

JUBILEE SCOTLAND ANNUAL REPORT - April 2011 - March 2012

About Jubilee Scotland

Jubilee Scotland was founded by a broad movement of campaigners, faith groups and civil society organisations to continue the work of the Jubilee 2000 coalition in Scotland in calling for the cancellation of unjust and unpayable global debt. We campaign with partners in Scotland, and as part of an international movement, for the cancellation of all unpayable and unjust sovereign debts, and for the establishment of a fair and transparent process by which such debts will be prevented from accumulating again in the future.



Participants vote at the People's Debt Tribunal (Photo: Emma Boyd)

Our vision

Jubilee Scotland wants to see millions of people lift themselves out of poverty as more governments in developing countries stop paying back unjust and unpayable debts and invest more in citizen-determined needs such as health, education and livelihoods.

Mission statement

Jubilee Scotland inspires and equips people to take action against unjust debts and debt systems that contribute to global poverty, inequality and conflict.

Objectives and Activities

In furtherance of these objects, the charity has committed to the following strategic priorities:

- 1) To support and encourage the Scottish Government to take a strong positive position on poor-country debt.
- 2) To add value to Jubilee Debt Campaign in fighting for debt justice at a UK level.
- 3) To strengthen and deepen the debt justice movement in Scotland.

There is also a cross-cutting priority to stabilise the finances and working conditions of the organisation.

The charity affirms its commitment to carry out its activities without prejudice to a person's race, colour, sexuality, ethnic origin, gender, religion or political persuasion and in a manner which promotes social inclusion.

Organisational and Management Structure

All members of Jubilee Scotland must themselves be organisations. All member organisations of Jubilee Scotland are allowed to submit a representative to stand for election as a director to the organisation. The directors sit on the Campaign Co-ordinating Group which combines management and oversight of the external relations of the charity. Provision is made for members to co-opt people to the CCG who are not a director if the members so wish. The CCG meets at least three times a year to determine the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Achievements and Performance

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

To further the international 'Defuse the Debt Crisis' campaign for an international debt work-out mechanism, Jubilee Scotland campaigned in this year for Scotland to promote itself as an arbiter of unjust sovereign debt. We are grateful to the many people who supported and fed into this campaign, highlights of which included:

The People's Debt Tribunal

Taking place in Autumn 2011, this event pitted Lidy Nacpil - campaigner with Jubilee South and Freedom From Debt Coalition Philippines - in debate with a World Bank representative (played by a 'Forum Theatre' actor) in Committee Room 1 of the Scottish Parliament with a view to establishing whether Philippines' debt should be cancelled. The tribunal featured input from expert witnesses consisting of economist Dr Robert Mochrie and philosopher Dr Rowan Cruft, and was broadcast live over the internet to activists nationally and within the international debt movement.

The event culminated in a public vote of the 80-strong audience, which resulted in a near-unanimous decision to cancel the Philippines' debt. Sarah Boyack MSP, who hosted the event, launched an unsolicited motion after the People's Tribunal - thanking Jubilee Scotland and calling for Scotland to engage more strongly with the campaign for debt work-out - which attracted over 30 signatories.

'Defuse the Debt Crisis' motion and postcard

In step with the People's Debt Tribunal, a motion - S4M-00148 - was launched in Holyrood calling for Scotland to promote itself as a seat of arbitration for countries in debt distress. This was accompanied by a postcard with a design adapted from the international 'Defuse the Debt Crisis' campaign by the Edinburgh-based Graphics Co-op which was focused on lobbying MSPs to sign the petition. The motion attracted over 40 signatories.

Launch of Scottish Arbitration Rules with Fiona Hyslop MSP

On March 20, the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop MSP, met with Jubilee Scotland board-members, external experts and Government officials in the Scottish Arbitration Centre to launch Jubilee Scotland's bespoke rules for arbitration in Scotland in cases of unjust or unpayable sovereign debt. The Cabinet Secretary spoke strongly in support of the campaign and invited further briefing and lobbying from Jubilee Scotland on the issue, as well as the related issue of what Scotland should do with any inherited unjust debt.

2 – To add value to Jubilee Debt Campaign in fighting for debt justice at a UK level.

Jubilee Scotland continues to value its active partnership with Jubilee Debt Campaign and works to add value to its essential campaigns on debt and economic justice. Highlights of work together have included:

Clean Up Britain's Exports

Jubilee Scotland has worked alongside Jubilee Debt Campaign - and other agencies including Cornerhouse, Amnesty International, Clean Up Britain's Exports (CUBE) and Campaign Against the Arms Trade - at a strategic and operational level to tackle the unjust debts created by the Export Credit Guarantee Department (operating now as UK Export Finance) and to ensure the reform of this body to prevent future unjust lending.

In April 2011, Lisa Nandy MP presented a Ten-Minute Rule Bill in the House of Commons calling for reform of this department and cancellation of its outstanding unjust debts. Jubilee Scotland ran an action in support of this through web letter, social media and by phone. The Bill ended up receiving particularly strong support from Scottish MPs including Eilidh Whiteford (Scottish National Party) and Sheila Gilmore (Scottish Labour).

Throughout the year Jubilee Scotland distributed and collected postcards in support of this campaign, including the 'End Britain's Dodgy Deals' postcard - directed at Business



MPs from all parties rally round Lisa Nandy's Ten Minute Rule Bill on reform of the Export Credit Guarantee Department (Photo: Jubilee Debt Campaign)

Secretary Vince Cable - and the 'Unfinished Business' postcard - directed at MPs, which led to Early Day Motion #622 achieving nearly 200 signatories.

In the face of entrenched opposition the CUBE coalition has made key advances, including the admission by the Government of a need for increased transparency of the department, represented by the sending of a team of officials to the archives in Cardiff to investigate the past dealings that the ECGD has been involved in. Specific unjust debts, such as those owed by the governments of Sudan and Egypt, have also been brought to light as part of this campaign.

Faith in Justice

Collaborating with Jubilee Debt Campaign - and Jubilee Debt Campaign Multifaith Group - in the production of the 'Faith in Justice' inspiration resource, which explores the responses of different faiths - and contemporary Christian thinkers - to the issue of lending and debt. We are very grateful to all the activists and thinkers who contributed to this publication.

3 – To strengthen and deepen the debt justice movement in Scotland.

The economic events of recent years have had significant impacts on economic justice campaigning in Scotland: the principle negative impact has been an increased public focus on domestic rather than international justice issues; the main positive impact has been an increased public awareness to engage with the need for structural economic reform rather than aid. Jubilee Scotland has attempted in its outreach programme to engage with these significant social 'weather conditions', with work including the following highlights.

International Week of Action on Debt and IFIs, October

The Jubilee Scotland Outreach Officer created an intensive programme of outreach based around International Debt Week - thanks to all those who took part. This included:

- Six public meetings in run up to Debt Week - four of which were organised by local campaigners - featuring both Patrick Harvie MSP (who sponsored our motion) and Sarah Boyack MSP (Chair of the Cross Party Group on International Development and sponsor of our 'People's Tribunal' event).
- Two film screenings of 'Debtocracy' followed by discussions
- Actions taken by supporters including lobbying of MPs and Climate Cafe, and at least five Jubilee services
- Commitments arising from faith groups and campaign groups to take forward work on debt, through meetings, film screenings, Jubilee services and stalls

Quarterly members policy update

The quarterly policy update for members was strengthened throughout the year, to take account of major trends in international debt and development finance, as well as issues affecting specific countries.

Outreach work on 'Climate Debt'

We worked with World Development Movement Scotland on outreach around the campaign for funds for climate adaptation to be extended in the form of grants rather than loans. This included an event with Lidy Nacpil from Jubilee South and the World Development Movement in Glasgow, with a demonstration and 'chains' stunt outside the Scottish Parliament which received good media coverage

Strengthened e-activism

Jubilee Scotland retains a vibrant Twitter and Facebook presence, as well as a lively blog, the Debt Tribunal, and a Delicious feed for external news highlights.

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

The financial picture of the organisation remains vulnerable, particularly due to the difficulty of securing solid 3-year funding partnerships. There have however been a number of encouraging developments throughout the year - both external and internal - which bode well for the internal and financial strength of the organisation:

Board Away Day in summer of 2011

The Campaign Coordinating Group assembled for an Away Day at Wiston Lodge in the summer of 2011. This was expertly facilitated by charity consultant Wendy Ball, and enabled the engagement with some key organisational questions, and laid the ground work for the development of the 2012 organisational charter.

2012 Jubilee Scotland charter document

This document - the product of a rigorous process of self-examination - sets out key elements of the organisation in a succinct document. This includes descriptions of the organisation's values and guiding principles, its principle activities and campaigns, and entry points for individuals and organisations to become involved.

Creation of policy manual

In 2011-12 Jubilee Scotland gathered together its policies in one accessible manual for the first time, and updated the range and detail of policies to comply with current legislation. This manual - which includes essential and up-to-date policies including Equal Opportunities and Recruitment of Ex-Offenders - is currently being approved by external legal experts.

Strong project funding and consistent donations

Restricted funding for activities such as the People's Debt Tribunal, the Faith in Justice booklet and the Debts Not Done project has been strong throughout the year, while we are grateful to note that levels of supporter donations and standing orders have held up well despite adverse external financial circumstances.

Paid internships

Aware of the wider discussion in the UK surrounding the tendency of unpaid internships to promote inequality, Jubilee Scotland ceased to use unpaid interns in 2011-12. We have instead taken advantage of scheme such as Community Jobs Scotland and Third Sector Internships to offer paid internships.



Jubilee Scotland and the World Development Movement Scotland call for grants not loans to combat climate change (Photo: WDM Scotland)

Income	£
Donations	11,954
Memberships	2,562
Grants:	
Co-op Social Goals	11,500
IDEAS	7,371
SEC Provincial Overseas Committee	7,525
C of S World Mission Council	8,834
Co-op Membership	3,000
Jubilee Debt Campaign	2,500
Seedbed Trust	2,000
Claremont Trust	600
Community Jobs Scotland	560
Total Income	58,406

Expenses	
Salaries	33,680
Pension contributions	1,914
Events	2,832
Travel and expenses	1,988
Post	1,449
Print, design and stationery	6,771
Telephone and internet	651
Training	190
Premises costs	2,100
Insurance	317
Membership fees	552
Independent examination	450
Office equipment	174
Payroll services	414
IT services	365
Bank charges	188
Depreciation	91
Other	36
Total expenses	54,162
Net movement in funds	4,261
Reserve	8,282