



# JUBILEE SCOTLAND

Campaigning to end global debt slavery

Annual Report 2014-15

# WELCOME FROM THE CONVENOR

Since the inspiring experience of Make Poverty History in Edinburgh we are glad that successful campaigning has led to some debt cancellation for almost 40 countries. But many hundreds of millions of people's lives are still severely affected by the burden of unjust debt and new debts are building up. So there's much more to do.

After another busy and successful year I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in our campaign during this past year including staff, members of the Campaign Co-ordinating Group, office-bearers and all our supporters and funders. Very special thanks to Alys Mumford for the very effective work she did as our Campaign Director and a very warm welcome to her successor Ashley Erdman.

As we go forward into another year I would like to encourage all of you to consider becoming involved in Jubilee Scotland to play your part in bringing about debt justice and a fairer world.

Elisabeth Cranfield



# WELCOME FROM THE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

As the new Campaign Director it is inspiring to look back at the incredible work done over the past year. It is a critical time to be campaigning for debt justice. Over the ten years since Make Poverty History the global movement has secured hard won victories, yet some of the world's most vulnerable countries continue to struggle under unjust and unpayable debt even as increased lending threatens a new debt crisis. In the year ahead, with its strong debt justice movement and growing grassroots energy, Scotland is well placed to lead the UK on economic justice issues. Together we will continue Jubilee Scotland's hard hitting campaigns and fight to put people before profit.



In solidarity

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# CAMPAIGN SUCCESSES

## MILLIONS OF DEBT CANCELLED FOR EBOLA STRICKEN COUNTRIES

Thanks to everyone who took action in solidarity with the people of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. In response to global pressure the IMF announced \$100 million in debt cancellation!



## UN CALLS FOR DEBT RESTRUCTURING MECHANISM

In October, the UN passed a resolution committing them to investigate a fair and transparent debt workout mechanism and put a stop to vulture funds preying on poor nations. Jubilee Scotland is one of the many debt justice organisations who have been calling for a fair and transparent debt workout mechanism for years. The development of just such a framework under the UN is a huge step forward for debt justice.

## BUILDING THE MOVEMENT FOR DEBT JUSTICE

We kept global justice issues high on the agenda in the run-up to the referendum and have continued supporting and engaging with Scotland's growing grassroots movement since. Through activist skill shares, joint events with faith groups, and events, we have broadened the debt justice movement, highlighting the links between debt, trade, tax and other economic justice issues. Over the page are some of our highlights from this past year.

## RICH MAN'S WORLD

This two day conference saw over 100 people, including students, long time activists, and first-time campaigners come together in Glasgow. The weekend featured a day-long 'economics is for all of us' workshop and a women's radical walking tour of Glasgow. Campaigners also came together to conduct protests and stunts around Glasgow on a range of issues.



Rich Man's World

## 2014 MATTERS SERIES

The 2014 Matters project brought together NGOs (People & Planet, NIDOS, World Development Movement and Friends of the Earth Scotland) to hold a series of debates around issues neglected by media coverage of the referendum debate. These debates brought together expert witnesses, as well as politicians, to provide a well rounded discussion.

## OUTREACH

Together with Christian Aid and the Church of Scotland's World Mission Council we held a series of 'Debt Tax and Africa' events. We continued to have a strong presence at the Edinburgh World Justice Festival and hosted the Scottish première of 'Fascism Inc.' With our partners, we also hosted our 3rd annual skill share for local campaigning groups to build skills in fundraising, media, communicating campaigns, and facilitating inclusive meetings and campaign planning.

## REINVENTING OUR ECONOMY FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

In September we hosted, in collaboration with others including NGOs, unions and academics, a debate and conference on 'Reinventing our Economy for People and Planet'. Featuring speakers on a huge range of topics including tax justice, banking reform, ownership, international economics, and more, the conference brought 80 people together to discuss practical steps towards reshaping our economy.

# NO NEW DEBT CRISIS

We are seeing a new boom in lending to developing countries. External loans to low income countries increased by 75 per cent between 2008 and 2012. Loans to sub-Saharan African governments more than doubled over the same period of time. This threatens to create new debt crises, once again plunging countries into increasing poverty and inequality.

In the run-up to the General Election, Jubilee Scotland kept up pressure on UK decision makers to give aid as grants, take action to create more responsible lending practices, and oppose TTIP. We have campaigned in solidarity with the Greek people, working to reframe UK Government myths about Greek and other Eurozone debt.



Campaigners hand in action cards to Department for International Development

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Small island developing states are particularly at risk of a new debt crisis. With the Commonwealth Games being held in Glasgow we took the opportunity to highlight unjust Commonwealth debt. The highlight of our work was hosting a speaker tour with Dr Mariama Williams, a previous leader of the Jamaican Debt Justice movement and expert on issues of debt and trade.

Together with Dr. Williams we held public meetings across Scotland and took the opportunity for our speaker to meet with local council representatives, the Secretary of State for Scotland and MSPs at the Scottish Parliament to discuss the new debt crisis devastating Small Island Developing States.



Dr Mariama Williams

# SCOTLAND NATION OF DEBT JUSTICE

2014-15 was an exciting and unique year for the Scottish Government, with the Scottish Independence referendum taking place and the resulting Smith Commission recommendations on further powers for Scotland.

Throughout the year, Jubilee Scotland supported people across Scotland to engage with debt and broader economic justice issues. Both during and after the referendum we saw incredible levels of public engagement and energy to join the fight for debt justice. Not only did the White Paper for Independence take a strong position on debt, but Jean Urquhart MSP also lodged a motion for debt justice at the Scottish Parliament specifically calling on the UK government to constructively engage with the process for developing a debt workout mechanism under the UN.



The Parliament commends the work of Jubilee Scotland in its campaign, 'Scotland: a Nation of Debt Justice'.

Motion S4M-11518: Debt Justice at the Scottish Parliament  
Jean Urquhart MSP



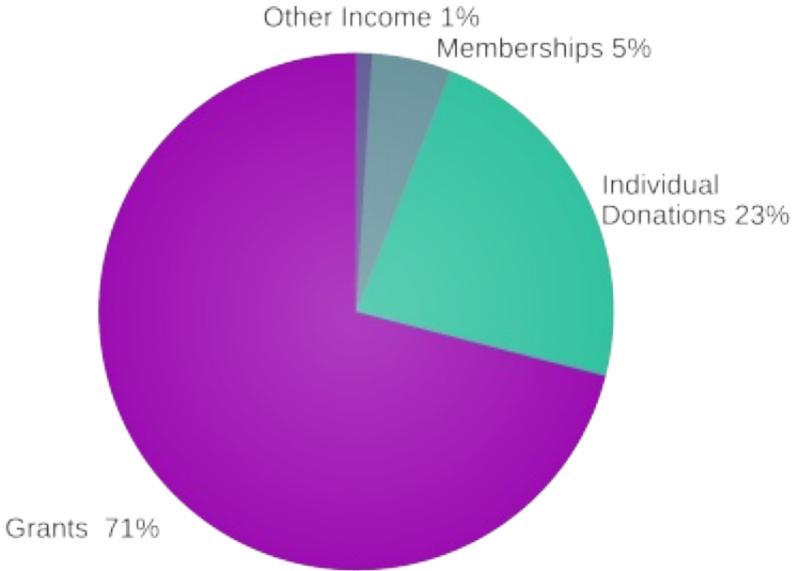
Scotland is taking its place on the world stage and sending a clear message of support for social and economic justice. Looking ahead, the Scottish government has the opportunity to act in solidarity with countries around the world and support the on-going development of a Debt Workout Framework.

Jubilee Scotland  
Parliamentary Event: Scotland  
a Nation of Debt Justice.  
From left to right:  
Rev. Sally Foster Fulton  
Alys Mumford  
Dr Mariama Williams  
Jean Urquhart, MSP

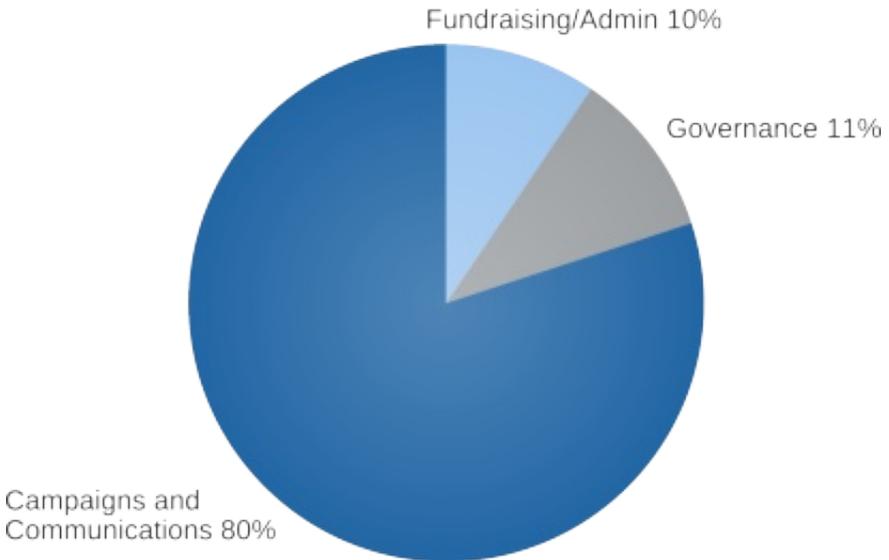


# FINANCES

TOTAL INCOME: £52,276.37



TOTAL EXPENDITURE: £41,177.10



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to all the individuals who gave generously to support our work, our member organisations, and the campaign coordinating group. Throughout the year we had support from paid interns through Adopt an Intern and Community Jobs Scotland, and are very thankful to them for their hard work and contributions. Finally we received grants from the following organisations:

**Adopt an Intern**

**Awards for All**

**Carnegie UK Trust**

**Celebrate**

**Church of Scotland World Mission Council**

**Community Jobs Scotland**

**Co-op Membership - Core funding**

**Co-op Social Goals - Open for Justice**

**The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust**

**Presbyterian Church USA**

**SCIAF**

**Scottish Episcopal Church**

**Third Sector Internships Scotland**

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

**Donate:** We rely on committed and engaged supporters to keep our campaigns going.

**Join our mailing list:** Stay up to date on the latest debt developments and opportunities to take action.

**Become a member:** Organisations joining Jubilee Scotland can nominate a representative to our board and have a say in the running of the organisation and its campaigns.

**Take action:** Check out our website for the latest debt justice campaigns.

**Join our board:** We are always looking for talented individuals willing to donate their time and skills.

**Promote our campaigns via social media**