

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 2024
for
Socio-Legal Studies Association

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 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). Having restored the maximum for individual awards to its pre-pandemic level, there was a further increase in applications to these schemes. SLSA continues 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. The impact grant scheme for members to support their work in translating socio-legal scholarship in to 'real world' outcomes, introduced in 2023 has attracted applications in greater numbers and of increasing quality. The SLSA's annual conference in Portsmouth was run in hybrid format, maximizing participation. With hybrid participation down on previous years, the cost of that element was not covered by delegate fees from the relevant participants. Nonetheless a healthy surplus was generated. Support from journals, universities, and individual members continue to be instrumental to the success of the SLSA. PGR students also had the opportunity to attend the SLSA's annual PGR Conference which was run in-person. 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 with increased income from newsletter sponsorship and membership payments. We have also received generous donations from the Ulster 2023 conference and the Portsmouth 2024 conference for which we are very grateful.

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). This reserve is spread across savings accounts and our existing current accounts.

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.

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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

Doctor P Bremner Treasurer
Professor J Harrington Chair
Doctor S Kheria Vice Chair
C Moore Membership Secretary
Ms R Moosavian
Doctor E J Jones
Doctor S Flacks
Doctor E Milne Secretary
Doctor C Williams
Doctor M J Travis
Doctor B A Clough
Doctor S Germain
Doctor A Bryson
Doctor M L Howard
Doctor M P Burton
Doctor R Craven
Doctor E R Griffiths
Doctor R Saeed
Doctor A G Green
Doctor M A Hutton
Doctor K L Lalor
Professor K McConnachie

Company Secretary

Doctor E Milne

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
The Kelvin Partnership Ltd
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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 2024.

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').

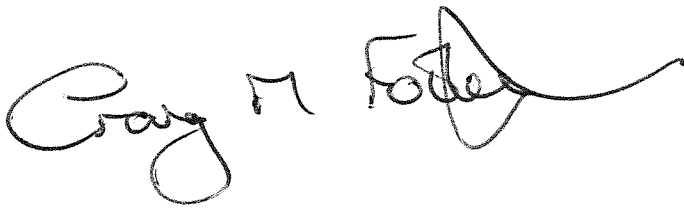
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

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14 March 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	31.12.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		225,691	71,881
Other trading activities	2	1,100	-
Investment income	3	598	-
Total		<u>227,389</u>	<u>71,881</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Outgoing resources	4	<u>92,584</u>	<u>80,011</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		134,805	(8,130)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>164,567</u>	<u>172,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>299,372</u></u>	<u><u>164,567</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2024**

	Notes	31.12.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		300,812	165,887
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,440)	(1,320)
		<u>299,372</u>	<u>164,567</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>299,372</u>	<u>164,567</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>299,372</u>	<u>164,567</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u><u>299,372</u></u>	<u><u>164,567</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	9	<u>299,372</u>	<u>164,567</u>
		<u><u>299,372</u></u>	<u><u>164,567</u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 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.

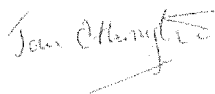
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Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2024

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 14 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Harrington - Trustee



P Bremner - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		31.12.24 £ <u>1,100</u>	31.12.23 £ <u>-</u>	
Flyer inserts				
3. INVESTMENT INCOME		31.12.24 £ <u>598</u>	31.12.23 £ <u>-</u>	
Deposit account interest				
4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS				
	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
Outgoing resources	<u>68,985</u>	<u>15,902</u>	<u>7,697</u>	<u>92,584</u>
5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)				
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):				
		31.12.24 £ <u>1,440</u>	31.12.23 £ <u>1,320</u>	
Independent examiner's fee				

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2024 amounted to £6,257 (2023 - £1,662). This was paid to Doctor E Milne, trustee, as the administrator for Socio-Legal Studies Association.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 amounted to £3,614 (2023 - £5,103). This is to cover the executive meeting expenses and attendance at board meetings.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	71,881
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EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Outgoing resources	80,011
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(8,130)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	172,697
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>164,567</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Accrued expenses	1,440	1,320
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	164,567	134,805	299,372
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>164,567</u>	<u>134,805</u>	<u>299,372</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	227,389	(92,584)	134,805
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>227,389</u>	<u>(92,584)</u>	<u>134,805</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	172,697	(8,130)	164,567
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>172,697</u>	<u>(8,130)</u>	<u>164,567</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,881	(80,011)	(8,130)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>71,881</u>	<u>(80,011)</u>	<u>(8,130)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Other than those disclosed in Note 4, there are no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	146,273	-
Memberships	67,923	33,973
Sponsorships	10,800	34,400
Grants returned	645	3,488
PG deposits	50	-
Miscellaneous	-	20
	225,691	71,881
Other trading activities		
Flyer inserts	1,100	-
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	598	-
	227,389	71,881
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	506	506
Sundries	-	8
Executive meeting expenses	3,614	5,103
Newsletter production	35,230	33,462
One day conferences	670	6,065
Website	2,338	2,818
Subscription	652	652
Storage fee	99	96
Seminar competitions	8,004	4,850
Annual prizes	900	1,600
Mailchimp	580	-
PG Deposit refund	370	-
International grants	1,000	-
Impact Funding	15,022	2,800
Small research grants	10,902	11,264
Fieldwork grants	5,000	6,022
	84,887	75,246

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	1,440	1,320
Administrative expenses	6,257	3,445
	<u>7,697</u>	<u>4,765</u>
Total resources expended	<u>92,584</u>	<u>80,011</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>134,805</u></u>	<u><u>(8,130)</u></u>

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