

Annual Report April 2010-March 2011

Summary of Vision Statement

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.



Aspirant International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell at the Vote Global Hustings

Photo:SCIAF

Mark Thomas signing our postcard in Holyrood



Running a stall - Outreach Officer Alys Mumford with Jenny Farquharson



Meeting Fairtrade producer Chino at the Fairtrade Experience

Photo: Co-operative

Playing to our strengths

From the 1990s the debt campaign has been given a huge impetus by faith groups and grassroots activists across Scotland. This year we celebrated this historic linkage while also looking to build on it.

In August, the launch of the 2010 Festival of Spirituality and Peace was conducted in partnership with Jubilee Scotland, an event followed by an interfaith discussion later in the festival. Our Outreach Officer created a handbook, in parallel with this, which combined individual stories of debt-campaigning with fresh ideas for ways to get debt up the agenda again, all linked to more detailed web resources.

In January our Outreach Officer got together key debt activists at a campaigner training day for action-planning, role-plays and photo-pledges. Through the year our Outreach Officer resourced enthusiastic debt campaigners up and down the land, from Ayrshire to the Highlands, as part of the *Debt's Not Done* project.

Building steam at Holyrood

Neither a creditor nor a debtor of unjust sovereign debt, and with a strong tradition of justice campaigning, Scotland can play a key role in the international fight for debt justice. Jubilee Scotland's Holyrood work this year was focused on two key events which aimed to explore how Scotland can have the biggest possible positive impact.

In April 2010 we supported a Cross Party Group on tax and debt, at which MSPs put forward the case for international debt arbitration, alongside a presentation from Christian Aid on the importance of limiting the tax evasion which robs from the poorest countries in the world.

In March 2011 we worked with Des McNulty MSP on the launch of the 'Defuse the Debt Crisis' campaign, which was well-attended and set the agenda for members and activists before the Scottish elections, as well as for ourselves in the coming year!

Speaking out with Jubilee Debt Campaign on the UK's 'dodgy deals'

Jubilee Scotland works closely with Jubilee Debt Campaign to ensure that Scotland misses no opportunity to fight for debt justice at a UK level. In March 2011, the 2009 Act outlawing Vulture Funds was made permanent, finally cementing this victory against the funds that prey on debt-distressed countries. Most of the co-working this year, however, was focused on 'dodgy deals' - bad UK loans linked to fossil fuels, human rights abuses and dictators.

In August 2010 we sent out a short briefing on the activities of the Export Credit Guarantee Department - to whom most of the overseas debt to the UK is owed - attached to an action calling for its reform.

This was accompanied by a high-impact 'Big Dodgy Deal' on Princes Street where various shadowy figures met at a pre-arranged time to hand over an extremely suspicious-looking briefcase before an astonished crowd of on-lookers. Fortunately there were some Jubilee activists there as well to explain what it was all about!

The photos quickly spread around the UK's debt network. Meanwhile our Outreach Officer fed into a London training session for Dodgy Deals campaigning, and the Campaign Director spoke to the Co-operative UK Members in Manchester.

In December we stepped up the advocacy on Scottish MPs, calling - through letters and postcards - for them to sign up to Early Day Motion 622 reforming the ECGD. 25 - around half of those eligible - have so far done so.

In March Lisa Nandy MP put forward a 10-minute rule bill calling for ECGD reform, this received strong Scottish support in the commons including co-signatures from Sheila Gilmore and Eilidh Whiteford.

Cyber-activism

Will the internet create a generation of activists or slacktivists? We hope the former - and we're doing everything we can to ensure that our web activism is dynamically linked to our other work. Our Twitter feed and Facebook group keep followers up to speed about key events and actions, while our debt Wiki aims to create an informed online debate about debt and debt-cancellation. Short films and targeted e-actions complete the picture.

Internships

Jubilee Scotland would not be able to achieve its aims without its dedicated team of office interns. We pride ourselves on our ability to provide meaningful internships with real opportunities for growth: this year, for example, our Policy and Research intern was seconded for a week to the office of Jubilee Debt Campaign in London.



Getting involved at the Campaigner Training Day

Keeping it brief

Decision makers and campaigners need clear and well-researched briefings to back up action. In 2011 Jubilee Scotland produced two of these.

In April came the launch of the 'Debt in 2010' briefing which was developed in partnership with the Scotland Malawi Partnership, and which used two contrasting case studies (Malawi and Bangladesh) to illustrate progress so far in debt cancellation and what was still needed.

In March 2011 we produced the 'Defuse the Debt Crisis' briefing which went into more detail on the limitations of existing debt relief, using examples such as Haiti and the Philippines, and specified the ways in which Scotland can play a key role in addressing them.



Interns Drew Ritchie and Alice O'Rourke take the debt campaign to Holyrood with Des McNulty MSP

Voting global - twice

In 2010-11 Jubilee Scotland twice played a lead role in pre-election hustings - as part of the Network of International Development Organisations of Scotland - ensuring that the debt issue remained on the agenda both in Westminster and Holyrood elections.

In April 2010 we fed into the Vote Global manifesto to ensure the presence of a key ask that the UK government commit to a fair and transparent process for debt cancellation. At the Vote Global hustings in Glasgow we then quizzed the aspirant Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell about Debt Tribunals. We also fuelled debate about Vulture Funds and the injustice of climate-debt.

In March 2011, at the same venue, in a hustings that MSP candidates observed would be the biggest of the campaign, we pushed all candidates to speak about the possibility of Scotland putting itself forward as an arbiter of unjust debt - there was cross-party support for the idea.

Part of a movement

The debt campaign is an important part of a wider struggle to reduce global inequality, so we aim to support the campaigns that battle on related issues of economic justice.

In 2010 we became a member of the Robin Hood Tax campaign.

In May we supported a broad coalition of justice and peace organisations in a hustings event in Edinburgh.

In September the Campaign Director spoke at 'The Liberation', an event which addressed the issue of movement-building in Scotland.

In December we supported an action by the World Development Movement and others calling for the Royal Bank of Scotland to disinvest from the filthy extraction oil from tar sands.

In October we collaborated with UNISON and the Bretton Woods Project to put on an event as part of the Edinburgh World Justice Festival, looking in detail at the causes of the financial crisis.



Photo: Julia Sanches

A Big Dodgy Deal

Responding rapidly to key debt events

While the debt campaign persists in pursuing long-term objectives, specific situations arise which demand immediate activity, co-ordinated with the wider debt movement. Jubilee Scotland has given what support it can to these international campaigns as they have arisen.

In the wake of the floods which devastated Pakistan in 2010, we called with the international debt movement for the cancellation of those unjust debts which were made to Pakistan without being of any benefit to its people, and created an e-action for our supporters.

When, in Spring 2011, the IMF was found to be awash with cash after selling off its gold reserves, we supported an action led by Jubilee USA calling for the proceeds of this to be spent cancelling debt to the world's poorest countries.

At the secession of Southern Sudan, we routed Scottish activists to the Jubilee Debt Campaign action calling for Southern Sudan not to be born into debt.

Putting debt on the big screen

Jubilee Scotland shares the vision of Take One Action Film Festival to bring justice issues into ordinary life. In April we co-sponsored a pre-election screening of John Pilger's *War on Democracy*. In the festival itself - in September - we supported screenings of films about the extractive industries in Argentina and Nigeria, and about the positive possibilities offered by micro-finance in *To Catch a Dollar*.

Linking in

Jubilee Scotland is part of an international debt movement, so we work hard to ensure that we're up to speed with campaign developments in Europe and the wider world.

In April MSP Des McNulty accepted our invitation to represent Scotland at a parliamentarians' conference on debt tribunals in Berlin.

In September, the Campaign Director attended a EUROAD Strategy Day in Brussels to learn how campaigners from Spain to Ireland are learning how to cope with debt crisis in their own countries.

In June the Campaign Director ran a workshop and sat on a panel as part of OXFAM's 'Achterader Audit' which marked five years from Make Poverty History and which enables a reflection on the victories and mistakes of the 2005 G8 campaign.

In September we brought the key debt thinker Kunibert Raffer to feed into the Stirling University Philosophy Department's Colloquium on the Institutionalisation of Human Rights.



Defuse the Debt Crisis,
Holyrood, March 2011

Photo: Ric Lander

Future Plans

In the summer of 2010 Jubilee Scotland refreshed its strategy to last it up until the year 2014. This new three year plan enables the creation of annual targets and indicators which can be found on our website at [www.jubileescotland.org.uk/jubilee scotland](http://www.jubileescotland.org.uk/jubilee%20scotland)

1 - Support and encourage the Scottish Government to take a strong positive position on poor-country debt.

Outcomes

- Commitment from the Scottish Government to a charter of responsible lending
- Scotland recognised and promoted as an arbiter of unjust and unpayable debt

2 - Add value to Jubilee Debt Campaign in fighting for debt justice at UK level.

Outcomes

- New legislation to render the Export Credit Guarantee Department more transparent and accountable.
- An equitable international insolvency procedure for countries in debt-distress

3 - Strengthen and deepen the debt justice movement in Scotland.

Outcomes

- Stronger engagement of faith-groups and local campaign-groups in the debt justice campaign, through more autonomous local champions and groups
- Engagement of new grassroots partners in the debt justice campaign
- An active community of knowledge on poor-country debt in Scotland
- A considerably raised profile of the debt justice campaign in key print media

Cross-cutting aim - Increase the sustainability and stability of the organisation

Outcomes

- A well-diversified funding base
- An appropriate operating reserve
- A sufficient yet sustainable level of staffing
- A clear and unique profile within the Scottish campaign environment

Income	
Donations	£13,444
Grants	£37,574
CofS World Mission Council	(£10,000)
Scottish Episcopal Church	(£7500)
Co-op Core Funding	(£3000)
Co-op FOSP	(£2000)
Seedbed Trust	(£5000)
OXFAM GB	(£3000)
IDEAS	(£7074)
Membership fees	£1770
Investment	£16
TOTAL	£52,804

Activity costs

Salaries	£21,985
Pension contributions	£1,329
Events	£778
Travel and Expenses	£2285
Post	£1205
Print design and stationery	£4,658
Telephone and internet	£690
SUB-TOTAL	£32,930

Support costs

Salaries	£6,636
Pension contributions	£570
Staff training	£104
Premises costs	£2,100
Insurance	£314
Membership fees	£360
Independent examination	£360
Office equipment	£279
Payroll services	£392
IT services and web	£417
Bank fees	£148
Depreciation	£137
Other	£341
SUTOTAL	£12,158

TOTAL COSTS £45,088

Balance at end of year: £6463.18

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