



development studies
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DSA AGM 2025

27 June 2025

Agenda



- Welcome
- Approval of minutes from AGM 2024
- Annual Trustees' Report
- Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
- President's Report
- Dissertation and Thesis prizes
- Any Other Business



Welcome and thanks.....

- Winfred Nyokabi, James Howard and the NomadIT team for their work in organising and running DSA2025
- Our conference volunteers
- Mihika Chatterjee & Aurelie Charles, the conference convenors & University of Bath colleagues
- Our conference sponsors: University of Bath, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Oxford Development Studies*, *Journal of International Development & Development in Practice*...and our publishing partners OUP
- Our Treasurer, Shailaja Fennell, Secretary, Jonathan Fisher & Communications Officer, Rowena Harding
- Outgoing DSA Council member: Tuesday Gichuki



Apologies from Council members

Approval of minutes from AGM 2024 (Hybrid – SOAS, University of London)

- a. F2F attendees - show of hands in favour,
against, abstention
- b. Online attendees can complete the Zoom poll
on your screens to indicate in favour, against,
abstention

Budget



	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>



Treasurer's proposals

1. The AGM accepts the accounts as presented.

Seconded:

- a. Show of hands in favour, against, abstention
- b. Online attendees can complete the Zoom poll on your screens to indicate in favour, against, abstention

2. We use Sterling Partners again to prepare our accounts next year.

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President's Report I:

Progress & plans against objectives

Objective	2024-25 Progress	2025-26 Plans
<i>1. Advance connections to deepen understanding of development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DSA2025 (73 panels /workshops and 425 papers)• Study groups: Very active this year; 4 have had changes of convenors; meeting of SGs organized.• DSA-OUP book series• Webinars: 2 webinars on aid<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Reimagining a better future - 679 registered, 276 attended live, 401 watched after promoted globallyii. UK aid - 440 registered, 264 attended live, 183 watched after, 65 completed post event survey on topics to follow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DSA2026 (UCD, (8-10 July)• Webinars: call for members (especially institutional) to do joint webinars with DSA.• Study Groups



President's Report II:

Progress & plans against objectives

Objective	2024-25 Progress	2025-26 Plans
<i>2. Raise profile of the UK DS community and provide a platform for its collective voice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth of social media channels, use of blogs, outreach to stakeholders• EDI project – 3 workshops for racially minoritized ECRs funded by AcSS; first one in KCL done• Journal update: contract being signed with JDS for a Special Issue from the conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comms: continued roll-out of strategy• Completion of AcSS project and working with HoCs to disseminate findings• Webinars

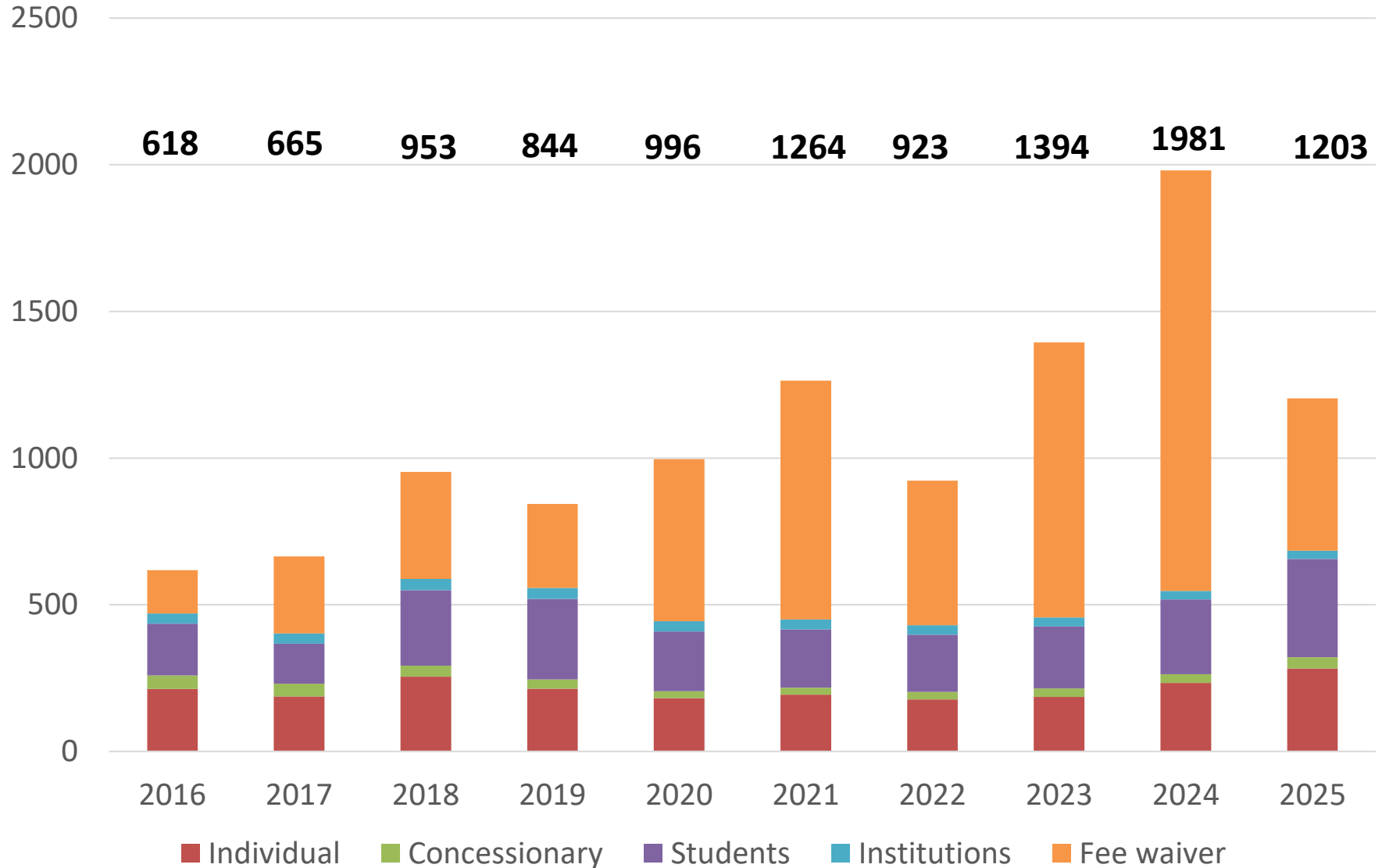


President's Report III:

Progress & plans against objectives

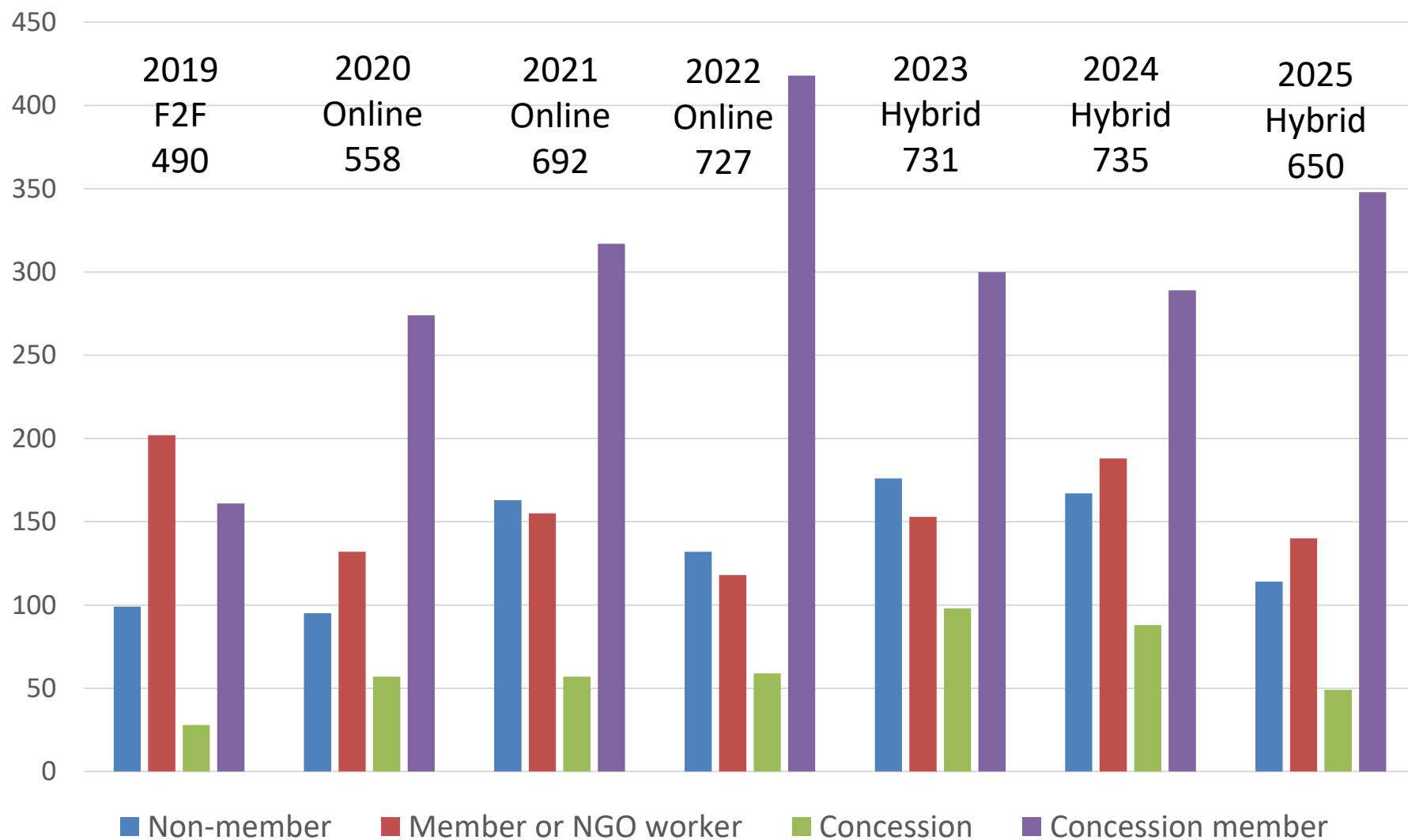
Objective	2024-25 Progress	2025-26 Plans
<i>3. Build the institutional strength of the DSA</i>	New institutional members & re-energized contact Re-energized study groups ToRs for various roles within DSA Trustee training	Encourage new institutional members Regular meetings of SG coordinators
<i>4. Nurture the future of DS thro' support to students, ECRs and HE teachers</i>	Dissertation & PhD prize Re-energized student group (Zax & Sheila) & comms to support growth & outreach	Review of ECR support strategy
<i>5. Promote greater EDI within the DS community</i>	gS: South-South mentoring pilot project completed; gS members are working on finding sustainable funding for the mentoring scheme gS participation at DSA2025; AcSS funding for EDI project; Decolonising database network launched	EDI project coming your way Decolonising database: shared teaching, resources

Overall membership





Recent conference attendance





DSA2025

Registrations

- 232 online
- 418 face-to-face

Total: 650

425 papers and 73 panels

84 delegates funded to attend,
50% online, 50% in person



PGT & PGR Prizes 2025

DSA Masters Dissertation Prize

Winner: Emeli Hanson (University of Sheffield) “The Construction of Menstruation as “something you have to hide”: Embodied Experiences of Adolescent Girls in Uganda.”

Highly commended: Yoga Prasetyo (University of Sussex) “Integration-transnationalism nexus in the context of enforced transience: Managing racial harmony and temporary labor migration in Singapore”

Emeli presented her research at the conference in P06 yesterday. Yoga was unfortunately not able to attend the conference in either format.

DSA PhD Thesis Prize

Winner: Chiara Chiavaroli (LSE) “It Rains Miscarriages: A feminist investigation of toxic risks in the Bajo Cauca region (Colombia).”

Chiara attended the conference online but unfortunately, we were not able to find a panel for her to present in by the time of the award.



Council elections

- None of the UK-based Council members are at the end of their terms this year, and so there are no elections at this year's AGM.
- One global South representative on Council, Tuesday Gichuki, is at the end of his 2nd term on Council.
- His successor will be nominated and voted in by global South DSA members via an online process in the autumn.



Any Other Business



And looking forward

DSA2026

*Reimagining Development: Power, Agency,
and Futures in an Uncertain World*

University College Dublin

8-10 July 2026