



## **Jubilee Scotland Vision Statement, 2008 – 2011**

### *Summary*

1. Jubilee Scotland campaigns for an end to global debt slavery.
2. A sustained focus on debt is required if campaigns for global economic justice are to be effective.
3. The debt crisis of the developing world remains an issue of great concern to Scottish citizens; Jubilee Scotland is a coalition of organisations which has formed to allow this concern to be articulated and acted upon in concert with others.

### *Vision*

4. Today, unchecked debt and inequality are causing sickness, death and desolation for large numbers of the world's poorest people.
5. A jubilee is a cancellation of debt, a liberation of the oppressed and a restoration of economic balance; it heals the broken bonds of community to allow a new beginning.
6. Jubilee Scotland works towards realising a jubilee for the world.
7. Our vision is of a world without extremes of debt and inequality and we have chosen to take action on debt as a way of pursuing this vision.
8. We do not think that the global economy, left to itself, will rectify the problems of debt, inequality and poverty.
9. We campaign on debt in order to attack global injustice; the debt problem concerns not only unpayable and unsustainable debt, but also unjust debt.
10. We exist as a campaign because of the concern that Scottish citizens have shown about debt and extreme inequality; we believe that sensitivity to, and abhorrence of, the harm that debt can cause is particularly acute in Scotland.
11. We recognise that there has been some progress in combating the debt crisis, but there has been no progress in changing the financial structures - including private lenders, national governments, International Monetary Fund and the World Bank - which caused it: indeed, the situation now appears more uncertain and unstable than in the recent past.
12. It is essential to investigate and challenge the workings of global finance in order to resolve outstanding problems of debt, to head off future crises, and to expose new problems.

*For the next three years, Jubilee Scotland proposes that our work be guided as follows:*

### *Campaigning*

13. Our campaigns will be focussed on debt and will attack related issues of global injustice from the perspective of debt.
14. Our campaigns will aim at highlighting systemic problems through focusing on specific countries or specific issues; we believe that clear, powerful examples are the best way of introducing global issues.

### *Policy*

15. We will position ourselves ahead of government policy in order to open political space for action on global justice. We will respect and support the members of the government who are committed to making progress on these issues, but will also criticise resolutely when this is required.

16. We will be alert to, and seize upon, opportunities in the Scottish political climate to carry forward the debt campaign.

17. We will liaise closely with allied campaigns, particularly Jubilee Debt Campaign, in developing policy and campaigns.

### *Coalition*

18. The problem of debt reaches into many areas of global affairs; we will therefore maintain a strong, broad and co-operative coalition, whilst seeking exploratory alliances with other organisations.

19. We will also seek to build our profile globally, particularly by playing an active role as members of EURODAD, the European Network on Debt and Development.

### *Research*

20. Part of our work will involve research to identify the cutting edge of campaigning issues, and to ensure that we are responsive, showing awareness of current public debate.

21. Jubilee Scotland will continue to depend on partner organisations for the bulk of its research, but will also maintain an internal research capacity, particularly with a view to finding Scottish links into the debt campaign.

### *Education*

22. Education, outwith and within schools, is essential to the project of global justice: we seek to promote global citizenship education, which empowers people, encourages them to challenge authority, think critically and independently, and to see themselves as citizens of a global community.

23. We will ensure that our campaigns are carried out in the spirit of global citizenship, being informative, empowering and transformational for those taking part.

### *Southern Partnerships*

24. We draw great strength and purpose from our southern partnerships; our partnership with AMADIP in Mali, West Africa, has been particularly valuable for guiding our own work and campaigns; we will maintain these relationships and seek to forge new ones.

### *Volunteers*

25. We are a voluntary organisation, sustained by voluntary donations of money and time, and we will continue to follow best practice in recruitment and support of volunteers, acting as a resource for concerned Scottish citizens who wish to know more about the issues or take action.

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