



Trustees' Annual Report 2022

Socio-Legal Studies Association CIO

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Chair's Report

John Harrington

Moving out of the coronavirus pandemic, and building on successful conferences at York and Cardiff, the SLSA Board of Trustees renewed its work to achieve our charitable objects, which are:

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

We have achieved these objects this year through our Annual Conference, our Postgraduate Conference, and support for the ESRC socio-legal methods masterclass, as well as our small grants, fieldwork grants and seminar grants, our newsletter, website and blog, our work on equality and diversity, on precarity in legal academia, and on fostering international and interdisciplinary links for the benefit of our community. We also introduced a new funding and prize scheme to support and recognize the impact of socio-legal research carried out by our members. All of these activities are detailed in this annual report.

SLSA Board News

Five members of the SLSA Board stepped down at the 2022 AGM:

- Prof Rosie Harding (Chair and Ex-Officio Trustee)
- Prof Diamond Ashiagbor (Trustee)
- Dr Edward Kirton Darling (Trustee)
- Dr Jess Mant (Trustee)
- Victoria Adkins (PGR Representative)

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

- Dr Matt Howard (Trustee)
- Dr Elisabeth Griffiths (Trustee)
- Dr Richard Craven (Trustee)
- Dr Anna Bryson (Trustee)
- Dr Marie Burton (Trustee)
- Lara McLachlan (PGR Representative)
- Dr Mark Simpson (Ulster Conference Rep)
- Dr Ciara Fitzpatrick (Ulster Conference Rep)

John Harrington was elected to the ex-Officio Trustee role of Chair at the April 2022 AGM.

Philip Bremner was elected to the ex-Officio Trustee role of Treasurer at the April 2022 AGM.

There were three formal Board meetings in 2022, in January, May and September. Of these the first two took place wholly online, using Zoom. Our September 2022 meeting was held in hybrid format, with a majority of the Board able to meet in person for the first time since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each year, at the AGM, one-third of the SLSA Trustees must retire, though may stand for re-election if they are eligible to serve another term. Trustees usually serve on the Board for up to 6 years (two terms of three years each). In exceptional cases, such as when a trustee is elected to an Ex-Officio role, they may serve on the board for up to 9 years. This year, Colin Moore, Simon Flacks, Emma Jones and Emma Milne will retire by rotation, and will be standing for re-election. Chris Ashford (Vice-Chair), Neil Graffin (Secretary), Vanessa Munro, Flora Renz and Clare Williams will retire from the board and do not seek re-election. Jed Meers and Caroline Hunter have also come to the end of their term on the Board as York Conference representatives.

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

SLSA Annual Conferences

The 2022 SLSA Annual Conference was hosted in hybrid format by the University of York. With over 500 delegates and a rich variety of streams and current topics, the conference was a great success, with wide praise for the York team's excellent organization, including the comprehensive support for on-line participants. Attendees clearly relished the chance to meet again in person after two years and there was a lively atmosphere. We are very grateful to York for their hard work and contribution to the SLSA.

As we write this annual report, we are making the final preparations for our Conference hosted by Ulster University, Derry-Londonderry, 4-6 April 2023 again in hybrid format. We take this opportunity also to remind members that our 2024 conference will be held at the University of Portsmouth (dates tbc). We are delighted that SLSA will come to Portsmouth, having had to cancel our 2020 conference due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Bids to host SLSA 2025 and 2026 have been received, and we will be announcing the venues for these conferences shortly.

The annual SLSA PG Conference was very successfully hosted online in 2022, with innovations in the range of colleagues involved as session leaders. (Although outside the scope of this report, it is worth noting that, with the reduction of risks presented by COVID-19, we were able to run the 2023 PG conference on a face-to-face basis at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford in 2023.)

Conference Streams Review

The SLSA Board received a detailed and comprehensive review of how Streams and Current Topics are organized in our Annual conference, and of the role of Stream Convenor. The review was conducted by Jed Meers, who wrote a report and set of recommendations. We are very grateful to him for this essential work on this. The report has been adopted by the Board and will be implemented ahead of the 2024 conference. It will establish formal criteria for appointment and renewal of Convenor roles, highlighting the importance of opening this opportunity up to the diversity of our community. It will also specify tasks and support from the Board for convenors in doing this indispensable and highly valuable task for SLSA. Criteria will be set out for refreshing streams, including the admission of new streams. This ongoing task will be administered by a new Stream Secretary who will be a member of the SLSA Board, and guided by a specific policy.

Learned Society Activities

As a learned society, the SLSA represents our members across a wide range of sectors and activities. We have continued to work as part of the Academy of Social Sciences and with the Law Commission,

REF2021 law panel, funders of socio-legal research and to represent our members' views and interests in legal education forums. The Board responded to the QAA's Consultation on the Revised Subject Benchmarking Statement for Law. Strategically, we are also focussing on building links with other learned societies in order to support and encourage interdisciplinary working among our members. Thus, our 2023 Annual Conference will have the Social Policy Association (SPA) as our 'guests'. It will include a roundtable on interdisciplinarity involving SLSA, SPA, and the head of the REF 2021 Panels on Law and on Social Policy.

PGR Representative Recruitment

Victoria Adkins having stepped down, the Board invited applications for this role. Maddy Millar, Mitch Travis and I considered 4 very strong applications, and selected Lara MacLachlan, a first year PhD student at Liverpool. We were delighted that Lara accepted the post.

Looking forward

I am very grateful to SLSA members for electing me as Chair at the 2022 AGM. It is a privilege to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor Rosie Harding and I am lucky to be able build on the achievements of the Board under her leadership, including incorporation as a CIO and guiding the Association through the pandemic.

We are carrying forward key initiatives – on EDI (including anonymized data gathering on our competitions) and Precarity (including earmarking funds within our current schemes) – due to be implemented in the current year, as well as reviewing the first year of our pioneering Impact schemes. We are also working on a number of new initiatives: on internationalization, including funding for links with scholars based in the global south; partnering with other socio-legal associations to support SLSA PGRs engaging with counterparts in other countries; a mentoring scheme; and an initiative to review and support socio-legal provision in the undergraduate curriculum, over 15 years since the Nuffield Inquiry into Legal Empirical Research.

These initiatives are enabled by our sound financial position, as set out in the Treasurer's report below, which has been due to prudent decision-making during the pandemic, successful conferences at York and Cardiff, and the generosity of at least 23 law schools, research centres and journals, in renewing their sponsorship of the SLSA Newsletter.

It's been a pleasure working with our talented and highly engaged Board on these initiatives, on implementing essential changes in our systems for membership renewal and the maintenance of our website, as well as on established aspects of the SLSA calendar, including competitions and awards. I look forward to making further progress in the coming year.

Vice Chair's Report

Chris Ashford

This will be my last report as Vice Chair and I am grateful to my fellow trustees who have supported and worked with me throughout my time on the SLSA Executive. In this reporting period, I was part of the new impact prize subcommittee and supported the Chair as and when needed, stepping in to lead meetings and discussions as required.

SLSA Annual Book Prizes

I have once again chaired the three SLSA book prizes with the winners announced at the 2022 conference and the 2022/23 round in progress to be announced at the 2023 Annual Conference. The quality of entries across all three competitions – the Hart/SLSA Book Prize, the Hart SLSA Prize for Early Career Academics, and the Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize – was once again exceptionally high. I am grateful to the sub-committee that have supported me in both rounds. Discussions also took place in the course of 2022 to explore potential data gathering in future rounds to better support the EDI work of the Association and better understand the profile of those who are nominated for prizes. This work remains ongoing.

Law Commission

Together with the SLSA Chair, John Harrington, I attended the annual SLS/SLSA meeting with the Law Commission. This proved a useful opportunity to hear about the ongoing work of the Commission and also provided an opportunity to raise the profile of the Association, notably in relation to potential impact work of SLSA members.

Treasurer's Report

Philip Bremner

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

Below is the overview report with the breakdown of accounts from 1st Jan-31st Dec 2022. The accounts were sent at the end of January 2023 to the Kelvin Partnership for independent examination in line with the requirements of our CIO registration with the Charities Commission.

End of Financial Year Accounts

Period: 1st January – 31st December 2022

Overall Assets

Opening Balance as 1.1.22	£79,060.38
Total Income 1.1.22 - 31.12.22	£149,960.70
Total Expenditure 1.1.22 - 31.12.22	£55,123.30
Closing Balance as 31.12.22	£173,897.79

Coop Account

Opening Balance as 1.1.22	£62,479.98
Closing Balance as 31.12.22	£148,029.29

Lloyds Account

Opening Balance as 1.1.22	£16,580.40
Closing Balance as 31.12.22	£18,107.40

Paypal Account

Opening Balance as 1.1.22	£0.00
Closing Balance as 31.12.22	£7761.10

Notes:

Our finances are in a very healthy position due to the large donations from Cardiff (£52, 511.72) and York (£52,681.55) and the increased newsletter sponsorship. We, therefore, exceeded the income forecasted at last year's AGM (£104,450). We also came in under our forecasted expenditure of £85,150. This is partly due to the fact that costs for the PGR conference will be incurred during the next reporting period and partly due to an underspend on some of the grants notably the impact and engagement scheme.

Breakdown of Income & Expenditure

Period: 1/1/22 – 31/12/22

Income

Memberships	22412.35
Annual Conference Donation	105193.27
Newsletter Sponsorship	16800
Flyer Inserts	700
Prize Sponsorship	1250
One Day Conference Donation	0
PG Conf Deposits	540
Grant Return/Underspends	2395.98
Miscellaneous	669.11

Total £149,960.70

Expenditure

Exec Meeting Expenses	2224
PG Conf	60
SLSA Admin Support	1700
Newsletter & E-Bulletin Editorial	19140
Newsletter Production	6325
Small Grants	7937.33
Seminar Competition	2700
Impact Funding	5810
Fieldwork Grants	3976.4
Annual Prizes	1030
SLSA One Day Conferences	0
Website & Subscriber CRM	2001

Insurance Premium	500.84
Travel Bursaries	0
Training & Mentoring Grant	0
ACSS Subscription	652
Production Flyers	0
IALS Storage Fee	106.73
Auditor Fee	1200
Miscellaneous	0

Total: £55,363.30

Below is a proposed forecast budget for 2023 (2022 Actuals in Red).

Income

Membership	22000 [22,611]
Annual Conference Donation (Ulster, 2023)	20000 [105,193]
Newsletter Sponsorship	12000 [12200]
Conference Flyer Inserts	350 [350]
Prize Sponsorship	1250 [1,250]
One Day Conference Donations	0 [0]
PG Conference Deposits	0 [120]
Grant Underspend Refunds	0 [0]
Miscellaneous	0 [3]
TOTAL	£55,600 [141,726]

Expenditure

Executive Committee Expenses	2500 [1784.58]
PG Conference Expenses	6275 [60]
SLSA Admin Support	2500 [1700]
Newsletter: Editing	21000 [19140]

Production	7500 [6325]
Small Research Grants (update for additional expenditure around £2200)	10000 [7937.33]
Seminar Competition	5000 [2700]
Fieldwork Grants	5000 [3976.4]
Impact & Engagement Grants	15000 [5810]
Annual Prizes	1350 [1030]
SLSA One Day Conferences	4000 [0]
Website & Database	2000 [1030]
Training & Mentoring Grants	1000 [0]
AcSS membership	700 [652]
Production of Flyers	400 [0]
IALS Storage Fee	100 [106.73]
Charities Insurance	600 [500.84]
External Auditor Fee	1500 [1200]
Social Media Ambassador	3000 [0]
Internationalisation Award Scheme	2000
Miscellaneous	0 [83.59]
TOTAL	£91,425 [56,867.47]

New funding schemes approved:

- Internationalisation Award Scheme £4,000 (£2000 from SLSA; £2000 from SLS Journal)
- PGR conference additional amount to support exchange with Flemish Law and Society Assoc £275

Membership and Data Protection

Colin Moore (Membership Secretary)

Overall Membership Numbers:

As of 21/02/2023 our membership database holds information for the following members.

Full Members	798 (an increase of 145 members).
Full Members (Overseas)	112 (an increase of 35 members).
Honorary Life Members	14
PG Members	677 (an increase of 135 members)
Retired Memberships	23 (an increase of 3 members)
Total	1,624 (an increase of 419)

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

Data Protection Officer

- There were no data protection requests this year.

Grants

Rebecca Moosavian (Grants Sub-Committee Chair)

A total of £7,305 was awarded for small research grants and £3,976 was awarded for fieldwork grants. In total, £11,281 was returned to the socio-legal community through awards to SLSA members. Candidates were assessed against (longstanding) published criteria by the grants committee, which then made recommendations to the Board. Winners were announced in the spring 2022 SLSA newsletter. They were as follows:

Small Grants:

- Lynsey Black, Maynooth University, £1489, 'An oral history of securing the Northern Irish border'
- Avi Boukli, Open University, £1360, 'The gold rush in Scotland: mining nuggets of legal consciousness'
- Georgina Dimopoulos, Swinburne University, £1485 'The time for rights? Use of the UNCRC in Australian decision-making'
- Agata Fijalkowski, Leeds Beckett University, £1471, 'Defence counsel maestro'
- Melanie Stockton-Brown, Bournemouth University, £1500, 'Pushing back: copyright law and film archives'

PhD Fieldwork Grants

- Cristiano Blanco, University of Essex, £1000, 'Amazonian epistemologies and IL'
- Shruti Iyer, University of Oxford, £1000, 'Silicosts and the state: reframing contestations between capital and labour in India'
- Atoosa Khatiri, University of York, £1000, 'The women and children of ISIS and their journeys back home'
- Tania Nascimento, Strathclyde University, £976, 'Facilitating emotions in restorative justice'

Change of Personnel/ EDI

Rebecca Moosavian took over from Ed Kirton-Darling as chair of the grants committee in 2022. We also welcomed two new members to the subcommittee: Elisabeth Griffith and Richard Craven. The chair has been liaising with the EDI sub-committee on the possibility of dealing with future applications anonymously and separately tracking applicant data for EDI purposes.

Seminar Grants

Simon Flacks (Seminar Sub-Committee Chair)

In the time period 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 the SLSA Seminars Sub-Committee awarded three seminar grants in March 2022. In total there were 5 applications for seminar grants in this round, all of which were of extremely high quality and demonstrated the significant range of socio-legal research activities currently taking place despite the ongoing challenges of Covid.

To reflect the impact of Covid-19 the Seminar Grants rules were modified as of 2020 to allow applications that include funding for IT costs to enable online events.

It is notable that applicant numbers have declined since the pandemic (from 18 applications in the last round pre-Covid). This led to an underspend on the seminar grants pot of money. It might be that this will naturally recover, but there were also only 5 applications for the 2023 round. The seminar committee will raise this as an issue at the next AGM, and consider how the competition might be advertised more widely.

Grants Awarded:

Applicant name and seminar title:	Amount awarded
Christopher Bevan and David Gurnham "Legal Masterplots: a way forward for socio-legal studies?"	£900
Felicity Adams and Fabienne Emmerich: "Breaking Free from The Master's Tools"	£800
Tanzil Chowdhury and Kathryn McNeilly "New Directions in Law and Time Scholarship"	£1000
	Total: £2700

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Clare Williams (EDI Sub-Committee Chair)

2022 saw the publication of the SLSA's first Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) survey report, which contains data and analysis of the SLSA's first EDI survey carried out at the end of 2021. The report can be accessed via the SLSA [website](#). The report was a collective tour de force by the EDI subcommittee and Board, and gives the SLSA a strong platform on which to build a robust, empirically-grounded EDI strategy. Consequently, the SLSA EDI subcommittee's efforts throughout the remainder of 2022 have focused on identifying meaningful responses.

Responding to the EDI Survey

To this end, three working groups were set up to explore the main themes emerging from the data. These focused, respectively, on social location characteristics (in particular, race and disability), widening participation through diversity in recruitment and membership, and insecure or precarious employment practices. A range of potential responses to the EDI survey data were considered by each working group in some detail, before options were identified that might offer a meaningful response that could be delivered sustainably and effectively. While there is a lot to celebrate in the EDI report, our immediate focus has been on how the SLSA can better support minoritized and precarious groups within the socio-legal community.

Firstly, in the EDI survey, PGR, ECR, and less established researchers highlighted problems with precarity across the sector, and to this end, Arwen Joyce (SLSA Precarity Rep) designed and oversaw the SLSA's Precarity Survey at the end of 2022 (please see Precarity Officer's report for more detail). In response to the 2021 EDI survey, the EDI subcommittee has been considering how existing funding streams and awards might be partially targeted towards those already disadvantaged by structural conditions within the sector. The subcommittee and Board will continue to carefully design funding applications for the next round in the light of data emerging from both surveys.

Mentoring

Similarly, in response to multiple calls for more support for groups minoritized on social location (race and disability) grounds, we have made inroads into mapping out how we might respond to requests for mentoring within the socio-legal community. The SLSA previously ran a mentoring scheme which was discontinued some years ago due to low take up. To build on previous experiences of mentoring schemes, and to more fully understand how we can design an inclusive and effective yet sustainable mentoring scheme, we have reached out to existing schemes who have kindly shared their experiences with us. While an SLSA mentoring scheme is being devised, a buddying system has been introduced for the SLSA annual conference with a view to welcoming and facilitating networking amongst PGRs and ECRs at the 2023 conference. We aim to have concrete proposals for a pilot mentoring scheme for the forthcoming academic year.

In 2022, the EDI subcommittee also led on drafting responses to UKRI's EDI survey and an EDI consultation by AcSS, with some feedback from the latter. Additionally, the EDI subcommittee also has begun to consider how we might further embed EDI work throughout the SLSA's engagement with the socio-legal community. Under consideration are processes and structures for ongoing monitoring of EDI within the SLSA. These will include the collection of EDI data on SLSA funding and awards, potentially allowing the SLSA to monitor the representation of various groups at application and award stages. The SLSA will continue to play an active role in the ongoing embedding of EDI across the sector, and looks forward to building on the work undertaken in 2022 to more fully respond to the EDI survey and the needs of members.

Precarity

Arwen Joyce (Precarity Representative to the Board of Trustees)

I took up the role of the SLSA's first Precarity Representative to the Board in November 2021. This Board-level role was created to raise the profile of issues related to casualisation in higher education at a crucial time. The burden of casualisation falls disproportionately on women, members of minoritized communities, and disabled staff, eroding labour rights, bargaining power, and financial security, and Covid has exacerbated much of this disadvantage. In this role, I aim to be a conduit for the diverse views and concerns of precariously employed socio-legal researchers to the SLSA Board. As the Precarity Representative I sit on the EDI Committee and lead its working group on precarity and employment. Please see the EDI Report for more detail on the initiatives being undertaken by this working group including efforts to make the SLSA's funding schemes more inclusive and available to precariously employed researchers.

Survey

One of the themes identified in the SLSA's first EDI survey, carried out at the end of 2021, was increasing precarity and casualisation in the higher education sector. To follow up on this finding and collect additional data, the SLSA designed and conducted a Survey on Precarious Employment in late 2022. The survey was open from 14 October to 31 December and 76 responses were collected. The purpose of the survey was to: find out what would assist precariously employed members in terms of research funding/support from the SLSA; build a picture of the challenges precarious colleagues face in order to raise awareness of these issues within the SLSA and more broadly; and identify ways the SLSA can facilitate and encourage 1) the employment of researchers on more stable and secure contracts and 2) the attendance of precarious researchers at SLSA-funded seminars and events. The survey received ethical approval from the University of Leicester. The survey data is currently being analysed and a report disseminating the survey results and analysis will be published by the next AGM.

Some survey respondents indicated they would be willing to write about their experiences as a precariously employed academic for a future SLSA newsletter or blog post. Publication of members' experiences (which could be done anonymously) will help raise awareness of these issues and further the aims of the survey mentioned above. In addition, 41 (62%) survey respondents said they would find it useful to be paired with another SLSA member as part of a mentoring or buddy scheme. Please see the EDI Report for more detail on the SLSA's plans with respect to mentoring and buddy schemes.

Analysing the results of the Survey on Precarious Employment will help the SLSA better understand and respond to worrying trends in the sector. We recognise that these issues are sector-wide and that the SLSA will not be able to address them or reverse them on its own. What we can do is draw attention to these issues and look for ways to support and assist members who are facing precarity-related challenges in their socio-legal careers. For an example of the leadership the SLSA has recently showed in this area, the SLSA Board issued a statement in November 2022 urging an uplift in postgraduate funding for all PGRs in line with the 10% increase in stipends the UKRI announced for postgraduate researchers holding studentships from the ESRC, AHRC and other research councils. The SLSA Board's announcement drew attention to the fact that all postgraduate researchers and especially those who are self-funded are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the ongoing cost of living crisis.

International Activities

Smita Kheria (International Liaison Officer)

2022 was a busy year for internationalisation activities and involved the development of an international strategy for the near future, with three key strands: 1) contributing to global and multilateral developments and discussions involving socio-legal associations; 2) developing bilateral relations with other socio-legal associations; and, 3) developing initiatives that enable SLSA members to develop, sustain and widen their international networks. Several activities helped operationalise these themes in 2022 and are noted below.

Global LSA Meeting in Lisbon:

The Global meeting of the Law and Society Association (LSA) took place in Lisbon, from 13-16 July and was organized in partnership between LSA and other socio-legal associations around the world, including the SLSA.

We hosted a get together on the evening of 14th July for SLSA members attending the Global meeting. The event brought together new and continuing members to socialise informally, and was particularly appreciated by early career members who were attending the LSA meeting for the first time.

The meeting offered several opportunities for building our international links. We participated in LSA's business meeting for socio-legal organisations on 14th July, and the Global Café session's thematic roundtables on international collaboration and the next generation of law and society scholars, on 16th July. These activities facilitated new international connections with the Swiss Network for Law and Society, the Commission on Legal Pluralism, and the Dutch Flemish Law and Society Association. It also allowed us to continue dialogue with the Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand, the Africa Law and Society Network, and the Asian Law and Society Association, on potential opportunities for international collaboration as well sharing of information and know-how.

We also participated in a poster display organised by LSA, aimed at sharing information about the range of international and regional organisations operating in the law and society area, and their mission and activities, to the large socio-legal audience at the global meeting.

International Collaboration Funding Scheme:

SLSA plays an important role in funding research activities undertaken by the membership through seminar and fieldwork grants, some of which naturally involve international collaboration. However, has been no funding scheme aimed at supporting collaborative activities by members that are specifically aimed at building connections with socio-legal scholars and socio-legal communities beyond the UK.

In 2022, a new funding scheme was developed to specifically enable SLSA members to participate in and contribute to the international community of socio-legal scholars, and thus to advance the discipline in accordance with our CIO constitution. The scheme will do so through facilitating international collaborative activities led by our membership. An initial proposal for the scheme was discussed and developed through a breakout group discussion at the SLSA board, after which an international liaison working group was established to generate a full proposal for the scheme. The SLSA Board subsequently agreed to support the new funding scheme and it will be launched for the membership in 2023.

The scheme will provide seed core funding that will allow the recipient to lay the groundwork for international collaboration and applicants will be welcome and encouraged to seek other sources of funding in addition to the SLSA award to fully realise their proposed work (similar to our seminar

competition funding). It will enable members to initiate and build new connections as well as strengthen existing relationships, with socio-legal scholars or socio-legal communities beyond the UK in order to develop new collaborative research initiatives or capacity building activities.

The scheme will be funded through a combination of SLSA's own resources and a new and very generous annual donation from the *Social and Legal Studies* to the SLSA. The international liaison working group will review the outcome after the first financial year of the scheme for effectiveness, affordability, and future direction.

International Exchange through SLSA and VSR PGR Conferences:

Conversations at the Global Café at the 2022 LSA Annual Meeting (see above) enabled the development of a new bilateral initiative between the SLSA and the Dutch and Flemish Law and Society Association (VSR), with a focus on postgraduate researchers. SLSA and VSR jointly developed a new scheme that will facilitate PGR students from SLSA and VSR to participate in each other's annual postgraduate conferences. The SLSA Board subsequently agreed to support this exchange scheme to launch in 2023. After trialling the exchange in 2023-2024, representatives from the SLSA and VSR will review the uptake of the exchange and its future direction.

Postgraduate Activities

Maddy Millar and Lara MacLachlan (PGR Representatives)

PGR Conference

The SLSA PGR Conference was held online on 11th and 12th January 2022 and was a great success. Over 90 delegates registered to attend, with a high registration-attendance conversion. Positive feedback was received throughout the event, with frequent mentions on Twitter. The PGR representatives at the event (Maddy Millar and Victoria Adkins) are grateful for the support of Board members and facilitators in planning and delivering the sessions, as well as to the delegates for their thoughtful contributions throughout.

PGR Activities at Annual Conference

The PGR Activities at the SLSA Conference at University of York were also hugely successful. This year, the sessions were delivered in a hybrid format to enable attendees to participate both online and in-person, and we had very positive feedback to this effect. Four sessions were delivered by a range of facilitators, including those PGRs from the University of York, Board members, and other academic colleagues, with opportunities for PGRs to network throughout. PGRs also participated in the Postgraduate Poster Competition, which saw incredibly high-quality submissions across a range of fascinating research topics.

In April, following the York Conference, Victoria Adkins stepped down from her role as PGR representative. Victoria made valuable contributions to the SLSA community during her role and the SLSA Board would like to express their gratitude to Victoria for her important work. Maddy Millar continued in her role as PGR representative and during the summer Lara MacLachlan from the University of Liverpool was recruited as the new SLSA PGR representative.

Recruitment

During October, the PGR representatives carried out a recruitment drive to encourage new PGRs to become SLSA members. This has involved contacting socio-legal PGRs across the UK, through their institutions, and inviting them to join the association. This year in particular supported a focus on expanding the drive to include socio-legal scholars across disciplines (for example, sociology, psychology, history, and criminology). In total, the PGR representatives now maintain a list of over 100 contacts which supports the development of aims from the recent EDI survey to widen participation amongst the socio-legal community.

Across November and December, the PGR Representatives prepared for the 2023 PGR Conference. This included the management of delegate registration, and the organisation of early career researchers to facilitate sessions alongside more senior academic colleagues. The PGR Representatives also prepared for the PGR Activities for the 2023 SLSA Conference at Ulster University. Three activities have been organised for the PGR events, following feedback from the York Conference, as well as considering the recent EDI survey findings. These include a session on collaborating internationally, whereby PGRs from international socio-legal societies will facilitate a session on forming research connections, as well as sessions on using tools to streamline the research process, and navigating social media.

Open Access

Smita Kheria (Open Access Working Group Chair)

In 2022, SLSA's open access working group reviewed UKRI's new Open Access policy and updates. It published a summary of the key elements of the new policy for the benefit of the membership in the [last issue of the Socio-Legal Newsletter](#) for 2022 (Autumn/Winter, page 4). The group also agreed to promote open access as a topic for the SLSA blog and continues to monitor developments in relation to UKRI's policy and guidance as well as its implementation, and broader discussions in relation to OA.

Impact

Vanessa Munro (Impact Committee Chair)

The Impact Grant Committee was newly constituted in 2022, to carry out activities related to the series of new 'Impact' funding streams announced at the 2022 Annual Conference. These include, specifically – (1) an Impact Grant Scheme; (2) an Annual Impact Prize; and (3) liaising with Annual Conference Stream Convenors regarding funding to facilitate Impact – <https://slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news/socio-legal-publications-2?id=400>

The Committee was chaired by Vanessa Munro, and composed in addition of – Chris Ashford, Anna Bryson, Marie Burton, Sabrina Germain and Mitch Travis. We met on MS Teams to assess applications received throughout the year in respect of the schemes above, making reports on our decision-making for the approval of the Board of Trustees at our meetings.

Impact Grant Scheme:

In its inaugural round, we received a total of 6 applications. Each application was scored (out of 5) with feedback provided from each committee member on their scoring, in accordance with the criteria for the awards as advertised. 4 awards were made (see below), creating a total spend of £5,810. Feedback was provided to the unsuccessful applicants by VM, based on the committee's views.

- Rachel Dunn (£1,500) 'Re-imagining Secure Care for Children'
- Alex Dymock (£1,415) 'Gender in Online Drug Purchasing'
- Marie Fox (£1,420) 'Recognising Pet Bereavement in the Workplace'
- Kay Lalor (£1,457) "Publish Not Perish!" An Academic Publishing Podcast'

Annual Impact Prize:

We received a total of 8 applications for the first year of this prize, all of which we determined to be eligible. As with grants, the committee individually reviewed and scored each application, providing some feedback on scoring in line with advertised criteria for the award. These comments were circulated on an anonymous basis across the committee along with scores. A shortlist for the prize of 3 nominees (see below) were settled upon, with the winner to be announced at the Annual Conference in Spring 2023. The annual prize is fixed at £250.

- Ilias Trispiotis (with Craig Purhouse & Elliot Ross): 'Banning LGBTIQ+ 'Conversion Therapy': Engaging Policymakers and LGBTIQ+ Organisations to Change UK Law'
- James Organ & Jennifer Sigafos: 'Establishing the Liverpool Access to Advice Network: No Wrong Door, Free Legal Advice for All'
- Linda Mulcahy, Anna Tsalapatani, Emma Rowden, Nikki Macmichael, Lara MacLachlan & Rowen Siemens: 'Supporting Online Justice'

Stream Convenor Impact Funding:

We have received no applications for use of these funds ahead of the 2023 Annual Conference, but will use the opportunity of that conference to remind members and Convenors of the funding for future use.

General:

We believe that the introduction of this funding support and recognition for Impact activity within the socio-legal community has been a useful innovation, and that there has been a strong interest in it given its novel status as a funding stream for the SLSA. The quality of the applications under the existing schemes was good, with a spread of applicants at various career stages and at a range of institutions. We anticipate that the schemes will go from strength to strength as awareness of their existence continues to develop.

Social Media and Blog

Elisabeth Griffiths (Social Media Officer); Emma Jones (Blog Editor)

Social Media Stats

- Twitter followers: 6,648 Jan 2023 (from 5,818 Jan 2022)
- Facebook group members: 1500

Activity (Social Media):

As in previous years, social media has been an important means of keeping members updated and engaged with both the postgraduate conference and the forthcoming annual conference, due to be hosted by the Ulster University in April 2023, publicising calls for session convenors for the PG conference, registration for both conferences, call for current topics for the annual conference, as well as pushing out the CFPs for the annual conference. Throughout, social media has been useful for responding to individual queries and signposting members to the conference website/email addresses. Also used twitter to engage with LSA content and IALS content as well as research centres in our field.

Social media has also played an important role in disseminating information about surveys, grants, competitions, prize winners, and so on. Social media also continues to be used to promote engagement with the SLSA blog, publicising new posts and encouraging broader dissemination.

It has also become an important route for dissemination of our new YouTube channel which hosts short lightning talks and more in depth, 'in conversation pieces, with prize winners and members of the SLSA Board of Trustees.

Blog Activity

The SLSA Blog was created in 2016 as a venue for academics and practitioners with an interest in socio-legal issues.

During 2022 the SLSA blog published new posts regularly covering a wide range of topical issues. Examples include commentary on the US Supreme Court in the wake of *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a discussion over whether legal sex status should be dismantled and an exploration of the gender pay gap.

Work is underway to explore new avenues for contributions, including approaching SLSA Conference Stream Convenors.

Website and YouTube Report

Daniel Bedford (Webmaster); Emma Milne (YouTube Editor)

Main Site www.slsa.ac.uk

There have been minor changes to the design of the main SLSA website, including a new dynamic image banner on the frontpage. We have avoided any more substantial changes as we are in the

process of migrating to Joomla 4 (stable version). This process began in November 2022 and we have completed the archiving and rationalising of existing content.

Changes have been made to the process of downloading new profiles from the website into the database, which is helping to ensure that people are added to the database in a more timely fashion.

YouTube

The SLSA launched its [YouTube Channel](#) in November 2021. The channel is used to release videos that celebrate the winners of SLSA prizes and to allow those who won SLSA grants to discuss the outcome of the award. As of the 13 February 2023, we have 51 subscribers.

During 2022, we worked with the winners of the SLSA prizes from 2021 and 2022 to produce an “In conversation” video with a member of the SLSA, and also a 90-second highlight video:

2021

- Nesam McMillan, Hart–SLSA Book Prize
- Seán Columb, Hart–SLSA ECR
- Helen Stalford and Kathryn Hollingsworth, Socio-Legal Article Prize
- Caroline Hunter, SLSA Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community

2022

- Mark Massoud, Hart–SLSA Book Prize
- Hedi Viterbo, Hart–SLSA ECR
- Jana Norman, Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize
- Nafay Choudhury, Socio-Legal Article Prize

These videos will be released in 2023.

We also continue to work with winners of our research grant scheme, fieldwork grant, and seminar competition, to release “90-second high-light” videos. As these are completed, we will release over the course of 2023.

The SLSA YouTube channel is also used to share videos from our annual conference. In May 2022 the recording of the 2022 Conference plenary by Sir Geoffrey Vos, Master of the Rolls was released.

Newsletter and E-Bulletin

Marie Selwood (Editor)

Newsletter and E-Bulletin editor’s role

- To work closely with SLSA Board – including attending Board meetings, Annual Conference and running Board email list;
- to keep SLSA members up to date with SLSA activities and important deadlines via newsletter and ebulletin;
- to gather socio-legal news from multiple sources, including from members, to circulate via SLSA website, ebulletin and *Socio-Legal Newsletter*;

- to deal with any other relevant SLSA business eg general membership queries, liaising with individual SLSA Board members/officers.

Socio-Legal Newsletter

The [Socio-Legal Newsletter](#) is published termly – spring, summer and autumn/winter. During 2022, we published three 16-page newsletters (nos 96, 97 and 98).

The newsletter is mailed to all SLSA members in the UK and EU. Members in other parts of the world receive a link to an online version. Members who receive a paper copy have the option to change to the online version if they prefer. The current mailing list is approximately 1200 (an increase of about 100 on last year). The newsletter sponsors (see below) also receive five copies each for circulation to non-SLSA colleagues and students to promote the SLSA's work and aims to a wider audience.

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

Content

The newsletter content is focused on the activities of the SLSA Board and SLSA members. Members are actively encouraged to contribute material for each issue. From January 2022 to December 2022, we covered, among many other things:

- announcement and details of SLSA AGM and Trustee nominations and elections
- news arising from SLSA Board meetings, including coverage of key SLSA initiatives, eg EDI and precarity activities, membership survey, open access updates etc
- SLSA 2022 hybrid Annual Conference at the University of York – call for papers, details of conference in advance and a comprehensive report afterwards
- SLSA 2023 hybrid Annual Conference at the University of Ulster – call for papers and advance details
- reports of SLSA events – for example SLSA Online Postgraduate Conference 2022, SLSA activities at LSA Annual Meeting 2022, SLSA seminar 'Mental Capacity, Sexual Relationships and Intimacy', Keele University and online, Socio-Legal Masterclass, University of Oxford
- announcement of the winner of the SLSA Annual Prize (Professor Richard Collier) and shortlists and prize announcements for the SLSA Book and Article Prizes
- numerous summaries and reports from SLSA grantholders (research/fieldwork) plus announcement of the new impact scheme
- and regular sections featuring research, events and publications news from members and other relevant organisations.

Newsletter sponsorship scheme

A large portion of newsletter printing and production costs is covered by our sponsorship scheme which has been running since 2008. During that time the newsletter has been supported by sponsorship from about 20 UK Law Schools which commit to making an annual financial contribution per year for three years. In 2022, the fourth three-year cycle came to a close, and it was therefore necessary to relaunch the scheme and invite existing Law Schools to renew their commitment. The SLSA Chair also wished to expand the scheme and invite new sponsors from both the UK and Ireland to participate.

In November 2022, I worked with the Chair to relaunch the scheme and invite Law Schools to commit to a contribution of £700 per year for three years from 2022 to 2025 (increased from £500 for the first

time in the 14 years since the scheme's launch). This is an ongoing task which takes several months to complete, but we hope to have the final list of committed sponsors in place by the end of the current academic year. At the time of writing we have 23 sponsors signed up (including four new ones) and are in the process of following up those who have not yet responded.

SLSA website and ebulletin to members

The website carries full details of all SLSA activities, including funding schemes, events and prizes, the SLSA Board of Trustees and its subcommittees and an extensive 'Socio-legal News' section which is the basis for the weekly ebulletin. The website is updated weekly during termtime to ensure that members have access to the latest information.

We also provide a weekly ebulletin service to members during term-time which is a key component of the SLSA's relationship with members, keeping them informed about Board activities and also offering them an opportunity to share their own news with colleagues. The final ebulletin of December 2022 was sent to 1195 recipients (increased from 1058 in December 2021). The ebulletin is extremely popular with members with a consistent 'opening' rate for 2022 of between 46% and 53% and a constant stream of membership news for inclusion. The SLSA also uses its electronic mailing list to send one-off messages about important events/news, for example the announcement of our AGM and the call for papers and posters for the Annual Conference.

General

In 2022, with the invaluable support of the Board, I was able to continue to provide timely and relevant information to SLSA members about SLSA events and activities along with news and information about research, funding and events in the wider socio-legal community. The increases in both the newsletter and the electronic mailing lists reflect the popularity and usefulness of the news services we offer, and I will continue to work with the Board in the coming year to maintain and improve these in order to keep up with developments in a changing world.

Appendix: Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

Please see attached Annual Report for details:



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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE019582 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1186333

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
Socio-Legal Studies Association

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Socio-Legal Studies Association is a learned society for Socio-Legal Studies. Its objects are for the public benefit to advance education and learning in the field of socio-legal studies and to promote research, the useful results of which shall be published for the public benefit, teaching and the dissemination of knowledge in the field.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The SLSA has continued to advance education, learning and research in the field of socio legal studies through its annual seminar and small grants schemes (including PhD fieldwork grants). The number and value of applications to these schemes had fallen during the pandemic. While there has since been an increase, overall numbers have still not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels. SLSA is working to publicize these opportunities to its community, to ensure that it fulfils its aim of supporting socio-legal studies as far as possible, consistent with prudential stewardship of its resources and the maintenance of appropriate reserves. It has also introduced an impact grant scheme for members to support their work in translating socio-legal scholarship in to 'real world' outcomes. The first round of awards from that scheme will be made in 2023. Alongside these grants the SLSA continues to award a range of annual prizes, including a new impact prize. The SLSA's annual conference in York was run in hybrid format, maximizing participation. The significant costs of running the event in both formats was covered by delegate fees, as well as generating a healthy surplus. Taken with the surplus generated by the preceding conference (on-line, run by Cardiff) this has seen the SLSA make up much of the resources foregone by the cancellation of the 2020 conference at the start of the pandemic. Support from journals, universities, and individual members have seen the SLSA through this difficult period. PGR students also had the opportunity to attend the SLSA's annual PGR Conference which was run online. The SLSA continues to produce regular newsletters and e-bulletins highlighting events and items of interest for members. It has also expanded its You Tube channel showcasing the work of prize winners and grant holders, in interview format. The SLSA blog remains a lively outlet for discussion regarding the state of the socio-legal field, as well as showcasing cutting edge research.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The SLSA is in a good financial position having received two sizeable donations following very successful conferences in Cardiff (2021) and York (2022). A good number of universities have also agreed to renew their institutional sponsorship over a three year period.

Principal funding sources

The SLSA is funded through a combination of membership fees, institutional and publisher sponsorship as well as institutional donations following the annual conference.

Reserves policy

The SLSA maintains financial reserves that would allow for the continuance of its operations in the event a sudden decrease in income (e.g. as a result of a lower than expected conference donation).

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

FUTURE PLANS

In addition to its regular activities the SLSA will fund a range of initiatives around equality, diversity and inclusion and in relation to precarity with the socio-legal community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM in order to replace trustees who are stepping down.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE019582 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1186333

Registered office

Cardiff University
Sbarc/Spark
Maindy Road
CARDIFF
CF24 4HQ

Trustees

Professor D Ashiagbor (resigned 7.4.22)
Doctor P Bremner Treasurer
Doctor N Graffin
Professor J Harrington Chair
Doctor S Kheria
Doctor E Kirton-Darling (resigned 7.4.22)
Ms J Mant (resigned 7.4.22)
C Moore Membership secretary
Ms R Moosavian
Professor V Munro
Doctor F Renz
Professor R Harding (resigned 7.4.22)
Professor C Ashford
Doctor E J Jones
Doctor S Flacks
Doctor E Milne
Doctor C Williams
Doctor M J Travis
Doctor B A Clough
Doctor S Germain
Dr A Bryson (appointed 7.4.22)
Dr M L Howard (appointed 7.4.22)
Dr M P Burton (appointed 7.4.22)
Dr R Craven (appointed 7.4.22)
Dr E R Griffiths (appointed 7.4.22)

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Secretary

Doctor N Graffin

Independent Examiner

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd

Chartered Accountants

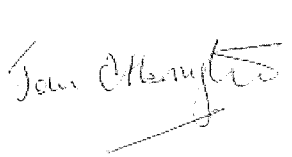
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Professor J Harrington - Trustee

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

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

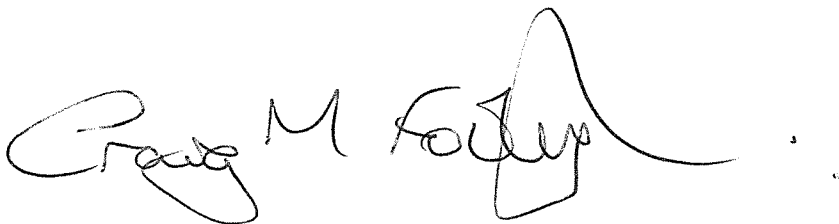
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



Craig M Fotheringham BSc CA
The Kelvin Partnership Ltd
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13 March 2023

Socio-Legal Studies Association

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	31.12.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		149,960	37,390
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	2		
Outgoing resources		55,363	41,090
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		94,597	(3,700)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		78,100	81,800
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Socio-Legal Studies Association

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	Notes	31.12.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		173,897	79,060
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,200)	(960)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		172,697	78,100
NET ASSETS		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

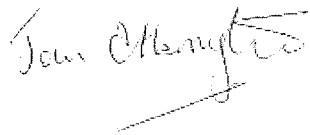
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Socio-Legal Studies Association

**Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2022**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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J Harrington - Trustee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip Bremner".

P Bremner - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
Outgoing resources	40,550	11,913	2,900	55,363

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Independent examiner's fee	1,200	960

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	37,390
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Outgoing resources	41,090
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,700)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	81,800
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>78,100</u>

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

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Accrued expenses	1,200	960
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>960</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	78,100	94,597	172,697
	<u>78,100</u>	<u>94,597</u>	<u>172,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>78,100</u>	<u>94,597</u>	<u>172,697</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,960	(55,363)	94,597
	<u>149,960</u>	<u>(55,363)</u>	<u>94,597</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>149,960</u>	<u>(55,363)</u>	<u>94,597</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

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

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

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

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

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	81,800	90,897	172,697
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>81,800</u>	<u>90,897</u>	<u>172,697</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	187,350	(96,453)	90,897
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>187,350</u>	<u>(96,453)</u>	<u>90,897</u>

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

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

Socio-Legal Studies Association**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Memberships	22,412	22,141
Sponsorships	18,050	8,750
Flyer inserts	700	700
Royalties	-	3
Grants returned	2,396	5,796
Annual conference donation	105,733	-
Miscellaneous	669	-
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	149,960	37,390
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	149,960	37,390
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	501	501
Sundries	-	3
Executive meeting expenses	2,224	70
Newsletter production	25,465	21,414
One day conferences	60	-
Website	2,001	1,278
Subscription	652	1,972
Storage fee	107	87
Seminar competitions	2,700	2,700
Annual prizes	1,030	1,360
Student support	-	1,400
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE019582 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1186333

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
Socio-Legal Studies Association

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Socio-Legal Studies Association is a learned society for Socio-Legal Studies. Its objects are for the public benefit to advance education and learning in the field of socio-legal studies and to promote research, the useful results of which shall be published for the public benefit, teaching and the dissemination of knowledge in the field.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The SLSA has continued to advance education, learning and research in the field of socio legal studies through its annual seminar and small grants schemes (including PhD fieldwork grants). The number and value of applications to these schemes had fallen during the pandemic. While there has since been an increase, overall numbers have still not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels. SLSA is working to publicize these opportunities to its community, to ensure that it fulfils its aim of supporting socio-legal studies as far as possible, consistent with prudential stewardship of its resources and the maintenance of appropriate reserves. It has also introduced an impact grant scheme for members to support their work in translating socio-legal scholarship in to 'real world' outcomes. The first round of awards from that scheme will be made in 2023. Alongside these grants the SLSA continues to award a range of annual prizes, including a new impact prize. The SLSA's annual conference in York was run in hybrid format, maximizing participation. The significant costs of running the event in both formats was covered by delegate fees, as well as generating a healthy surplus. Taken with the surplus generated by the preceding conference (on-line, run by Cardiff) this has seen the SLSA make up much of the resources foregone by the cancellation of the 2020 conference at the start of the pandemic. Support from journals, universities, and individual members have seen the SLSA through this difficult period. PGR students also had the opportunity to attend the SLSA's annual PGR Conference which was run online. The SLSA continues to produce regular newsletters and e-bulletins highlighting events and items of interest for members. It has also expanded its You Tube channel showcasing the work of prize winners and grant holders, in interview format. The SLSA blog remains a lively outlet for discussion regarding the state of the socio-legal field, as well as showcasing cutting edge research.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The SLSA is in a good financial position having received two sizeable donations following very successful conferences in Cardiff (2021) and York (2022). A good number of universities have also agreed to renew their institutional sponsorship over a three year period.

Principal funding sources

The SLSA is funded through a combination of membership fees, institutional and publisher sponsorship as well as institutional donations following the annual conference.

Reserves policy

The SLSA maintains financial reserves that would allow for the continuance of its operations in the event a sudden decrease in income (e.g. as a result of a lower than expected conference donation).

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

FUTURE PLANS

In addition to its regular activities the SLSA will fund a range of initiatives around equality, diversity and inclusion and in relation to precarity with the socio-legal community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM in order to replace trustees who are stepping down.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE019582 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1186333

Registered office

Cardiff University
Sbarc/Spark
Maindy Road
CARDIFF
CF24 4HQ

Trustees

Professor D Ashiagbor (resigned 7.4.22)
Doctor P Bremner Treasurer
Doctor N Graffin
Professor J Harrington Chair
Doctor S Kheria
Doctor E Kirton-Darling (resigned 7.4.22)
Ms J Mant (resigned 7.4.22)
C Moore Membership secretary
Ms R Moosavian
Professor V Munro
Doctor F Renz
Professor R Harding (resigned 7.4.22)
Professor C Ashford
Doctor E J Jones
Doctor S Flacks
Doctor E Milne
Doctor C Williams
Doctor M J Travis
Doctor B A Clough
Doctor S Germain
Dr A Bryson (appointed 7.4.22)
Dr M L Howard (appointed 7.4.22)
Dr M P Burton (appointed 7.4.22)
Dr R Craven (appointed 7.4.22)
Dr E R Griffiths (appointed 7.4.22)

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Secretary

Doctor N Graffin

Independent Examiner

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd

Chartered Accountants

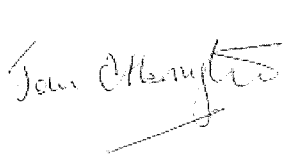
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Professor J Harrington - Trustee

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

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

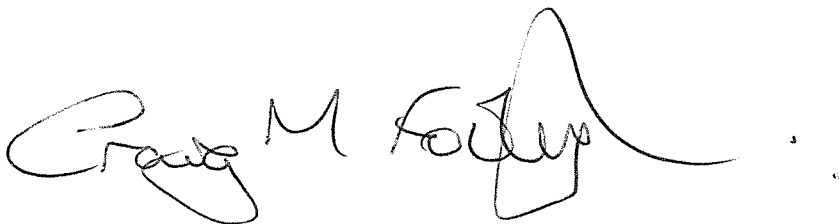
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



Craig M Fotheringham BSc CA
The Kelvin Partnership Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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505 Great Western Road
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13 March 2023

Socio-Legal Studies Association

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	31.12.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		149,960	37,390
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	2		
Outgoing resources		55,363	41,090
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		94,597	(3,700)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		78,100	81,800
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	Notes	31.12.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		173,897	79,060
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,200)	(960)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		172,697	78,100
NET ASSETS		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>172,697</u>	<u>78,100</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

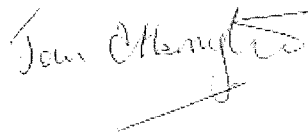
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**Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2022**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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J Harrington - Trustee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip Bremner".

P Bremner - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
Outgoing resources	40,550	11,913	2,900	55,363

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Independent examiner's fee	1,200	960

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	37,390
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Outgoing resources	41,090
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,700)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	81,800
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	78,100

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

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Accrued expenses	1,200	960
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>960</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	78,100	94,597	172,697
	<u>78,100</u>	<u>94,597</u>	<u>172,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>78,100</u>	<u>94,597</u>	<u>172,697</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,960	(55,363)	94,597
	<u>149,960</u>	<u>(55,363)</u>	<u>94,597</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>149,960</u>	<u>(55,363)</u>	<u>94,597</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

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

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

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

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

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	81,800	90,897	172,697
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>81,800</u>	<u>90,897</u>	<u>172,697</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	187,350	(96,453)	90,897
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>187,350</u>	<u>(96,453)</u>	<u>90,897</u>

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

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

Socio-Legal Studies Association**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Memberships	22,412	22,141
Sponsorships	18,050	8,750
Flyer inserts	700	700
Royalties	-	3
Grants returned	2,396	5,796
Annual conference donation	105,733	-
Miscellaneous	669	-
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	149,960	37,390
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	149,960	37,390
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	501	501
Sundries	-	3
Executive meeting expenses	2,224	70
Newsletter production	25,465	21,414
One day conferences	60	-
Website	2,001	1,278
Subscription	652	1,972
Storage fee	107	87
Seminar competitions	2,700	2,700
Annual prizes	1,030	1,360
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