

# Jubilee Scotland

Campaigning for Global Debt Justice



Annual Report 2016

# Our work last year...

We're very excited that lobbying has paid off and the SNP manifesto includes:

*"We will fund research into unjust debt held by the UK, how new unjust debt can be avoided and Scotland's potential role in debt arbitration"*

Lobbying politicians will always be part of our work at Jubilee Scotland. This year we were delighted that our efforts paid off. We look forward to working with the Government to make sure we see these commitments become a reality.

We were also excited to take part in a new campaign with Friends of the Earth Scotland. We've been [lobbying the Scottish parliament to divest its pension fund from fossil fuels](#) and we look forward to continuing this work.



As always we continue to work closely with the Jubilee Debt Campaign and other similar organisations from across the world. We attended the NIDOS strategy day which further strengthened our relationships across the international development sector. We also [attended, and facilitated, a planning session during the EURODAD strategy conference.](#)

Our work on the ['Drop Greek Debt' campaign](#) continued and we have continued to coordinate with our petition partners on what are the next steps to maintain pressure.

We also ran an action – which NIDOS supported - [calling for Nepal's debt to be cancelled.](#) Further to this we [signed a solidarity statement from the Asian Pacific debt movement](#) which also called for the cancellation of Nepal's debts.

Over 60 people signed actions to encourage MPs to sign an early day action to prevent a new debt crisis in developing countries

Once again this year we took part in various events to raise the profile of the charity and spread our message. At the [Edinburgh World Justice Festival](#) we held a [successful workshop on 'Better economics, better planet'](#) and we have been continuing to work with different organisations across Scotland. We [co-hosted events with CAAT, Justice and Peace Scotland, and Friends of the Earth Scotland](#). In addition we used the opportunity of the climate march to run a [workshop on climate debt](#) at the people's assembly on climate change in Edinburgh.

Keeping up social media and sending out our e-news remain useful tools for updating people about on-going debt crises and alerting them to actions they can take.

Our relationship with faith groups remains strong (with them making up just under half of our members) and we [produced debt justice resources for SCIAF](#).

We had great fun hosting a [Make Poverty History activist art exhibition](#) which was attended by member organisations and members of the public.

We undertook some training on the system we use for our website so that we can get the most out of this resource. We also moved our email hosting to Gmail under Google for nonprofits which means that it is now free.

We have [set up direct debit and online giving](#).

We were delighted to [receive £5,000 of funding from Seedbed for our arbitration campaign](#) and we also confirmed [£2,000 of funding from SCIAF for the next 3-5 years](#).



We decided to take on another intern and hired a 'Fundraising and Communication Officer' for 10 hours each week. This has made it easier for us to build a social media presence and to keep our supporters up to date.

## 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.

**Write for our website:** If there's a debt justice issue that you're particularly interested in then write about it and we shall feature your piece on our website

**Promote our campaigns via social media**

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