

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 283670

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 January 2019
for
Development Studies Association

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for the Year Ended 31 January 2019**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 January 2019

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2019.

These statements are prepared in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 which permits the charity to prepare receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities included in its balance sheet. This is on the basis that its gross income for the year does not exceed £250,000. This is consistent with the previous year.

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:

- i. Advance connections between people that will extend and deepen understanding of development issues
- ii. Raise the profile of the UK development studies community and provide a platform for its collective voice
- iii. Build the institutional strength of the DSA
- iv. Nurture the future of development studies in the UK through support to students, early career researchers and Higher Education teachers
- v. 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 2018-2019:

1. Annual Conference

The 2018 Annual Conference was held at the University of Manchester, 27-29th June. Key statistics from the Conference are as follows: Participants: 556; Number of papers/presentations: 341; Plenary sessions: 4; Panels and study groups: 68.

Planning for the next annual conference began in July 2018 and it was agreed, further to positive evaluation results, that a 3-day event would be held at the Open University also in late June.

2. DSA Bulletin

The DSA Bulletin is emailed out monthly to nearly 1700 individuals. The Bulletin 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 of contributions from members and continues to attract interest as a means to reach the development sector worldwide.

3. Study Groups

Study Group activity has remained high, with active participation in the annual conference at Manchester. The following activities have been undertaken:

- Business and Development Study group Winter 2018 Workshop: Partnerships in Practice: Issues of inequality and power - has anything changed? Also DSA2018 panel H05: What role for the private sector in challenging global inequality?
- DSA Scotland June meeting: Contemporary approaches to development policy
- Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Study group: Sept 2018 meeting at the University of Birmingham on the role of local-level intermediaries in natural resource management
- Gender, Policy and Practice Study group: online conference about re-imagining international development - Healing solidarity, in Sept 2018; Women's domestic and child care issues, joint with Institute of Gender Studies (Oxford) May 2019
- Information, Technology and Development Study group held a DSA2018 panel - D01: Digital Inequalities and Development

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- Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics Study group September international Workshop on Poverty, Inequality Dynamics, and Economic Development: Tensions and Trade-offs in Mixed Methods Research
- NGOs in Dev and Religions & Dev study groups together organised a DSA2018 panel: C04: Intervention in 'chaos zones': humanitarian assistance and peace-building
- Rising Powers Study Group one-day April 2019 workshop - "Rising Powers and the re-casting of the South". They also organised the following DSA2018 panels - C01: New perspectives on emerging donors: anxieties, intellectual histories, and hybrid identities; B02: Unequal legacies? The politics of the Green Revolution and South-South technology transfers in Africa; H02: Production networks and development in an era of polycentric trade
- Urbanisation and Development Study group October 2018 workshop: Translocal Pedagogies in Planning Education for Urban Equality
- Women and Development Study Group May 2018 meeting: 'Bringing our feminist values to development research, policy and practice': Celebrating 25 years of Gender and Development

4. Students

At the Manchester conference in June 2018, two student representatives were elected onto Council. The Council continues to focus on activities that might appeal to students. On 31st January 2019 there were 288 student members of the association (30% of the total membership). This represents an increase over the previous year.

The annual DSA student Facebook group has been maintained, providing updates on DSA news, development sector news, job and paid internship opportunities as well as workshops, conference and training opportunities. A networking opportunity for student members was again held as part of the annual conference, along with a Publication strategies briefing for students and early career researchers (ECR).

The DSA continued to offer its annual Masters' level Development Studies dissertation prize. The award was made at DSA2018, to two winners: Bushra Rehman (IDD, University of Birmingham) and Henrique Lopes Valenca (GDI, University of Manchester), for their work "The intersection of gender and disability in exacerbating poverty in displacement settings: Jordan as a case study" and "Industrial policy and structural change in Brazil after the Washington Consensus (2003 – 2014)" respectively. The information and access to the winning dissertations continues to be posted on the DSA website.

5. Heads of Centres

A Heads of Centres meeting was held at the LIDC on 8 October 2018. Professor Deborah James (Chair of Anthropology and Development Studies REF sub-panel) led a discussion on the Draft panel criteria and working methods. The DSA President subsequently made a joint submission on behalf of the DSA/HoCs to the REF consultation exercise, putting forward the main points of concern discussed in this meeting.

6. DSA/ESRC Workshop series

Seven workshops were held, hosted by different centres, from October 2019 to April 2019. The topics were: Zoonoses and One Health (IDS); Ethical research in contexts of post-conflict and displacement (Reading and Bath); Frontiers in urban infrastructure research and action (Manchester and Sheffield); Responding to environmental change (UEA and John Innes Centre); Educational Inequality, Poverty and Development (Bristol); Water and Sustainable Development (Bradford); Towards More Equitable Interdisciplinary Partnership (SOAS). Of the 178 invited participants, 39 were from institutions in the global South. The range of participants varied by workshop: in some cases all were academics, but from diverse disciplinary backgrounds; other workshops also included development practitioners.

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In addition to discussion on the day, keynotes were filmed and short videos were made to present interviews with some participants. A report for each workshop was also prepared, highlighting key points of discussion, agreement and diversity of views. These are all available on dedicated pages on the DSA website. A final session sharing the outcomes of the series is being held at DSA 2019, including reflection by the interdisciplinary specialists on the REF panels for Social Policy and Social Work and Anthropology and Development Studies. A briefing drawing together key findings/issues across the series will then be produced.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

Individual membership at 31st January 2019 increased to 945. However this is somewhat inflated by the automatic renewal of free membership for those in the Global South, so in 2019 these renewals will require active contact. Student membership increased its proportion of membership to 30%. Institutional membership rose very slightly to 38.

Finances

The DSA has continued to produce robust financial returns and has built up a healthy reserve which it is seeking to allocate towards its central purposes. Conference income has again contributed to both higher turnover and a larger surplus. Cash at bank increased from £126,683 to £197,277 on 31st January 2018.

This significant increase is largely due to the receipt of the £56,350 award from the ESRC in support of a cross-disciplinary workshop series: 'Meeting the challenges: Interdisciplinary research for global development.' The expenditure against these funds spans this year and the next. We have also committed £36,410 of DSA's money to this series, which includes 60% of the funding of the DSA Communications Officer, in the first year of the post.

We have committed c. £22,000 p.a. to fund a DSA Communications Officer, Grade 6, 0.6 FTE, for 24 months: September 2018-March 2019; May 2019- October 2020, based at the University of Bath. This aim of this post is to increase the reach of the DSA and support it to raise public understanding of development issues. A particular responsibility in the first year is to support the cross-disciplinary workshop series.

Administration

The administration of the DSA continued to be carried out by NomadIT.

FUTURE PLANS

AIMS FOR THE COMING YEAR (2019-20)

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
July 2019 - October 2020	- Design, implement and maintain new structure and content for DSA website, and other communications outlets as required.
July-December 2019	- Produce and promote final outputs from DSA/ESRC workshop series
October/November 2019	- Convene Heads of Centres meeting
July-December 2019	- Agree plan with Wiley for launch of new DSA journal to replace JID
June 2020	- Hold a lively three-day conference
Through the year	- Develop Climate Aware DSA policy paper
Through the year	- Develop support for PGR and ECR scholars and DSA members based in global South
Through the year	- Develop with EADI Guide to ethical research in development studies

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

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 bulletins 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

Professor G Mohan

Dr F Nunan

Dr J Devine

- resigned 29.6.2018

Dr S White

Dr L Camfield

Professor U Kothari

Dr N Gooptu

Dr L C Hammond

Miss S Peck

- resigned 29.6.2018

Ms H Yanacopulos

P Anand

J Quan

Mrs K Hochstetler

S Hickey

D Brockington

Ms A Chammas

- appointed 29.6.2018

Miss B Ezeomah

- appointed 29.6.2018

Dr U Kambhampati

- appointed 29.6.2018

G Mohan

- appointed 29.6.2018

Dr R Slater

- appointed 29.6.2018

Miss N Kabeer

- appointed 29.6.2018

Independent examiner

Mr Saeid Mokhtassi

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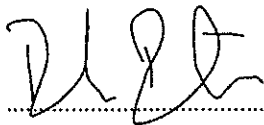
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on **20/06/2019** and signed on its behalf by: **Dan Brockington**


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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 the Development Studies Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 January 2019.

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.

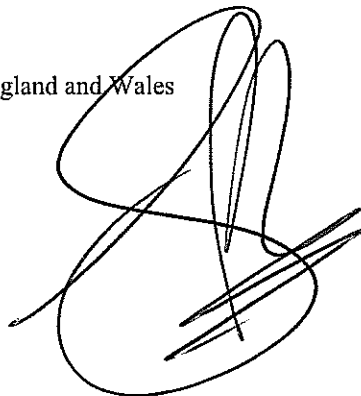
Independent examiner's statement

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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Saeid Mokhtassi
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Date: 27.06.2019

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	56,811	-	56,811	1
Charitable activities					
Promotion of development research		174,499	-	174,499	102,798
Investment income	3	66	-	66	58
Other income		-	-	-	2,320
Total		<u>231,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,376</u>	<u>105,177</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Promotion of development research		<u>160,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,330</u>	<u>75,834</u>
NET INCOME		71,046	-	71,046	29,343
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>126,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,231</u>	<u>96,888</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>197,277</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>197,277</u></u>	<u><u>126,231</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

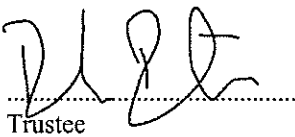
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Balance Sheet

At 31 January 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank	7	197,277	-	197,277	126,231
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>197,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,277</u>	<u>126,231</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>197,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,277</u>	<u>126,231</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>197,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,277</u>	<u>126,231</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				197,277	126,231
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>197,277</u>	<u>126,231</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20/06/2019 and were signed on its behalf
by: **Dan Brockington**


Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2019

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. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

During the financial year the charity received grant from Economic and social research council of £56,350. £42,454 remains unused as at the financial year end.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2019	2018
	£	£
Interest received	66	58
	<u>66</u>	<u>58</u>

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4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2019 nor for the year ended 31 January 2018.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees expenses of £1,920 (2018: £1,418) were paid during the year.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1	-	1
Charitable activities			
Promotion of development research	102,798	-	102,798
Investment income	58	-	58
Other income	2,320	-	2,320
Total	<u>105,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,177</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Promotion of development research	75,834	-	75,834
Total	<u>75,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,834</u>
NET INCOME	<u>29,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,343</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	96,888	-	96,888
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>126,231</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>126,231</u></u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 February 2018 and 31 January 2019	715
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DEPRECIATION	
At 1 February 2018 and 31 January 2019	715
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 January 2019	-
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At 31 January 2018	-
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7. CASH AT BANK

	General fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
Cash at bank and in hand	197,277	197,277	126,231
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8. 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.

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 January 2019.

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10. FUNDS

Project	Funds brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer between funds £	Funds carried forward £
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General fund	69,107	180,052	152,271	-	96,888
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	69,107	180,052	152,271	-	96,888
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TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	69,107	180,052	152,271	-	96,888
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 January 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	1	1
Donations	460	-
Grants	56,350	-
	<hr/> 56,811	<hr/> 1
Investment income		
Interest received	66	58
Charitable activities		
Subscriptions	65,702	56,562
Conference and exhibitions	108,797	46,236
	<hr/> 174,499	<hr/> 102,798
Other income		
Other income	-	2,320
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total incoming resources	231,376	105,177
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Conference	101,310	40,735
Administration	22,041	29,298
Study groups	3,539	1,401
Stationery, print and postage	93	243
Council expenses	1,920	1,418
Bank and credit charges	934	939
Head of centres	465	-
Workshop series	19,410	-
	<hr/> 149,712	<hr/> 74,034
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Sundries	1,305	-
Accountancy and legal fees	1,800	1,800
Consultancy fees	7,513	-
	<hr/> 10,618	<hr/> 1,800
Total resources expended	160,330	75,834

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	2019 £	2018 £
Net income	<u>71,046</u>	<u>29,343</u>

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