



# Annual Report 2013-14

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## *Welcome from the Convener*

*This past year has been another very busy and positive one for Jubilee Scotland. We have been successful in using the context of the referendum on Scottish independence to raise the profile of our call for debt justice. Our Debt Justice Pledge has been signed by politicians, including the Minister for International Development, organisations and individuals. Our work to empower people to take action on issues of economic justice has included a wide range of events, the production of relevant resources and the redesign of our website which has now been completed.*

*As Convener of Jubilee Scotland I would like to thank very warmly indeed everyone who has been involved in our campaign during this past year. We are hugely grateful to our hard working and very able Campaign Director Alys Mumford who brings commitment, creative thinking and great enthusiasm to our campaign. Our very special thanks also go to other former or current members of our staff team Charlotte Snelling, Chance McDonald, Matthew Philp, Adel Daas, Eddie Richards and Ben Warrington for the dedication and commitment they have shown in the effective work they either have done or are doing for Jubilee Scotland. I would also like to thank very warmly all members of the Campaign Co-ordinating Group and Subgroups and our very wise and helpful office bearers for the skills and experience they so willingly bring to our discussions, and for their support, ideas and active participation in the work of Jubilee Scotland. We also really appreciate and value the part that all our supporters play in our campaign.*

*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.*

*Rev Elisabeth Cranfield*



# Changing political will

While Jubilee Scotland hasn't taken a position on the independence referendum, we recognise that it creates much needed political space to discuss important issues of equality and justice. Thanks to continued campaigning from our supporters across Scotland, the Scottish Government confirmed their commitment to debt justice in their White Paper on Scottish Independence, stating that in the case of a yes vote in September they will:

***“give careful consideration to the question of “unjust” debts; will work to ensure that Scottish export policies do not create new unjust debts; and support moves to establish Scotland as an international centre for debt arbitration” page 231 ‘Scotland’s Future’***

We have been able to use this development to support our partners in the UK and internationally to push their own governments for similar commitments to debt justice.

Through working with the Network for International Development Organisations in Scotland (NIDOS) we have contributed to the report *Scotland's Place in Building a Just World*. This report highlights debt and economic justice as a key area of international development, and has been discussed with representatives from all political parties in Scotland. Over the past year Jubilee



Minister for International Development Humza Yousaf MSP with Jubilee Scotland's Debt Justice Pledge.



Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, Jim Murphy MP speaking at 2014 Matters.

Scotland staff have met with key political figures to discuss our campaigns including the Minister for International Development, the Shadow Secretary of State for International Development and the Secretary of State for Scotland.

## ***Inspiring Action on Economic Justice***

Over the past year Jubilee Scotland has run a range of exciting events and campaigns across Scotland - educating people about economic issues and empowering them to take action. The photos below offer a snapshot of the work we have been doing to inspire others to campaign for economic justice.

### ***Rich Man's World? Challenging the Status Quo of Crisis and Cuts***

*Together with partners WDM and People & Planet we held a two day event in Glasgow University. Open to all, the event included a day-long workshop on global economics, a walking tour of Glasgow's economic history and a chance for people to gain new skills and find out how other groups are taking action.*



### ***2014 Matters: People, Planet and Scotland's Future***



Jubilee Scotland was a founding members of the 2014 Matters programme - aiming to highlight issues of international development in light of the independence referendum. We hosted two events in this series

- one in Aberdeen on Economic Justice, and one in Edinburgh featuring Jim Murphy MP and Humza Yousaf MSP.

### ***Cancel the debt of the Philippines***

Since Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines, \$22m a day has flown out of the country in debt repayments. We've been working with Jubilee Debt Campaign to lobby the UK Government to drop this debt.





### **Africa, Tax and Debt**

We joined with the Church of Scotland's World Mission Council and Christian Aid to host 'campaign cafe' events in Kilmarnock and Duns this year, allowing people to explore the links between tax and debt across Africa, and find out how they can take action.

### **Life Before Debt Speaker Tour**

We were honoured to host Abdul Khaliq from CADTM-Pakistan on the Scottish leg of his tour of the UK, telling people about the problem of unjust debt in Pakistan.



### **Building a Movement: local groups skill-share**



Our skill-share event for local groups returned this year, this time in Glasgow. It was a brilliant afternoon

helping local campaigning groups come together to share their skills and make new connections.

### **Belladrum Believes in Debt Justice**

Through our links with the Co-operative Memberships, we were once again at Belladrum festival - this time asking festival-goers to sign our Debt Justice Pledge!



## *The Jubilee Scotland Coalition in 2013-14*

We have been delighted this year to welcome two new members to our coalition - People & Planet Scotland and the National Union of Students Scotland have both voted to join Jubilee Scotland and we look forward to working more closely with them. We continue to work with members both old and new, and are always seeking new ways of engaging with our coalition partners.

Our Campaigning Co-ordinating group remains a huge asset to Jubilee Scotland and we are thankful for the commitment and support of the directors and co-opted members of this group, particularly Anne Pankhurst and Val Brown who are both leaving the CCG after contributing a huge amount to our work.

We have also seen changes in our staff team after saying a sad farewell to Charlotte Snelling, our policy and research assistant. We have continued to make use of a number of funding schemes which enable us to employ paid interns, and we are very grateful to all the staff who have joined us through these schemes.

## *Upcoming Plans for Jubilee Scotland*

The year ahead looks set to be an exiting one for Jubilee Scotland. A focus will be our 'Celebrating Solidarity' campaign which will be looking at unjust debt of Commonwealth Countries during the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow during July and August. We will be following this work up with a speaker tour around Scotland featuring an economic justice campaigner from a Commonwealth country.

Together with partner organisations we will again be holding inspiring events throughout the year, including a discussion at the Just Festival in August, an Enquiry into Sustainable Finance in September and a repeat of our skill-share event in November. We will look to engage with current and new members, and will be producing resources for local groups, education institutions and faith groups to use to explore issues of economic justice.

We will continue to engage with both the Scottish and UK Governments in the lead up to the independence referendum to ensure that debt justice remains high on the political agenda, and with our international partners to seek global solutions to debt crises.

## Jubilee Scotland Finances

### I n c o m e

Donations	£12,024
Memberships	£3,260
Co-operative Social Goals	£7,500
Co-operative Membership	£500
Scottish Episcopal Church POC	£3,000
SCIAF	£2,000
Big Lottery - Awards for All	£4,672
Presbyterian Church USA	£1,786
Third Sector Internships Scotland	£663
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	£5,870
Community Jobs Scotland	£6,263
Other Incoming Resources	£5
<b>Total</b>	<b>£47,633</b>

### E x p e n s e s

Salaries	£28,513
Event Costs	£1,521
Travel and Expenses	£809
Post	£1,186
Print, Design and Stationery	£3,126
Telephone and Internet	£711
Premises Costs	£2,100
Staff Training	£35
Insurance	£322
Membership Fees	£260
Independent Examination	£1,005
Office Equipment	£898
Payroll Services	£708
IT Services and Website Costs	£3,216
Depreciation	£91
<b>Total</b>	<b>£44,501</b>

# Get involved in the fight for debt justice

## *Individuals:*

- ◆ Consider volunteering your time and skills as a member of our Campaign Co-ordinating Group.
- ◆ Offer a donation to support our work.
- ◆ Sign the Debt Justice Pledge to show your support for our campaigns.
- ◆ Suggest that any groups/organisations you are a part of become members of the Jubilee Scotland Coalition.
- ◆ Start an *Econo...what?* reading group in your area.
- ◆ Like us on Facebook or Twitter, and sign up to our e-updates via our website.
- ◆ Come along to our events to learn more, get inspired and take action.

## *Organisations:*

- ◆ Sign the Debt Justice Pledge.
- ◆ Become a member of the Jubilee Scotland Coalition.
- ◆ Co-host an event during the 'Celebrating Solidarity' Speaker Tour in October 2014.
- ◆ Nominate a director to our Campaign Co-ordinating Group.
- ◆ Work with us on events, research or publications.
- ◆ Promote our campaigns and events to your supporters.
- ◆ Support our work financially.