remainder online. The hybrid format continues to enable high levels of inclusion amongst global South colleagues and reduces the event's carbon footprint.

2. Communications

The DSA Communications Officer, Rowena Harding, continues to work effectively and diligently in her new role and once again has expanded and heightened DSA Communications via the website, social media and the DSA monthly newsletter with greater followers and traffic in all of these sectors. The new CO continues to coordinate with the Communications sub-committee on Council to ensure DSA communicates its activities and priorities in a variety of formats. The CO organised and curated further DSA webinars and has ensured better communication co-ordination between the DSA and its institutional, individual and student members.

3. DSA Newsletter

The DSA Newsletter is emailed out monthly to nearly 2700 individuals, offering an important service to members and the sector as a whole. It allows members to publicise events, publications, jobs and other news of interest to the sector. It is compiled by the Communications Officer from contributions from members and continues to attract interest as a means to reach the development sector worldwide.

4. Study Groups

Study Group activity increased in 2024, with all groups active except for five groups, three of which are looking to find new (co-)convenors to run and assist their activities. Study groups either held their own events during the year or convened a panel and/or meetings at the annual DSA conference. The following activities have been undertaken:

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Politics and Political Economy Study Group, with DSA funding, organised a joint workshop with EADI in June just before the DSA2024 conference entitled: 'Unity in Diversity? The Future of Development Studies. They also organised a DSA2024 roundtable R04: European Association of Research and Training Development Institutes (EADI) 50th-anniversary roundtable on 'the future of development studies'.

Establishment of Politics and Political Economy DSA PhD Group (led by Caroline Cornier - Manchester and Guido Maschhaupt - ISS NL) organised monthly reading sessions about specific papers. The group now has 20-30 people in their list.

The DSA PPE SG organised a large 100-person conference in Manchester in December on Arthur Lewis' legacy and contemporary structural transformation, convened by Pritish Behuria. Many DSA group members attended and presented. This was not funded by the DSA but linked to the group. This was mostly funded by the University of Manchester and also EADI.

- Urbanisation and Development Study Group, with DSA funding, organised a workshop in September entitled: New Frontiers of Urban Informality Research

- Digital Technologies, Data and Development Study Group organised a DSA2024 panel - P04: Data justice and development.

The study group's 2021 DSA conference panel led to a small bid for funding which was successful and led to five commissioned case studies on China's digital expansion in the global South. These were published in spring 2024 as a special issue of the journal, The Information Society, and they have just been re-published as a Routledge edited book.

The DTDD SG's 2023 DSA conference panel led to an invitation from JICA to collaborate on digital transformation for development, leading to an international seminar and workshop that were held in Feb 2024.

- NGOs in Development Study Group organised a DSA2024 panel - P14: Interrogating localisation from social justice perspectives.

- DSA Scotland held a mini conference in September 2024 at the University of the West of Scotland.

- Religions & Development Study Group organised a DSA2024 roundtable R08: 'Intangible' aspects of local faith actors' contributions to building community resilience, peace and reconciliation: Insights from participatory action research in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

In 2024/25, the study group convenors have also been preparing a special issue on LGBT, faith and development (which is under agreement with 'Development in Practice'), which emerged from a roundtable the study group organised in 2023. The articles of the special issue are expected to be published in 2025.

- Land Politics and Sustainability Study Group organised a DSA2024 panel P11: Rural labour and agrarian politics in the south.

- Women and Development Study Group organised a DSA2024 panel P16: Gender justice in troubled times.

- The following Study Groups held meetings during the annual conference: Urbanisation and Development, Land, Politics and Sustainability, NGOS in Development, Politics and Political Economy, Women and Development.

- The Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Study Group has found new convenors to take over the group's activities from 2025 onwards.

- Rising Powers, Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics, Global South, Business and Development and Decolonising Development Study Groups - NO ACTIVITY.

5. Students

At financial year-end student member numbers had increased over the year to 254 (13% of total membership) - actual numbers were up on the previous year but percentage was lower due to high numbers of fee waiver category members.

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The two student reps on Council have continued to liaise with the selected student/ ECR reps from several of the DSA institutional members (IM reps). They have held regular online meetings to discuss what students most would benefit from the DSA and to plan events for students. They have an active mailing list among these reps for better communications. The CO assists with student communication via the website and the DSA Facebook group. They have also engaged with some DSA Study Groups to showcase their work to ECRs and student members.

There was a DSA students' meeting at the annual conference for the new student reps to meet in person and to plan future events and initiatives for the rest of the year. There was also once again a well-attended Publication strategies briefing for students and early career researchers (ECR) at the conference, as well as the PhD Masterclasses just before the conference for 16 students.

The DSA continued to offer its annual Masters' level dissertation and PhD thesis Development Studies prizes. The award winners were announced and presented their prizes at the annual conference and the winners presented their work at the conference. The winning dissertations were mentioned on and linked to from the DSA website.

6. Heads of Centres

A Heads of Centres meeting was held online on 22 October 2024. An update on DSA activities was given and liaison with the DSA Communications Officer. The focus of the meeting was centred on are universities/centres taking action on Gaza and/or the Middle East? There was a wide ranging discussion on this.

7. DSA webinars

The DSA hosted one webinar during this reporting period. This took place in May 2024 on Decolonising Development Studies and the Africa Charter for Transformative Research Collaborations, that included a four person panel of academics and practice and policy experts. It was attended by approximately 150 people with a good level of discussion and the recording has been viewed nearly 300 times on the DSA YouTube channel.

8. Publications

The DSA-OUP book series published two new titles during this year: The Spectre of State Capitalism by Dr Ilias Alami and Prof Adam D. Dixon & Business of the State: Why State Ownership Matters for Resource Governance, by Jewellord T. Nem Singh. The DSA-OUP book series editors held their annual event at the DSA2024 conference to advertise the book series and encourage DSA members and attendees to propose their research as book titles.

9. South-South Mentoring Scheme

The Global South Sub-Group on Council continued the expanded pilot project of a mentoring scheme involving senior southern-based scholars offering a structured programme of mentoring advice to more junior colleagues also based in the global South. This expanded version included 10 mentors and 10 mentees and provided assistance ultimately for eight mentees. The DSA cannot financially support the program further and efforts are being made to secure external longer term funding for this project to continue.

10. DSA-EDI Audit

The Council sub-committee were successful in their application for funding to continue their work on the quantitative aspect of this audit from the AcSS. This has allowed the DSA to fund a research assistant, who gathers information on EDI best practice from our member institutions. Council members have attended various events run by AcSS to look at the results of other funded initiatives. They have also re-run the institutional survey, after being asked to do so at the last Heads of Centre meeting. Results from this survey to be shared in the next year.

11. Decolonising Development Database

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This database was devised by Council members with the software assistance of NomadIT and launched at the DSA2024 conference. Those interested or engaged in decolonising development anywhere in the world can join and interact with one another to find expertise on decolonisation. The aim is for an active and engaged database rather than a large number. By year end, it had 50 members with expertise on different aspects of decolonisation as it pertains to the study of development. DSA and Council members are sharing information about the existence of the database, so colleagues can be pointed to existing expertise and support. The vision for the Directory is that it will facilitate the establishment of longer-term pedagogical and research dialogues in addition to mentoring relationships.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

Individual membership at year-end was 1981, mostly due to a large increase in global South (gS) members (fee waiver category). All other paying membership categories were up on 2023 numbers. Institutional membership dropped slightly (one publisher member and one premium level 1 member).

Finances

With sufficient reserves, the DSA continues to seek to allocate its reserves towards its central purposes: cash at bank increased from £136,242 to £153,740 on 31st January 2025.

Expenditure was slightly lower than budgeted in some areas (Council and HoCs meetings predominantly online; Study Groups claimed less than budgeted with only three groups requesting funds. Conference grants provided by DSA were fully utilised this year. The EDI Audit received external funding late in the year but has not yet incurred expenses. The gS mentoring scheme did not find external support and the DSA did not continue funding for this programme. The Decolonising Development database was set up for less than budgeted. Income was higher than predicted due to a significant refund of an overpayment to GDI in 2020/21 for the salary of the DSA Communications Manager, additionally individual and institutional membership fees were slightly higher than predicted. The conference made an agreed and predicted deficit, due to high London venue costs and Council's decision to keep registration fees affordable to delegates.

The DSA Communications Officer Grade 6, 0.6 FTE continues their work enabling the DSA to achieve its strategic objectives, particularly in advancing connections to deepen understanding of development, raising the profile of the UK development studies community and providing a platform for its collective voice and increasing our institutional strength.

Administration

The administration of the DSA continues to be carried out by NomadIT, on a rolling contract.

FUTURE PLANS

AIMS FOR THE COMING YEAR (2024-25)

Particular goals in the coming year are as follows:

| Timing | Activity |
|---------------------|--|
| Feb 2025 - Jan 2026 | Assist Communications Officer to continue to promote DSA activities and boost the visibility of the association. |
| June 2025 | Host and organise another DSA hybrid conference at the University of Bath. |
| Oct/Nov 2025 | Convene Heads of Centres meeting. Continue, and develop some new forms of support for PGR and ECR scholars, as well as fostering greater student representation from our institutional members and within Council. |
| Through the year | Continue to provide support to DSA members, particularly those based in global South; reinvigorate inactive Study Groups; attract new institutional members, including publishers; continue the EDI Audit of Development Studies institutions in the UK; further promotion of the Decolonising Development Database; Begin an affiliation with the journal JDS for DSA to produce one special issue per year. Host further DSA webinars on pertinent topics. |

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from members of the DSA with upcoming vacancies signalled in communications to all members from the Chair of the Board. Applicants present their credentials and intentions to the AGM in person or by letter and their appointment is subject to vote. Induction and training takes place before applicants make their approach through informal discussions with existing board members and/or after their appointment. Positions with specific responsibilities (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) involve more prior training and preparation.

Risk management

The DSA Council reviews sources of, and responses to, risks at least annually. Sources of risk include fluctuating membership, conference attendance, level of study group activity and the status of development studies in the UK. Risks are mitigated through regular consultation with institutional members through Heads of Centres' meetings, monthly newsletters and email communication, reviewing membership categories and rates, reviewing the purpose and design of annual conferences and reviewing costs involved in administering the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

283670

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Dr L Camfield

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Mr P Taylor

Ms S Fennell

Mr J Fisher

Dr I Kvangraven (resigned 28.6.2024)

Dr I Roy

Dr M Jennings

Prof E Mawdsley

Dr E B Gebremariam

Mr Z B Owutuamor

Dr T Y Mir

Ms S C Ronoh

Dr K Patel (appointed 28.6.2024)

Dr C Louise McLoughlin (appointed 28.6.2024)

Dr I Nateel (appointed 28.6.2024)

Independent Examiner

Mr Saeid Mokhtassi

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for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on **20/06/2025** and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs S. Lambhampati

.....
Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Development Studies Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Development Studies Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Development Studies Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Mr Saeid Mokhtassi

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Date: **19/06/2025**

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 425 | - | 425 | 568 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 242,226 | - | 242,226 | 203,327 |
| Investment income | 2 | 3,772 | - | 3,772 | 269 |
| Total | | <u>246,423</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>246,423</u> | <u>204,164</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | - | - | - | 11 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 228,925 | - | 228,925 | 198,077 |
| Other | | - | - | - | 3,973 |
| Total | | <u>228,925</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>228,925</u> | <u>202,061</u> |
| NET INCOME | | 17,498 | - | 17,498 | 2,103 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 136,243 | - | 136,243 | 134,140 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u><u>153,741</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>153,741</u></u> | <u><u>136,243</u></u> |

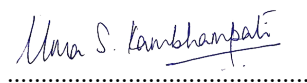
The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 January 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 5 | 153,741 | - | 153,741 | 136,243 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>153,741</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>153,741</u> | <u>136,243</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 153,741 | - | 153,741 | 136,243 |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>153,741</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>153,741</u> | <u>136,243</u> |
| FUNDS | 6 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | <u>153,741</u> | <u>136,243</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | <u>153,741</u> | <u>136,243</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20/06/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 January 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities in its balance sheet) have been prepared and presented for the year; this is consistent with previous years.

Income

All income, including the subscriptions, conference income and bank interest are recorded when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure are recorded when paid.

Trustees' expenses

These expenses are included in the financial statements once amounts are expended by the Trustees on behalf of the charity.

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Trustees' indemnity insurance

No charitable funds have been used to purchase insurance to indemnify the Trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Interest received | 3,772 | 269 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2025 nor for the year ended 31 January 2024.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

Trustees expenses of £Nil (2024: £Nil) were paid during the year.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 568 | - | 568 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 203,327 | - | 203,327 |
| Investment income | 269 | - | 269 |
| Total | <u>204,164</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>204,164</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Raising funds | 11 | - | 11 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 198,077 | - | 198,077 |
| Other | 3,973 | - | 3,973 |
| Total | <u>202,061</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>202,061</u> |
| NET INCOME | 2,103 | - | 2,103 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 134,140 | - | 134,140 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>136,243</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>136,243</u> |

5. CASH AT BANK

| | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 153,741 | 136,243 |
| Total | <u>153,741</u> | <u>136,243</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Each of the below funds have arisen due to the donors specifying that the funds donated have to be spent on the specific projects.

Restrictions are imposed through contracts which are signed at the beginning of each project.

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 January 2025.

8. FUNDS

| Project | Funds brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfer between funds £ | Funds carried forward £ |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| General fund | 136,243 | 246,423 | 228,925 | - | 153,741 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 136,243 | 246,423 | 228,925 | - | 153,741 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 136,243 | 246,423 | 228,925 | - | 153,741 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

9. ACCRUAL BASIS

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment basis. Should the accounts of been prepared on an accruals basis, then additional £9,846 of administrative costs should be included. This would result in a reduced surplus of £7.7k for the year ended 31st January 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Donations | 425 | 568 |
| Investment income | | |
| Interest received | 3,772 | 269 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Subscriptions | 97,990 | 75,971 |
| Conference and exhibitions | 144,236 | 127,356 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 242,226 | 203,327 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total incoming resources | 246,423 | 204,164 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Other trading activities | | |
| Interest payable | - | 11 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Conference | 169,996 | 131,225 |
| Administration | 25,711 | 32,144 |
| Study groups | 5,076 | 12,412 |
| Bank and credit charges | 781 | 1,056 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 201,564 | 176,837 |
| Support costs | | |
| Management | | |
| Wages | 17,099 | 15,807 |
| Social security | 943 | 926 |
| Pensions | 800 | 1,111 |
| Council expenses | 832 | 2,410 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 19,674 | 20,254 |
| Governance costs | | |
| Sundries | 3,416 | 1,230 |
| Accountancy and legal fees | 2,976 | 2,568 |
| Consultancy fees | 870 | 470 |
| Donations | - | 223 |
| Professional subscriptions | 425 | 468 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 7,687 | 4,959 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total resources expended | 228,925 | 202,061 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net income | 17,498 | 2,103 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

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DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 283670

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2024
for
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for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024.

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 2015).

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are to promote and advance international development as a field of study, research and action, with a mission to deepen understanding of how global poverty and inequalities are produced, sustained and may be overcome, and how a better future may be advanced.

VISION

In taking forward its mission and vision, the DSA is committed to:

1. Advance connections between people that will extend and deepen understanding of development issues
2. Raising the profile of the UK development studies community and provide a platform for its collective voice
3. Build the institutional strength of the DSA
4. Nurturing the future of development studies in the UK through support to students, early career researchers and Higher Education teachers
5. Promote greater inclusiveness, diversity and equity within the development studies community

ACTIVITIES

In pursuit of these objectives, the DSA has achieved the following during the Financial Year 2023-2024:

1. Annual Conference

The 2023 Annual Conference was held as a hybrid event, offering both in-person and online attendance. It was organised and hosted by the University of Reading, 28-30th June 2023. Key statistics being Participants: 665; Papers/presentations: 415; Plenaries: 2; Panels and Study groups: 72.

Planning for the next annual conference began in July 2023 and it was agreed, further to positive evaluation results, that a three-day event will be hosted by SOAS, University of London in late June 2024 once again in a hybrid format. The format worked well in 2023 with ~65% of delegates attending in-person and the remainder online. The hybrid format continues to enable high levels of inclusion amongst global South colleagues and reduces the event's carbon footprint.

2. Communications

The DSA Communications Officer, Rowena Harding, is working effectively in her new role and has expanded and heightened DSA Communications via the website, social media and the DSA monthly newsletter with greater followers and traffic in all of these sectors. The new CO continues to coordinate with the Communications sub-committee on Council to ensure DSA communicates its activities and priorities in a variety of formats. The CO curates regular webinars and has ensured better communication co-ordination between the DSA and its institutional and individual members.

3. DSA Newsletter

The DSA Newsletter is emailed out monthly to nearly 2300 individuals, offering an important service to members and the sector as a whole. It allows members to publicise events, publications, jobs and other news of interest to the sector. It is compiled by the Communications Officer from contributions from members and continues to attract interest as a means to reach the development sector worldwide.

4. Study Groups

Study Group activity picked up somewhat in 2023 after the low levels of activity during the pandemic. There continue to be several groups trying to find new convenors to run their activities. However, there was continued active participation in the annual online conference. The following activities have been undertaken:

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- The Global South Study Group has subsumed the Africa and South Asia study groups. They organised several webinars for their members online and hosted a hybrid format meeting at the DSA2023 conference.
- Politics and Political Economy Study Group organised a DSA2023 panel - P13: The political economy of late development.
- Digital Technologies, Data and Development Study Group organised a DSA2023 panel - P09: Digital Transformation for Development.
- Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics Study Group organised a two-day research workshop in September 2023 as well as a DSA2023 panel - P26: Rethinking Poverty in the Anthropocene.
- NGOs in Development Study Group organised a webinar in December 2023 on Reimagining Civil Society Collaborations in Development. They also organised a DSA2023 panel - P22: Barriers to NGOs and CSOs: the current crises of environment and development.
- DSA Scotland held a one-day conference on Decolonising research: challenges and barriers in July 2023 at the University of Glasgow.
- Religions & Development Study Group organised a DSA2023 roundtable P10: State of the Evidence in Religions and Development Roundtable and a panel P29: LGBTQ+ and faith in international development.
- Land Politics and Sustainability Study Group organised a panel P42: Land in the Anthropocene.
- The following Study Groups held meetings during the annual conference: Business & Development, Urbanisation and Development, Land, Politics and Sustainability, NGOS in Development, Politics and Political Economy, Religions and Development, Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamic, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Women and Development, Business and Development.
- Rising Powers and Decolonising Development Study Groups - NO ACTIVITY.

5. Students

At the 2023 AGM, two new student reps were voted onto Council to reinvigorate DSA student activities and interaction. The two reps have organised the selection of student/ ECR reps from several of the DSA institutional members (IM reps). They have conducted a survey among these reps to find out what students and ECRs most need or want from the DSA. They have created digital posters and infographics with the help of the DSA CO for IM reps to circulate and put up in their own departments to attract new student members to the DSA. At financial year-end there were 209 student members of the association (15% of total membership) - actual numbers were up on the previous year but percentage was lower due to high numbers of fee waiver category members.

The student mailing list was kept current and a few items of interest and communication with students took place via this list. The CO has reinvigorated student related posts and news to the DSA Facebook group. These posts share updates on DSA news, development sector news, job and paid internship opportunities as well as workshops, conference and training opportunities. There was a DSA students' meeting at the annual conference to find ways that students can interact more effectively with the DSA and gain more information about student activities, events etc. There was also once again a well-attended Publication strategies briefing for students and early career researchers (ECR) at the conference.

The DSA continued to offer its annual Masters' level dissertation and PhD thesis Development Studies prizes. The award winners were announced and presented their prizes at the annual conference and one of the winners presented their work at the conference. The winning dissertations were mentioned on and linked to from the DSA website.

6. Heads of Centres

A Heads of Centres meeting was held online on 28 November 2023. The focus of the meeting was the DSA reporting back on their EDI Audit and where other centres could provide assistance, as well as a planned future link with JDS. The main topic of discussions was whether REF rules should be considered in future meetings.

7. DSA webinars

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The DSA hosted two webinars during this reporting period. The first in May 2023 on NGO and researcher collaboration to tackle inequality and injustice, that included a 3 person panel of academics and practice and policy experts. It was attended by approximately 100 people with a good level of discussion and the recording has been viewed over 150 times on the DSA YouTube channel. The second webinar was entitled Finding synergies - aligning climate and development finance to reduce poverty and emissions and took place in November 2023. A diverse four-person panel from journalists to UN workers to researchers and NGO workers combined to provide answers to how climate and development actors can work together in future. It was attended by over 150 people with a good level of discussion and the recording has been viewed over 100 times on the DSA YouTube channel.

8. Publications

The DSA-OUP book series published another title during this year: Disrupted Development in the Congo: The Fragile Foundations of the African Mining Consensus by Ben Radley. The DSA-OUP book series editors held their annual event at the DSA2023 conference to advertise the book series and encourage DSA members and attendees to propose their research as book titles.

9. South-South Mentoring Scheme

The Global South Sub-Group on Council organised a pilot of their planned mentoring scheme involving senior southern-based scholars offering a structured programme of mentoring advice to more junior colleagues also based in the global South. The pilot scheme was deemed successful and funding was provided by the DSA for the mentoring scheme to be expanded to include 10 mentors and 10 mentees and will continue into the 2024/25 year.

10. DSA-EDI Audit

Council also agreed to invest in undertaking an equality, diversity and inclusion audit of the sector. The aim is to arrive at a fuller understanding of equality, inclusion and diversity within UK development studies, from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective, and to make relevant recommendations for advancing equality, inclusion and diversity in the field. This would have a quantitative and a qualitative component and again be piloted with investment from DSA before co-financing would be sought.

The Council sub-committee working on the EDI Audit have written to all institutional member centres with their EDI audit survey. Some centres have written back whereas others have not been able to. Therefore response rate and response quality have been rather poor. After the qualitative part of the audit was completed, the DSA sought other funding from the AcSS to continue the quantitative part of the EDI Audit, however the application was not successful. In the meantime, the DSA President attended an AcSS feedback session on the EDI Audit funding outcomes from the AcSS previous round. She found that the successful applications were ones that proposed a scheme, pilot, experiment, rather than just analysis to identify the problem. Therefore, DSA was unlikely to secure funding from AcSS in their second round of funding and an application was not submitted. For now the DSA continues to fund the Audit. The sub-committee discussed the possibility of the DSA organising a mentoring scheme for BAME ECRs and perhaps a network along the lines of the Generation Delta project for BAME PGR students. We thought this might also help to create a community for our ECRs and get them better engaged with the DSA.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

Individual membership at year-end was 1381, mostly due to an increase in global South (gS) members (fee waiver category). All other paying membership categories were slightly up on 2022 numbers. Institutional membership remained constant (one smaller institution became a large institution).

Finances

With sufficient reserves, the DSA continues to seek to allocate its reserves towards its central purposes: cash at bank increased from £134,140 to £136,243 on 31st January 2024.

Expenditure was lower than budgeted in many areas (Council - no F2F meetings aside from at conference; Marketing materials and admin expenses - fewer website changes or updates required; Study Group expenses - only three groups requested funds and set up events. Conference grants - significant funding raised from other sponsors e.g. University of Reading and journals so once again DSA could not allocate their own funding. However, expenditure was slightly higher for Communications due to tax and pension contributions mainly. Expenditure was higher as well for the EDI Audit and gS mentoring scheme. Income was higher than predicted due to more individual and institutional membership fees received than predicted. The conference made a small surplus, despite the higher costs associated with a hybrid event.

The DSA Communications Officer Grade 6, 0.6 FTE continues their work enabling the DSA to achieve its strategic objectives, particularly in advancing connections to deepen understanding of development, raising the profile of the UK development studies community and providing a platform for its collective voice and increasing our institutional strength.

Administration

The administration of the DSA continues to be carried out by NomadIT, on a rolling contract.

FUTURE PLANS

AIMS FOR THE COMING YEAR (2024-25)

Particular goals in the coming year are as follows:

| Timing | Activity |
|---------------------|---|
| Feb 2024 - Jan 2025 | Assist Communications Officer to continue to promote DSA activities and boost the visibility of the association. |
| June 2024 | Host and organise another DSA hybrid conference at SOAS, University of London. |
| Oct/Nov 2024 | Convene Heads of Centres meeting. Continue, and develop some new forms of support for PGR and ECR scholars, as well as fostering greater student representation from our institutional members and within Council. |
| Through the year | Continue to provide support to DSA members, particularly those based in global South; support and fund the gS-gS mentoring project; reinvigorate Study Group Activity; continue the EDI Audit of Development Studies institutions in the UK. Assist with the set up of the Decolonising Development database. Host more DSA webinars on pertinent topics. |

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from members of the DSA with upcoming vacancies signalled in communications to all members from the Chair of the Board. Applicants present their credentials and intentions to the AGM in person or by letter and their appointment is subject to vote. Induction and training takes place before applicants make their approach through informal discussions with existing board members and/or after their appointment. Positions with specific responsibilities (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) involve more prior training and preparation.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The DSA Council reviews sources of, and responses to, risks at least annually. Sources of risk include fluctuating membership, conference attendance, level of study group activity and the status of development studies in the UK. Risks are mitigated through regular consultation with institutional members through Heads of Centres' meetings, monthly newsletters and email communication, reviewing membership categories and rates, reviewing the purpose and design of annual conferences and reviewing costs involved in administering the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

283670

Principal address

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Trustees

Dr L Camfield
Mr S Hickey (resigned 30.6.2023)
Dr U Kambhampati
Dr R Slater (resigned 30.6.2023)
Miss N Kabeer
Ms A Prizzon
Mr B Radley (resigned 30.6.2023)
Mr P Taylor
Ms S Fennell
Mr J Fisher
Dr I Kvangraven
Dr I Roy
Dr M Jennings
Ms R Arora (resigned 30.6.2023)
Ms R Dieng (resigned 30.6.2023)
Prof E Mawdsley (appointed 30.6.2023)
Dr E B Gebremariam (appointed 30.6.2023)
Mr Z B Owutuamor (appointed 30.6.2023)
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Development Studies Association

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

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

.....
Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Development Studies Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Development Studies Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Development Studies Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Mr Saeid Mokhtassi

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Date:

Development Studies Association

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 568 | - | 568 | 1,063 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 203,327 | - | 203,327 | 127,980 |
| Investment income | 2 | 269 | - | 269 | 451 |
| Total | | <u>204,164</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>204,164</u> | <u>129,494</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | 11 | - | 11 | - |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 198,077 | - | 198,077 | 127,301 |
| Other | | 3,973 | - | 3,973 | 468 |
| Total | | <u>202,061</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>202,061</u> | <u>127,769</u> |
| NET INCOME | | 2,103 | - | 2,103 | 1,725 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 134,140 | - | 134,140 | 132,415 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u><u>136,243</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>136,243</u></u> | <u><u>134,140</u></u> |

The notes form part of these financial statements

Development Studies Association

Balance Sheet

31 January 2024

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 5 | 136,243 | - | 136,243 | 134,140 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>136,243</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>136,243</u> | <u>134,140</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>136,243</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>136,243</u> | <u>134,140</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>136,243</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>136,243</u> | <u>134,140</u> |
| FUNDS | 6 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | <u>136,243</u> | <u>134,140</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | <u>136,243</u> | <u>134,140</u> |

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

.....
Trustee

Development Studies Association

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities in its balance sheet) have been prepared and presented for the year; this is consistent with previous years.

Income

All income, including the subscriptions, conference income and bank interest are recorded when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure are recorded when paid.

Trustees' expenses

These expenses are included in the financial statements once amounts are expended by the Trustees on behalf of the charity.

Trustees' indemnity insurance

No charitable funds have been used to purchase insurance to indemnify the Trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Interest received | 269 | 451 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2024 nor for the year ended 31 January 2023.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

Trustees expenses of £Nil (2023: £Nil) were paid during the year.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 1,063 | - | 1,063 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 127,980 | - | 127,980 |
| Investment income | 451 | - | 451 |
| Total | <u>129,494</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>129,494</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 127,301 | - | 127,301 |
| Other | 468 | - | 468 |
| Total | <u>127,769</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>127,769</u> |
| NET INCOME | 1,725 | - | 1,725 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 132,415 | - | 132,415 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>134,140</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>134,140</u> |

5. CASH AT BANK

| | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 136,243 | 134,140 |
| Total | <u>136,243</u> | <u>134,140</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Each of the below funds have arisen due to the donors specifying that the funds donated have to be spent on the specific projects.

Restrictions are imposed through contracts which are signed at the beginning of each project.

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 January 2024.

8. FUNDS

| Project | Funds brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfer between funds £ | Funds carried forward £ |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| General fund | 134,140 | 204,164 | 202,061 | - | 136,243 |
| | 134,140 | 204,164 | 202,061 | - | 136,243 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 134,140 | 204,164 | 202,061 | - | 136,243 |

9. ACCRUAL BASIS

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment basis. Should the accounts of been prepared on an accruals basis, then additional £7,266 of administrative costs should be removed. This would result in a surplus of £9.7k for the year ended 31st January 2024.

Development Studies Association**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Donations | 568 | 1,063 |
| Investment income | | |
| Interest received | 269 | 451 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Subscriptions | 75,971 | 63,381 |
| Conference and exhibitions | 127,356 | 64,599 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 203,327 | 127,980 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total incoming resources | 204,164 | 129,494 |
| | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Other trading activities | | |
| Interest payable | 11 | - |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Conference | 131,225 | 53,820 |
| Administration | 32,144 | 18,566 |
| Study groups | 12,412 | 2,926 |
| Bank and credit charges | 1,056 | 543 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 176,837 | 75,855 |
| | | |
| Support costs | | |
| Management | | |
| Wages | 15,807 | 2,045 |
| Social security | 926 | - |
| Pensions | 1,111 | - |
| Council expenses | 2,410 | 2,556 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 20,254 | 4,601 |
| | | |
| Governance costs | | |
| Sundries | 1,230 | 3,179 |
| Accountancy and legal fees | 2,568 | 2,346 |
| Consultancy fees | 470 | 36,185 |
| Donations | 223 | 5,135 |
| Professional subscriptions | 468 | 468 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 4,959 | 47,313 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total resources expended | 202,061 | 127,769 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net income | 2,103 | 1,725 |
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for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2023**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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The objectives of the Association are to promote and advance international development as a field of study, research and action, with a mission to deepen understanding of how global poverty and inequalities are produced, sustained and may be overcome, and how a better future may be advanced.

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In taking forward its mission and vision, the DSA is committed to:

1. Advance connections between people that will extend and deepen understanding of development issues
2. Raise the profile of the UK development studies community and provide a platform for its collective voice
3. Build the institutional strength of the DSA
4. Nurture the future of development studies in the UK through support to students, early career researchers and Higher Education teachers
5. Promote greater inclusiveness, diversity and equity within the development studies community

ACTIVITIES

In pursuit of these objectives, the DSA has achieved the following during the Financial Year 2022-2023:

1. Annual Conference

The 2022 Annual Conference was held virtually again due to the coronavirus pandemic, organised and hosted by University College London, 6-8th July. Key statistics being Participants: 725; Papers/presentations: 311; Plenaries: 3; Panels and Study groups: 67. The event had an asynchronous element.

Planning for the next annual conference began in July 2022 and it was agreed, further to positive evaluation results, that a three-day event will be hosted by University of Reading in late June 2023 in hybrid format. This accords with what previous delegates and members would like, allowing for the first face-to-face meeting since 2019, while still enabling high levels of inclusion amongst global South colleagues and limiting our carbon footprint.

2. Communications

The DSA Communications Manager stepped down from their position in August 2022 due to a better job offer elsewhere. Council agreed that a Grade 6, 0.6 FTE Communications Officer better met DSA needs over the next 18 months, taking forward the strategy and work done by the outgoing Communications Manager. DSA advertised and hired a new Communications Officer in October 2022: Rowena Harding. The new CO has coordinated with the Communications sub-committee to put in place regular social media items and expand the DSA's reach and following; the newsletter continues to draw larger numbers of subscribers, and the website is better managed and curated, among many other tasks.

3. DSA Newsletter

The DSA Newsletter is emailed out monthly to nearly 2300 individuals, offering an important service to members and the sector as a whole. It allows members to publicise events, publications, jobs and other news of interest to the sector. It is compiled by the Communications Officer from contributions from members and continues to attract interest as a means to reach the development sector worldwide.

4. Study Groups

Study Group activity remained low during 2022 due to the coronavirus pandemic and the resulting hiatus in activities as well as several changes of Study Group convenors. However, there was continued active participation in the annual online conference. The following activities have been undertaken:

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- A new group was created - the Global South Study Group which aims to stimulate interest among academics, researchers and development practitioners from the global South and increase their participation in scholarly discourse. It is likely this group will subsume the Africa and South Asia Study Groups.
- Politics and Political Economy Study Group organised a workshop in January 2023 entitled: The Politics of Development Studies. This was well attended and hosted at GDI at the University of Manchester. They also organised a DSA2022 panel - P52: The Politics of Economic Transformation: Finance and Industrial Policy
- Business and Development Study group organised a DSA2022 panel P30: Development perspectives on transforming economies for nature, climate, and society
- NGOs in Development Study Group organised a DSA2022 panel - P57: Challenges to Justice and Equity in a post-Pandemic Context: civil society responses.
- Religions & Development Study Group organised a DSA2022 workshop W11: Faith-sensitive creative and decolonised research and learning
- Urbanisation and Development Study Group organised a grant writing workshop for ECRs at DSA2022 and held their annual meeting during the conference.
- The following Study Groups held meetings during the annual conference: Business & Development, Urbanisation and Development, Land, Politics and Sustainability, NGOS in Development, Politics and Political Economy, Religions and Development.
- Africa, DSA Scotland, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Information, Technology and Development, Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics, South Asia & Development, Gender, Policy and Practice, Women and Development, Migration, Development and Social Change, Rising Powers, Decolonising Development Study Groups - NO ACTIVITY.

5. Students

During 2022, one of our student representatives finished her term on Council resulting in limited activity in promoting student activities and interaction with the DSA. At financial year-end there were 194 student members of the association (21% of total membership) - similar to the previous year.

The student mailing list was kept current and a few items of interest and communication with students took place via this list. The DSA Facebook group continued to share updates on DSA news, development sector news, job and paid internship opportunities as well as workshops, conference and training opportunities. There was a DSA students' meeting at the annual conference to find ways that students can interact more effectively with the DSA and gain more information about student activities, events etc. There was also once again a well-attended Publication strategies briefing for students and early career researchers (ECR) at the conference.

The DSA continued to offer its annual Masters' level dissertation and its annual PhD thesis Development Studies prize. The award winners were announced and presented their prizes at the annual conference and both winners presented their work at the conference. The winning dissertations were mentioned on and linked to from the DSA website.

6. Heads of Centres

A Heads of Centres meeting was held at UCL on 8 September 2022. The main focus of the meeting was a REF2021 learning event organised by DSA for the development studies community. The Chair of the joint Anthropology and Development Studies unit of assessment was present along with three other panel members. A presentation set out the REF2021 results for development studies in comparative perspective (with REF2014 and with cognate disciplines at REF2021), identified trends in the field and also identified the key ingredients of a vital and sustainable research environment.

7. Perspectives on the UK's 2022 International Development Strategy - DSA webinar

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The DSA hosted a panel of experts on 27th May 2022 to reflect on the implications of the UK government's 2022 International Development Strategy (IDS). It was attended by over 100 people with a good level of discussion and the recording has been viewed over 100 times on the DSA YouTube channel.

8. Development in crisis?

The DSA jointly organised a panel with the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) at King's College London on 3rd November 2022 to discuss this and other questions from the perspectives of disaster risk research, peace and conflict research and the multiple development challenges faced by a single country on the example of South Africa.

9. Publications

The DSA-OUP book series published four titles during this year: The Many Faces of Socioeconomic Change by John Toye (open access), Politics and the Urban Frontier by Tom Goodfellow, They Eat Our Sweat by Daniel E. Agbibo, and Equity, Evaluation, and International Cooperation by Gabriella Y. Carolini.

10. South-South Mentoring Scheme

The Global South Sub-Group on Council proposed a mentoring scheme that would involve senior southern-based scholars offering a structured programme of mentoring advice to more junior colleagues also based in the global South. Council agreed to invest in a pilot version of the scheme, to be extended if successful and if further co-financing could be identified.

11. DSA-EDI Audit

Council also agreed to invest in undertaking an equality, diversity and inclusion audit of the sector. The aim is to arrive at a fuller understanding of equality, inclusion and diversity within UK development studies, from both a quantitative and qualitative perspective, and to make relevant recommendations for advancing equality, inclusion and diversity in the field. This would have a quantitative and a qualitative component and again be piloted with investment from DSA before co-financing would be sought.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

Individual membership at year-end decreased to 919, mostly due to a decrease in gS members (not automatically renewed every two years to ensure those remaining members are still active and interested). Individual membership is slightly down albeit student numbers stayed constant. Institutional membership remained constant (losing one smaller institution - due reduced funding post-pandemic but gaining a premium member (Centre of Development Studies, Cambridge University)).

Finances

With sufficient reserves, the DSA continues to seek to allocate its reserves towards its central purposes: cash at bank increased from £132,415 to £134,140 on 31st January 2023.

Expenditure was lower than budgeted in many areas (Council - no F2F meetings; Marketing materials - fewer website changes or updates required; Conference grants - significant funding raised from other sponsors e.g. UCL and journals; ECR Fund - lack of eligible applicants and the discontinuation of this fund later in the year). However, expenditure was higher for Communications (£39k) which included the yearly payment for our Communications Manager and the first few months salary of our new Communications Officer. With in-person meetings starting again, Study Group expenses were slightly higher than predicted (£5k), which also included the global South Study Group mentoring project pilot). Income was higher than predicted due to the conference surplus (£10.4k) despite lower individual (£3k) and institutional (£2k) subscriptions than predicted and DSA-OUP book series spending (£1.7k). The large unidentified payment we received to the bank account last year was debited from our account this year (£2k).

This was the second year of DSA's main investment of employing a DSA Communications Manager, Grade 6, 0.5 FTE, for three years on a 12 months rolling contract from April 2021. Unfortunately the Communications Manager left the position for another job in August 2022. By October 2022, the DSA was able to hire a Communications Officer Grade 6, 0.6 FTE for 18 months to continue the work started in this role. The post enables DSA to achieve its strategic objectives, particularly in advancing connections to deepen understanding of development, raising the profile of the UK development studies community and providing a platform for its collective voice and increasing our institutional strength.

Administration

The administration of the DSA continues to be carried out by NomadIT, on a rolling contract.

FUTURE PLANS

AIMS FOR THE COMING YEAR (2023-24)

Particular goals in the coming year are as follows:

| Timing | Activity |
|---------------------|---|
| Feb 2023 - Jan 2024 | Assist Communications Officer to continue to promote DSA activities and boost the visibility of the association. |
| June 2023 | Host and organise the first DSA hybrid conference at the University of Reading |
| Oct/Nov 2023 | Convene Heads of Centres meeting. Continue, and develop some new forms of support for PGR and ECR scholars and DSA members, particularly those based in global South; support and fund the gS-gS mentoring project; reinvigorate Study Group Activity; conduct a EDI Audit of Development Studies institutions in the UK. Foster greater student representation from our institutional members and within Council. |
| Through the year | |

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from members of the DSA with upcoming vacancies signalled in communications to all members from the Chair of the Board. Applicants present their credentials and intentions to the AGM in person or by letter and their appointment is subject to vote. Induction and training takes place before applicants make their approach through informal discussions with existing board members and/or after their appointment. Positions with specific responsibilities (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) involve more prior training and preparation.

Risk management

The DSA Council reviews sources of, and responses to, risks at least annually. Sources of risk include fluctuating membership, conference attendance, level of study group activity and the status of development studies in the UK. Risks are mitigated through regular consultation with institutional members through Heads of Centres' meetings, monthly newsletters and email communication, reviewing membership categories and rates, reviewing the purpose and design of annual conferences and reviewing costs involved in administering the charity.

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283670

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Dr I Roy
Dr M Jennings Trustee
Ms R Arora Trustee
Ms R Dieng (appointed 7.7.2022)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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ME19 4JQ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Uma S. Kambhampati

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Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Development Studies Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Development Studies Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Development Studies Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Mr Saeid Mokhtassi

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Date: 29 June 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 1,063 | - | 1,063 | 2,693 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 127,980 | - | 127,980 | 110,830 |
| Investment income | 2 | 451 | - | 451 | 371 |
| Other income | | (468) | - | (468) | (468) |
| Total | | <u>129,026</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>129,026</u> | <u>113,426</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | <u>127,301</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>127,301</u> | <u>127,643</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | 1,725 | - | 1,725 | (14,217) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 132,415 | - | 132,415 | 146,632 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u><u>134,140</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>134,140</u></u> | <u><u>132,415</u></u> |


The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 January 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 5 | 134,140 | - | 134,140 | 132,415 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>134,140</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>134,140</u> | <u>132,415</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>134,140</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>134,140</u> | <u>132,415</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>134,140</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>134,140</u> | <u>132,415</u> |
| FUNDS | 6 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | <u>134,140</u> | <u>132,415</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | <u>134,140</u> | <u>132,415</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 June 2023
and were signed on its behalf by:


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Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 January 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities in its balance sheet) have been prepared and presented for the year; this is consistent with previous years.

Income

All income, including the subscriptions, conference income and bank interest are recorded when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure are recorded when paid.

Trustees' expenses

These expenses are included in the financial statements once amounts are expended by the Trustees on behalf of the charity.

Trustees' indemnity insurance

No charitable funds have been used to purchase insurance to indemnify the Trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Interest received | 451 | 371 |
| | <u>451</u> | <u>371</u> |

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2023 nor for the year ended 31 January 2022.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees expenses of £Nil (2022: £Nil) were paid during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2,693 | - | 2,693 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 110,830 | - | 110,830 |
| Investment income | 371 | - | 371 |
| Other income | (468) | - | (468) |
| Total | <u>113,426</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>113,426</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | <u>127,643</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>127,643</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | (14,217) | - | (14,217) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 146,632 | - | 146,632 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>132,415</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>132,415</u> |

5. CASH AT BANK

| | 2023 Total funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | <u>134,140</u> | <u>132,415</u> |
| Total | <u>134,140</u> | <u>132,415</u> |

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Each of the below funds have arisen due to the donors specifying that the funds donated have to be spent on the specific projects.

Restrictions are imposed through contracts which are signed at the beginning of each project.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 January 2023.

8. FUNDS

| Project | Funds brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfer between funds £ | Funds carried forward £ |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| General fund | 132,415 | 129,026 | 127,301 | - | 134,140 |
| | 132,415 | 129,026 | 127,301 | - | 134,140 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 132,415 | 129,026 | 127,301 | - | 134,140 |

9. ACCRUAL BASIS

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment basis. Should the accounts of been prepared on an accruals basis, then additional £9,842 of administrative costs should be accrued. This would result in a deficit of £8.1k for the year ended 31st January 2023.

Development Studies Association**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Donations | 1,063 | 2,693 |
| Investment income | | |
| Interest received | 451 | 371 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Subscriptions | 63,381 | 57,433 |
| Conference and exhibitions | 64,599 | 53,397 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 127,980 | 110,830 |
| Other income | | |
| Other income | (468) | (468) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total incoming resources | 129,026 | 113,426 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Conference | 53,820 | 48,987 |
| Administration | 18,566 | 31,349 |
| Study groups | 2,926 | - |
| Bank and credit charges | 543 | 960 |
| Workshop series | - | 5,007 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 75,855 | 86,303 |
| Support costs | | |
| Management | | |
| Wages | 2,045 | - |
| Council expenses | 2,556 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 4,601 | - |
| Governance costs | | |
| Sundries | 3,179 | 500 |
| Accountancy and legal fees | 2,346 | 1,980 |
| Consultancy fees | 36,185 | 36,000 |
| Donations | 5,135 | 2,860 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 46,845 | 41,340 |
| Total resources expended | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 127,301 | 127,643 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 1,725 | (14,217) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 283670

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
for
Development Studies Association

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2022.

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 2015).

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2022**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Association are to promote and advance international development as a field of study, research and action, with a mission to deepen understanding of how global poverty and inequalities are produced, sustained and may be overcome, and how a better future may be advanced.

VISION

In taking forward its mission and vision, the DSA is committed to:

1. Advance connections between people that will extend and deepen understanding of development issues
2. Raise the profile of the UK development studies community and provide a platform for its collective voice
3. Build the institutional strength of the DSA
4. Nurture the future of development studies in the UK through support to students, early career researchers and Higher Education teachers
5. Promote greater inclusiveness, diversity and equity within the development studies community

ACTIVITIES

In pursuit of these objectives, the DSA has achieved the following during the Financial Year 2021-2022:

1. Annual Conference

The 2021 Annual Conference was held virtually again due to the coronavirus pandemic, organised and hosted by the University of East Anglia, 28th June - 2nd July. Key statistics being Participants: 675; Papers/presentations: 342; Plenaries: 2; Panels and Study groups: 55.

Planning for the next annual conference began in July 2021 and it was agreed, further to positive evaluation results, that a three-day event will be hosted by University College London in early July 2022. This will also take place as a virtual online conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic and high costs of hybrid events, and also to enable high levels of inclusion amongst global South colleagues.

2. DSA Newsletter

The DSA Newsletter is emailed out monthly to nearly 1700 individuals. The Newsletter performs an important service, appreciated by members and the sector as a whole, to allow members to publicise events, publications, jobs and other news of interest to the sector. It is compiled by the Communications Manager from contributions from members and continues to attract interest as a means to reach the development sector worldwide.

3. Study Groups

Study Group activity remained low during 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown preventing in-person meetings, however there was continued active participation in the annual online conference. The following activities have been undertaken:

- Business and Development Study group: DSA2021 panel P41: Covid-19, Business and International Development: What is the role of business in responding to the pandemic in the global South?
- Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Study Group organised a DSA2021 panel - P03: Unsettling development through centering environmental justice
- Gender, Policy and Practice & the Women and Development Study Groups organised a joint DSA2021 panel - P26: Unsettling 'gender' within research, policy and practice
- Information, Technology and Development Study Group organised a DSA2021 panel - P22: China's digital expansion in the Global South

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- Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics Study Group organised a DSA2021 panel - P19: COVID-19 and global development challenges: 'unsettling' multidimensional poverty?
- NGOs in Development Study Group organised a DSA2021 panel - P05: Learning from unprecedented times: NGOs and CSOs through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Politics and Political Economy Study Group organised a DSA2021 panel - P01: Paradigm maintenance or shift? Questioning the reinvention of development for the 2020s
- Rising Powers Study Group organised a DSA2021 panel - P17: South-South relations: unsettling development?
- Religions & Development Study Group organised a DSA2021 panel P06: Decolonisation, development and faith
- Land, Politics and Sustainability Study group organised a DSA2021 roundtable - P15: Land and development politics unsettled: progress and challenges of tenure and governance reforms, land inequalities, sustainable land resource use, and the role of research.
- Africa, DSA Scotland, South Asia & Development, Migration, Development and Social Change, Decolonising Development, Urbanisation and Development Study Groups - NO ACTIVITY.

4. Students

The two student representatives on Council remained active in promoting student activities and interaction with the DSA. At financial year-end there were 207 student members of the association (21% of total membership): a decrease (70 members) in numbers and percentage (due to increased gS member numbers) over the previous year.

The student mailing list was kept current and items of interest and communication with students took place via this list. The DSA Facebook group continued to share updates on DSA news, development sector news, job and paid internship opportunities as well as workshops, conference and training opportunities. There was a DSA students' meeting at the annual conference to find ways that students can interact more effectively with the DSA and gain more information about student activities, events etc. There was also once again a well-attended Publication strategies briefing for students and early career researchers (ECR) at the conference.

The DSA continued to offer its annual Masters' level Development Studies dissertation prize. The award winners were announced and presented their prizes at the annual conference and both winners presented their work at the conference. The winning dissertations were mentioned and linked to on the DSA website. A new PhD thesis prize was created this year and will be awarded during 2022.

5. Heads of Centres

A Heads of Centres meeting was held online on 17 December 2021. After the usual updates, the main business for discussion was DSA Communications. There was an update on DSA's main activities and future priorities and an introduction to HoCs of the DSA's new Communications Manager (Laura Roberts) and the association's communications strategy. A discussion was held on how DSA's new communications capacities can be deployed to help strengthen the DS community, both internally and in terms of its external profile. The DSA's suggestion that it holds a post-REF2021 debrief event and also conducts an EDI audit for the sector were welcomed by HoCs.

6. Where are we after COP26 and what is needed now? webinar

The DSA organised and hosted a webinar on 8 December 2021 with invited panelists: Dr Amani Aboud Zeid, African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, Meena Raman, Third World Network, Chukwumerije Okereke, Professor of Global Climate and Environmental Governance and Co-Director of Climate and Justice Centre, University of Reading, Simon Maxwell, ODI. The Chair was: Dr Emily Wilkinson, Senior Research Fellow, ODI; Chief Scientific Adviser, CREAD-Dominica; ?Co-Director, Caribbean Resilience and Recovery Knowledge Network (CRRKN) with a roundtable style discussion on the fall-out from COP26. Unfortunately, the event was not as well attended (~30 people) as our previous webinar (376 people), perhaps due to timing and webinar-fatigue.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2022**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

Individual membership at year-end increased to 1267, largely due to a large increase in gS members, resulting from the conference taking place online again and good levels of funding to allow free attendance. Individual and student membership are slightly up from the previous year, as the pandemic eases and activities and finances perhaps return to a more normal level. Institutional membership dropped very slightly to 34.

Finances

With sufficient reserves, the DSA continues to seek to allocate its reserves towards its central purposes: cash at bank decreased from £141,519 to £132,262 on 31st January 2022.

Expenditure was lower than budgeted in many areas (Council, HoCs, Study groups) once again due to the pandemic but higher for Communications (36k) with our new Communications Manager starting this year, and some more usage of ESRC monies (for a final workshop invoice spent during this year - 5k). Income was higher than predicted due to the conference surplus (3.7k) and increased individual (2k) but lower institutional (2k) subscriptions. We also received a large unidentified payment to the bank account (2k).

This was the first year of DSA's main investment which was to directly employ a DSA Communications Manager, Grade 6, 0.5 FTE, for three years on a 12 months rolling contract from April 2021. The post is enabling the DSA to achieve its strategic objectives, particularly in terms of advancing connections to deepen understanding of development, raising the profile of the UK development studies community and providing a platform for its collective voice and increasing our institutional strength.

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The administration of the DSA continues to be carried out by NomadIT, on a rolling contract.

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AIMS FOR THE COMING YEAR (2022-23)

Overall aims for the coming years are given in the Business Plan, 2019-22. Particular goals in the coming year are as follows:

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2022**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The DSA Council reviews sources of, and responses to, risks at least annually. Sources of risk include fluctuating membership, conference attendance, level of study group activity and the status of development studies in the UK. Risks are mitigated through regular consultation with institutional members through Heads of Centres' meetings, monthly newsletters and email communication, reviewing membership categories and rates, reviewing the purpose and design of annual conferences and reviewing costs involved in administering the charity.

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J Fisher
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Development Studies Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Development Studies Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Development Studies Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 January 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 2,693 | - | 2,693 | 745 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 110,830 | - | 110,830 | 89,278 |
| Investment income | 2 | 371 | - | 371 | 949 |
| Other income | | (468) | - | (468) | (468) |
| Total | | 113,426 | - | 113,426 | 90,504 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 127,643 | - | 127,643 | 102,448 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | (14,217) | - | (14,217) | (11,944) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 146,632 | - | 146,632 | 158,576 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | 132,415 | - | 132,415 | 146,632 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 January 2022

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 5 | 132,415 | - | 132,415 | 146,632 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>132,415</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>132,415</u> | <u>146,632</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 132,415 | - | 132,415 | 146,632 |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>132,415</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>132,415</u> | <u>146,632</u> |
| FUNDS | 6 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | <u>132,415</u> | <u>146,632</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | <u>132,415</u> | <u>146,632</u> |

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

.....
Trustee

Development Studies Association

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities in its balance sheet) have been prepared and presented for the year; this is consistent with previous years.

Income

All income, including the subscriptions, conference income and bank interest are recorded when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure are recorded when paid.

Trustees' expenses

These expenses are included in the financial statements once amounts are expended by the Trustees on behalf of the charity.

Trustees' indemnity insurance

No charitable funds have been used to purchase insurance to indemnify the Trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Interest received | 371 | 949 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2022 nor for the year ended 31 January 2021.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees expenses of £Nil (2021: £856) were paid during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 745 | - | 745 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 89,278 | - | 89,278 |
| Investment income | 949 | - | 949 |
| Other income | (468) | - | (468) |
| Total | 90,504 | - | 90,504 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 102,448 | - | 102,448 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | (11,944) | - | (11,944) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 158,576 | - | 158,576 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | 146,632 | - | 146,632 |

5. CASH AT BANK

| | 2022 Total funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 132,415 | 146,632 |
| Total | 132,415 | 146,632 |

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Each of the below funds have arisen due to the donors specifying that the funds donated have to be spent on the specific projects.

Restrictions are imposed through contracts which are signed at the beginning of each project.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 January 2022.

8. FUNDS

| Project | Funds brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfer between funds £ | Funds carried forward £ |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| General fund | 146,632 | 113,426 | 127,643 | - | 132,415 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 146,632 | 113,426 | 127,643 | - | 132,415 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 146,632 | 113,426 | 127,643 | - | 132,415 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

9. ACCRUAL BASIS

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment basis. Should the accounts of been prepared on an accruals basis, then £2,600 of membership income should be removed and £7,560 of administrative costs should be accrued. This would result in a deficit of £24.4k for the year ended 31st January 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Donations | 2,693 | 745 |
| Investment income | | |
| Interest received | 371 | 949 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Subscriptions | 57,433 | 54,234 |
| Conference and exhibitions | 53,397 | 35,044 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 110,830 | 89,278 |
| Other income | | |
| Other income | (468) | (468) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total incoming resources | 113,426 | 90,504 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Conference | 48,987 | 51,264 |
| Administration | 31,349 | 20,556 |
| Study groups | - | 1,440 |
| Stationery, print and postage | - | 4,800 |
| Council expenses | - | 856 |
| Bank and credit charges | 960 | 512 |
| Workshop series | 5,007 | 6,317 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 86,303 | 85,745 |
| Support costs | | |
| Governance costs | | |
| Sundries | 500 | 500 |
| Accountancy and legal fees | 1,980 | 1,980 |
| Consultancy fees | 36,000 | 14,223 |
| Donations | 2,860 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 41,340 | 16,703 |
| Total resources expended | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 127,643 | 102,448 |
| Net expenditure | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | (14,217) | (11,944) |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

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DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 283670

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2021
for
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 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 2015).

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2021**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Association are to promote and advance international development as a field of study, research and action, with a mission to deepen understanding of how global poverty and inequalities are produced, sustained and may be overcome, and how a better future may be advanced.

VISION

In taking forward its mission and vision, the DSA is committed to:

- Advance connections between people that will extend and deepen understanding of development issues
- Raise the profile of the UK development studies community and provide a platform for its collective voice
- Build the institutional strength of the DSA
- Nurture the future of development studies in the UK through support to students, early career researchers and Higher Education teachers
- Promote greater inclusiveness, diversity and equity within the development studies community

ACTIVITIES

In pursuit of these objectives, the DSA has achieved the following during the Financial Year 2020-2021:

1. Annual Conference

The 2020 Annual Conference was held virtually due to the coronavirus pandemic, organised and hosted by the University of Birmingham, 17-19th June. Key statistics from the Conference are as follows: Participants: 490; Number of papers/presentations: 248; Plenary sessions: 3; Panels and study groups: 45.

Planning for the next annual conference began in July 2020 and it was agreed, further to positive evaluation results, that a 5-day event would be hosted by the University of East Anglia also in late June 2021. This will also take place as a virtual online conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. DSA Newsletter

The DSA Newsletter is emailed out monthly to nearly 1750 individuals. The Newsletter performs an important service, appreciated by members and the sector as a whole, to allow members to publicise events, publications, jobs and other news of interest to the sector. It is compiled from contributions from members and continues to attract interest as a means to reach the development sector worldwide.

3. Study Groups

Study Group activity dropped during 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown preventing in-person meetings, however there was continued active participation in the annual online conference. The following activities have been undertaken:

- Business and Development Study group: DSA2020 panel P01: Private Sector Leaders, Processes and Linkages in the Global South: Changing structures and the pursuit of the SDGs.
- Decolonising Development Study group: September 2020 Launch event online: Decolonising Development: Looking back, looking forward
- Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Study group: Feb 2020 Workshop: Making Interdisciplinarity work in Environmental Change Research at the University of Edinburgh. They also held a DSA2020 panel P03: Leadership in and for natural resource management
- Gender, Policy and Practice Study group: January 2021 online event: CONFINED BY COVID: women and girls, HIV and SRHR
- Information, Technology and Development Study group held a DSA2020 panel - P42: Digital Development Leadership
- Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics Study group - DSA2020 panel - P48 - Leadership or Cooperation? How is development cooperation initiated and managed at the micro-level? and they organise the PhD Masterclasses prior to the DSA2020 conference.

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- NGOs in Development study group organised a DSA2020 panel - P06 - Exploring leadership in CSOs and in November 2020 a webinar entitled: Covid19 Challenges, Shifts and Civil Society Organisations.
 - Religions & Development study group organised a DSA2020 panel P02: Faith Leadership for Global Challenges.
- Women and Development Study group in October 2020 held an online initial Reading Group meeting: 'Beijing +25: where are we now?'
- Two new Study Groups formed during this DSA year: Land, Politics and Sustainability Study group and Politics and Political Economy Study group.
 - Africa, DSA Scotland, Tourism, South Asia & Dev, Migration, Development and Social Change, Rising Power & Urbanisation and Development Study Groups - NO ACTIVITY

4. Students

The two student representatives on Council remained active in promoting student activities and interaction with the DSA. At financial year-end there were 207 student members of the association (21% of total membership): a decrease (70 members) in numbers and percentage (due to increased gS member numbers) over the previous year.

The student mailing list was kept current and items of interest and communication with students took place via this list. The DSA Facebook group continued to share updates on DSA news, development sector news, job and paid internship opportunities as well as workshops, conference and training opportunities. At DSA2020 there was a DSA students' meeting to find ways that students can interact more effectively with the DSA and gain more information about student activities, events etc. There was also once again a well-attended Publication strategies briefing for students and early career researchers (ECR) at the online conference.

The DSA continued to offer its annual Masters' level Development Studies dissertation prize. The award was announced at DSA2020, however the winner: Euan Crispin (SIID, University of Sheffield) was unable to attend the conference to accept his award in person for his work "The Dubai of Africa? Exploring the role of aesthetic representation in the construction of Eko Atlantic City, Lagos". The winning dissertation was linked to on the DSA website.

5. Heads of Centres

A Heads of Centres meeting was held online on 14 October 2020. After the usual updates, the main business for discussion was REF2021. The DSA President had invited the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Anthropology and Development Studies sub-panel to discuss the REF process with HoCs. A link to the recorded version and full minutes of the discussion were circulated afterwards. The Deputy Chair, with responsibility for Development Studies, welcomed the President's suggestion that she and potentially other REF panel members used the opportunity that REF2021 offered to take stock of development studies in the UK and to hold a DSA organised event on the state of the field after the REF process had been concluded (subject to confidentiality constraints).

6. FCDO and the Future of UK Aid webinar

The DSA organised and hosted a webinar with invited panelists on 12 January 2021, Preet Gil, Labour MP and Shadow Secretary for International Development, Ranil Dissanayake, Centre for Global Development, Melissa Leach, Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, Stephanie Draper, Chief Executive of BOND. The Co-Chairs were: Sam Hickey (DSA President, University of Manchester) and Annalisa Prizzon (ODI and DSA Council member), with a roundtable style discussion on the FCDO and the future of UK Aid. The event was well attended (376) and resulted in two blogs published on the DSA website.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 January 2021**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

Individual membership at 31st January 2021 increased to 996. This is largely due to a large increase in GS members, which resulted from the conference taking place online, which made it more accessible to those in the GS, who then subscribed in order to obtain the GS registration fee to attend the online conference. Individual and student membership were slightly down from the previous year, probably due to financial constraints both within departments and among individuals due to the effects of the global pandemic. Institutional membership dropped very slightly to 36.

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With sufficient reserves, the DSA continues to seek to allocate its reserves towards its central purposes: cash at bank decreased from £158,576 to £146,632 on 31st January 2021.

Expenditure was lower than budgeted in many areas (Council, Hocs, Study groups) due to the pandemic but slightly higher for Communications (2k) and some more usage of ESRC monies remaining from this grant was spent during this year (6k). Income was reduced due to conference losses (9.5k resulting from the higher than predicted workload in organising the first-ever online DSA conference) and reduced individual (2k) and institutional (3k) subscriptions.

DSA's main investment has been to directly employ a DSA Communications Manager, Grade 6, 0.5 FTE, for three years on a 12 months rolling contract from April 2021. The post aims to enable DSA to achieve its strategic objectives, particularly in terms of advancing connections to deepen understanding of development, raising the profile of the UK development studies community and providing a platform for its collective voice and increasing our institutional strength.

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Overall aims for the coming years are given in the Business Plan, 2019-22. Particular goals in the coming year are as follows:

| Timing | Activity |
|-----------------------|---|
| April 2020 - Mar 2021 | Assist Communications Manager to begin to promote DSA activities and boost the visibility of the association. |
| May 2021 | Submit nominations for Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences. |
| June 2021 | Host and organise the 2nd DSA online conference in a new platform. |
| Oct/Nov 2021 | Convene Heads of Centres meeting. |
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Development Studies Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Development Studies Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Development Studies Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 January 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 745 | - | 745 | 730 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 89,278 | - | 89,278 | 151,656 |
| Investment income | 2 | 949 | - | 949 | 48 |
| Other income | | (468) | - | (468) | (908) |
| Total | | <u>90,504</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>90,504</u> | <u>151,526</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 102,448 | - | 102,448 | 190,227 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | <u>(11,944)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(11,944)</u> | <u>(38,701)</u> |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | <u>158,576</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>158,576</u> | <u>197,277</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u><u>146,632</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>146,632</u></u> | <u><u>158,576</u></u> |

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 January 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 5 | 146,632 | - | 146,632 | 158,576 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>146,632</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>146,632</u> | <u>158,576</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 146,632 | - | 146,632 | 158,576 |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>146,632</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>146,632</u> | <u>158,576</u> |
| FUNDS | 6 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | <u>146,632</u> | <u>158,576</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | <u>146,632</u> | <u>158,576</u> |

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

.....
Trustee

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities in its balance sheet) have been prepared and presented for the year; this is consistent with previous years.

Income

All income, including the subscriptions, conference income and bank interest are recorded when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure are recorded when paid.

Trustees' expenses

These expenses are included in the financial statements once amounts are expended by the Trustees on behalf of the charity.

Trustees' indemnity insurance

No charitable funds have been used to purchase insurance to indemnify the Trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Interest received | 949 | 48 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

Trustees expenses of £856 (2020: £2,095) were paid during the year.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 730 | - | 730 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 151,656 | - | 151,656 |
| Investment income | 48 | - | 48 |
| Other income | (908) | - | (908) |
| Total | <u>151,526</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>151,526</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Promotion of development research | 190,227 | - | 190,227 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | <u>(38,701)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(38,701)</u> |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | <u>197,277</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>197,277</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u><u>158,576</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>158,576</u></u> |

5. CASH AT BANK

| | 2021 Total funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | <u>146,632</u> | <u>158,576</u> |
| Total | <u><u>146,632</u></u> | <u><u>158,576</u></u> |

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

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Each of the below funds have arisen due to the donors specifying that the funds donated have to be spent on the specific projects.

Restrictions are imposed through contracts which are signed at the beginning of each project.

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

8. FUNDS

| Project | Funds brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfer between funds £ | Funds carried forward £ |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| General fund | 158,576 | 90,504 | 102,448 | - | 146,632 |
| | 158,576 | 90,504 | 102,448 | - | 146,632 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 158,576 | 90,504 | 102,448 | - | 146,632 |

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Donations | 745 | 730 |
| Investment income | | |
| Interest received | 949 | 48 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Subscriptions | 54,234 | 60,408 |
| Conference and exhibitions | 35,044 | 91,248 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 89,278 | 151,656 |
| Other income | | |
| Other income | (468) | (908) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total incoming resources | 90,504 | 151,526 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Affiliations | - | 514 |
| Conference | 51,264 | 90,280 |
| Administration | 20,556 | 37,668 |
| Study groups | 1,440 | 1,918 |
| Stationery, print and postage | 4,800 | 1,208 |
| Council expenses | 856 | 2,095 |
| Bank and credit charges | 512 | 1,171 |
| Head of centres | - | 271 |
| Workshop series | 6,317 | 33,369 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 85,745 | 168,494 |
| Support costs | | |
| Governance costs | | |
| Sundries | 500 | 1,363 |
| Accountancy and legal fees | 1,980 | 1,980 |
| Consultancy fees | 14,223 | 18,390 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 16,703 | 21,733 |
| Total resources expended | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 102,448 | 190,227 |
| Net expenditure | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | (11,944) | (38,701) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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