

Jubilee Scotland Annual Report 2012-13



Hello,

This document outlines some of our successes over the 2012-13 campaigning year. We hope you enjoy reading it, and feel inspired by the action taking place for debt justice across Scotland. There is also information here about our financial situation and records, and a brief outline of our plans for the coming year.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

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A message from our convener:

This past year has been another very busy and successful one for Jubilee Scotland. Break the Chains postcards have been sent to the Scottish Government from across the country, calling for Scotland to pledge to cancel its share of UK unjust debt and put in place exemplary export finance. We have also continued to work with the international debt movement on our arbitration proposal which has very recently been presented and discussed at a meeting of the international debt movement. Our new Debt Justice Pledge will ensure that this good work is continued into 2013-14.

As Convener of Jubilee Scotland I would like to thank very warmly everyone who has been involved in our campaign during this past year. Very special thanks go to Alys Mumford, Chance McDonald and Charlotte Snelling, our current team of very dedicated staff, and also to all our interns, students on university placements and volunteers who are showing real dedication and ability in the important and effective work they are doing for Jubilee Scotland. Our very grateful thanks and best wishes also to former members of staff James Picardo and Ellen Gledhill who have left during this year. I would also like to thank all members of the



Campaign Co-ordinating Group and Subgroups and our wise office bearers for their commitment and contributions to discussions and for their support and active participation in the work of Jubilee Scotland. The part that all our supporters play in our campaign is very much appreciated

As we go forward into another year I would like to encourage you to join Jubilee Scotland in helping to bring debt justice.

Rev Elisabeth Cranfield

How have we achieved our aims in 2012/13?

1. To strengthen and broaden the debt justice movement in Scotland and support and build the capacity of our members to do this.

This year has seen Jubilee Scotland undertake a huge amount of outreach work as the 'Debt's Not Done' project drew to a close. By hosting innovative events and joining with partners, we were able to spread our campaigns to people across Scotland - both to inspire them to take action, and to provide education about issues of economic justice. Highlights included:

- Our 'Justice Jubilee' celebrations saw people across Scotland calling for a debt jubilee in 2012.

- Taking a leading role in the Edinburgh World Justice Festival, we hosted the festival launch and held several events throughout the festival, reaching hundreds of people.



- Organising a 'Positive Exports' Whisky Tasting led by John Lamond, Master of Malt and Jubilee Scotland trustee. This event, designed to promote our 'Break the Chains' Campaign, was a great success and was attended by MSPs and local councillors, as well as Jubilee Scotland supporters old and new.



- Our campaigners' skills-share gave local campaigners from Jubilee Scotland and other NGOs the chance to come together to meet, network, and gain some new skills.

- Jubilee Scotland co-hosted 'Rich Man's World', a two day conference looking at how we can make Scotland a just nation which was attended by a hugely diverse range of people over the course of the weekend and was a huge success.

- Our event at the Edinburgh Festival of Spirituality and Peace, entitled 'Calling for the new Jubilee: Financial Chaos, Occupy and Faith' brought the debate about debt justice to a new audience.



- We have spoken to groups and held events across Scotland, including the Church of Scotland Guild's National Committee's Conference, the Middle Eastern Festival of Spirituality and Peace and the Edinburgh Human Rights Festival.

Our efforts to promote our work for debt justice have also been featured in the media, with The Scotsman highlighting our whisky tasting in a feature about the Edinburgh World Justice Festival. In a large feature about international development, also in The Scotsman, Humza Yousaf, Minister for International Development stated he was 'actively considering' cancelling unjust debt. Our work on debt cancellation was also a focus for an article written by Patrick Harvie, MSP, in his regular column in the Glasgow Evening News. Jubilee Scotland has also appeared as a signatory on many letters relating to international development issues in the Scottish national press.

How have we achieved our aims in 2012/13?

2. To catalyse and encourage effective action on unjust debt by Scottish institutions, particularly the Scottish Government and Parliament.

Jubilee Scotland's campaigns continue to be innovative and well-researched, and have led to considerable interest from the Scottish Government. The ongoing debate around Scotland's constitutional future means there are increasing opportunities to raise the profile of our call for debt justice, and we have been effective in doing this. Highlights of our engagement with key decision-makers include:

- Meeting with Humza Yousaf, Minister for International Development and External Affairs to discuss our campaigns, and attending several follow-up meetings and conversations with officials in the Scottish Parliament to discuss practicalities of our campaign asks.

- The launch of 'Break the Chains' our campaign calling for the Scottish Government to pledge to cancel any debts inherited by Scotland. This was accompanied by a campaign postcard to John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth which was distributed across Scotland by our members.



- Hosting a fringe meeting at the SNP conference to discuss Scotland's economic relationships with the rest of the world. Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs and Eilidh Whiteford MP and SNP spokesperson on international development spoke at this event. At this event Fiona Hyslop pledged that no debt cancellation would come out of aid budgets, a major ask in Jubilee Scotland's campaign.

- Hosting a meeting of the Cross Party Group on International Development examining the possibilities for Scotland to become a seat of arbitration for unjust and unpayable debt.

- Contributing to progressive debates around independence; writing articles for various blogs, including Future of Scotland and Bright Green, and feeding into conferences and round-table discussions about Scotland economic future.



- Publishing several technical briefings relating to our campaign to become a seat of arbitration, which have been made available to the international debt justice movement for comment.

How have we achieved our aims in 2012/13?

3. To add value to other debt campaigns operating in the UK and internationally.

Jubilee Scotland is part of a vibrant global movement for debt justice, and our strength lies in this international coalition. We work in solidarity with our partners wherever possible. Highlights of this year include:

- Successfully lobbied with our international partners to stop plans to limit the remit of UNCTAD (the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) so it could no longer comment on economic justice. This would have meant that an essential part of its work - providing a counterweight to International Financial Institutions - would have been discontinued and developing countries would have lost representation on the UN.
- Ensuring that our work in Scotland complements work being done by Jubilee Debt Campaign at a UK level, including promoting the call for a Jubilee for Justice in 2012 and encouraging the Scottish Government to lobby their UK counterparts.
- Joining with a 'twitterstorm' organised by the debt cancellation movement in Spain to commemorate the assassination of Thomas Sankara, president of Burkina Faso killed for his outspoken opposition to unjust debt.
- Attending a strategy day organised by EURODAD (the European Network on Debt and Development) in Amsterdam to discuss the future of debt campaigning across Europe.

4. To increase the sustainability and stability of the organisation

The completion of Jubilee Scotland's Charter Document this year has been a major success; giving the organisation a clear and accessible document setting out its guiding principles, its strategic aims and methods of achieving these aims. The Charter Document guides all decisions made by staff and directors of Jubilee Scotland.

We continue in our efforts to diversify our funding base, while maintaining strong relationships with our current members and funders. The Jubilee Scotland staff team has been significantly enhanced through the use of paid internship schemes including Community Jobs Scotland, Third Sector Internships Scotland and Adopt an Intern. These schemes allow us both to increase our capacity and provide young people with training and experience in the workplace while receiving a salary.

In 2012-13 we have welcomed two new members to the Jubilee Scotland coalition: Aberdeen University Students Association, and Amnesty International Scotland.

Jubilee Scotland finances 2012-13

Income

Donations	£8,968
Memberships	£3,630
Grants	
Co-operative Social Goals	£7,500
Co-operative Membership	£3,000
Scottish Episcopal Church Overseas Committee	£4,000
SCIAF	£4,000
Volunteer Action Fund	£750
Edith M Ellis Trust	£500
Third Sector Internships Scotland	£1,201
Adopt an Intern	£1,609
Community Jobs Scotland	£9,636
Other Incoming Resources	£226
Total	£45,020

Expenditure

Salaries	£33,203
Pension Contributions	£601
Event Costs	£680
Travel and Expenses	£931
Post	£1,401
Print, Design and Stationery	£4,584
Telephone and Internet	£909
Premises Costs	£2,100
Staff Training	£63
Recruitment	£250
Insurance	£333
Membership Fees	£175
Independent Examination	£495
Office Equipment	£281
Payroll Services	£488
IT Services and Website Costs	£508
Bank Charges	£145
Depreciation	£91
Other	£28
Total	£47,266

The campaign for debt justice in 2013-14:

A Pledge for Debt Justice

This year we will be launching the Jubilee Scotland Debt Justice Pledge. This is a simple statement which individuals, groups and organisations can sign up to to show they support the principle of Scotland becoming a nation of debt justice. We'll be working to get as many people across Scotland signed up to this pledge - and we'll be able to show the world that we want to be a nation of debt justice. You can find more about the pledge and sign up here: www.jubileescotland.org.uk/debtjusticepledge

A Nation for debt justice

We'll also be working to make sure that the independence referendum offers a chance for people across Scotland to engage with the important issues of economics and international development. While we won't be 'taking sides' in the debate, we'll be involved in events and discussions about the referendum - we see this as a chance to talk about the kind of Scotland we want to see, and debt justice needs to be at the heart of that.

A World for Debt Justice

As the European debt crisis continues, and austerity measures are being enforced globally, the task of fighting for debt justice and an economy with people at its heart is not an easy one. Jubilee Scotland is committed to remaining a voice for equality and economic justice, and is fortunate to be part of a vibrant international movement engaged in these issues. We will continue to work with our partners across the globe for debt justice and an end to unfair global practices. This means answering difficult questions, and exploring the links between debt, trade, aid and taxation in order to fix the global economic system which keeps vulnerable people in poverty.

A Movement for Debt Justice

We will continue to work with organisations across Scotland who form the Jubilee Scotland coalition. Through holding events with partners and joining with them on key campaigns and communications, we will ensure that we have a strong movement across the country who are united in the belief that we can achieve an end to unfair debt. We are always pleased to invite new members to the coalition, and to find new ways of working with existing partners.

