

Funding for Social Change Funding Reports 2015-2019



Funding for Social Change Ltd

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Introduction

Network for Social Change® (NSC) comprises the charity **Network for Social Change Charitable Trust (NSCCT)**, and **Funding for Social Change Limited (FSC)** which supports non-charitable projects. Our 120 members support progressive social change, particularly in the areas of justice, peace and the environment. Each year FSC raises around £150,000, in addition to funding for special projects, and the results for 2015-19 are given in this report.

The work of Network for Social Change Charitable Trust is covered in a separate Funding Report.

The directors of FSC are careful to keep its distance from the charity. Decisions are made independently.

We are committed to funding, with money we have made or inherited, organisations and projects which promote progressive social and ecological change. The promotion of social justice and sustainability is central to our aims.

The world has changed since 2015, when our last Funding Report was published. The threat of Brexit has affected the work of many of the organisations that we support, and has led to significant funding for Rethinking Brexit. We have been concerned about Climate Change for many years; it is now better described as Climate Emergency. We have also seen the increase in inequality, the impact of repressive regimes, and the erosion of human rights.

Funding principles

FSC funds a variety of projects for causes which we judge promote our vision of social change but which are not eligible for charitable funding. Each project is sponsored by a member.

We look for projects that promote social change, broadly defined, and tend to favour projects which are innovative, highly leveraged, and/or difficult to fund. We like addressing the root causes of a problem, not the symptoms.

FSC is particularly happy to fund projects that address new, marginal and/or untested areas or concerns. Even when they meet other assessment criteria, these projects often have such uncertain

outcomes that they have difficulty in raising funds. Because all its funds come from its members, FSC is freer than most other organisations to take this kind of risk.

FSC is willing to consider grants for core funding. Organisations, especially start-ups, may find it harder to attract funds for office and staff costs. Relieving them from the stress of general fund-raising helps concentration on their main objectives.

We prefer to fund alongside others rather than pay the entire budget. This is not entirely for economic reasons. It is often the case, particularly with novel projects, that a FSC grant opens the way for other funders to follow. We note from the evaluation reports that a number of organisations have gone on to secure grants elsewhere.

We do not fund responses to one-off disasters, most types of building, or political parties.

FSC tries to make a difference at many levels. It approaches the issues in a spirit of optimism and commitment and seeks consistently to fund innovative thinking and enterprising projects. It often identifies those initiatives that really do look ahead but find it difficult to get support from more conventional sources.

We do not accept unsolicited funding applications, but if you have a project that you think a member might be interested in sponsoring for funding, go to our Project Noticeboard:

www.thenetworkforsocialchange.org.uk/funding/project-submission.html

Funding mechanisms

FSC has two main funding streams: Pools and Fast Track, plus some special projects. All projects are sponsored and assessed by our members. Members are free to choose which of the funding streams to participate in and how to allocate their donations between the options on offer.

Pools:

Individual members identify and sponsor projects for grants of up to £20,000 per project from one of the six Pools. Currently these are Green Planet, Human Rights, Economic Justice, Health and

Wellbeing, Peace, Arts and Education for Change. The projects are then assessed by members of the Pool who decide together on a portfolio of projects to bring to the wider membership for funding. Around half our funding is through the Pools, at the February conference.

Fast Track:

Fast Track provides grants of up to £6,000 (now increased to £7,000). Each project is identified and sponsored by a single member, who then invites fellow members to join them in funding it. Funds are raised at our February and September/October conferences, and online.

FSC prefers to spend what it raises at once, not to invest. The absence of future obligations or ongoing liabilities allows us to maintain minimal reserves. Being reliant on its members' annual generosity makes it difficult to commit to multi-year funding. However, some projects have proved themselves so valuable and successful that repeated grants have been awarded.

An administrative fee, formerly 3.5% now reduced to 3%, is deducted from grants.

Our financial year runs from 1st September, while this report shows grants for calendar years (up to July 2019).

Organisation

Members are personally active in sponsoring, assessing, selecting and commending projects to fellow members. Our funding processes are designed to encourage members to find worthwhile projects, assess their potential and evaluate their achievements. Those without previous experience of such an undertaking work alongside more experienced members. We also run training workshops for members.

Most FSC members are members of one of the six Pools. They meet two or three times a year between the twice-yearly conferences in February and September/October to assess the projects that have been submitted to that Pool. Two Pool members are appointed as assessors to examine each project in detail, and to obtain written references from external referees. Where possible the projects are visited by the assessors.

At the February conference, the Pools present the projects that they have selected, invite questions from other members, and ask for funding.

About six months after funding, grant recipients are asked to complete an evaluation report. We try to achieve a balance between ensuring that our money has been spent as intended, and not overburdening a small organisation with paperwork. The evaluation reports are summarised and circulated to members, and discussed at the next February conference.

FSC has been well served by its efficient and patient Administrator. She handles the practicalities of membership and grant making.

Apart from the Administrator and some office support, all the work of the FSC is performed, unpaid, by its members, who also meet their own travel and other expenses.

Membership

FSC has no political or religious affiliations. Our members' personal beliefs vary, but broadly, we tend to believe in a more equal and sustainable world and wish to use our money to help others in their work to make that world a reality.

We have many different backgrounds, although all of us have enough wealth to feel comfortable with the obligations and costs of membership. Some of us have inherited our wealth, others have created it. Some are new to philanthropy, looking for an enjoyable way to use surplus income or a windfall to support interesting projects. Others are experienced philanthropists, who value FSC as an efficient way to fund cutting-edge projects. Except for the Fast Track Funding, members do not know how much others are giving.

Membership is strictly personal. Members agree not to identify anyone as a member or a former member, unless they have explicitly agreed to this.

This Report concentrates on the funding side of our work. Members find in the atmosphere of friendship and mutual trust a valuable opportunity to explore together issues associated with wealth and giving. For more information on the benefits and obligations of membership, the reasons why we join, and for the stories of some of our members, see our website www.thenetworkforsocialchange.org.uk

Funding Reports for the year 2004 onward can be downloaded from our website.

Join us

We have about 120 members, who find that the organisation is a good place to give, learn, share and reflect. It is for people who want to do more than just make a donation. We get involved, and have fun.

We welcome new members.

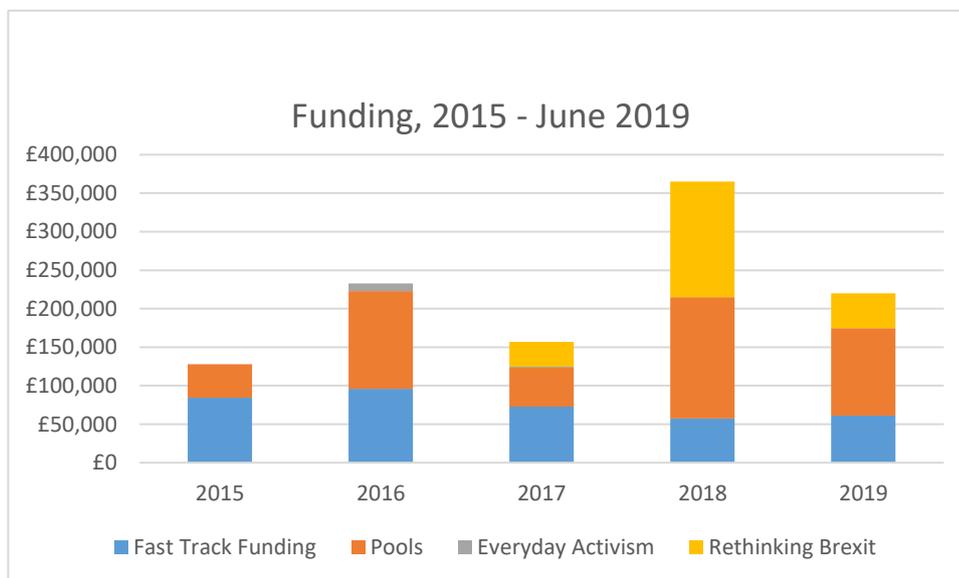
If you think you might like to join us, please complete the form on our website. One of our members will then get in touch.

**Funding for Social Change Ltd
Grants 2015- June 2019**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fast Track Funding	£84,292	£95,964	£72,944	£57,587	£61,085
Pools	£43,822	£126,938	£50,371	£157,270	£113,747
Everyday Activism		£10,000	£1,172		
Rethinking Brexit			£32,447	£150,100	£45,249
Totals	£128,114	£232,902	£156,934	£364,957	£220,081

Figures for grants in each calendar year. Payments up to June 2019.

The number of projects funded by Funding for Social Change varies considerably year by year. The special project on Rethinking Brexit affected the 2018 total shown above.



EVERYDAY ACTIVISM

£10,000	2016
£ 1,172	2017
£11,172	Total 2016-17

Partner: Campaign Bootcamp

Before Everyday Activism was set up as a Major Project (charitable), FSC paid for scoping study work. The project grew out of the meeting of two ideas. The charity Campaign Bootcamp runs high-impact residential campaign training for 100+ people each year, but wanted to find a way to train far more people. A group of our members wanted to help develop an initiative to increase the campaigning power and understanding of marginalised communities. Through discussion over the summer of 2015, we both felt that there was enough common ground here to request members to fund a pilot year. The shared ambition was to find a model of training and empowerment that could operate on a large scale with the most disadvantaged communities.

The original purpose of the scoping year was to test the demand for online tools about campaigning, with videos and an online community for mutual support. However by the end of the scoping study there was abundant evidence that the target community would not access this, and would need much more personal support. (A good justification for our policy of scoping years.)

<https://campaignbootcamp.org/everyday-activism/>

A report on the work of Everyday Activism, 2017-19, is included in the Network for Social Change Charitable Trust Funding Reports 2015-19

RETHINKING BREXIT

£ 32,447	2017
£150,100	2018
£ 45,249	2019
£227,796	Total

Rethinking Brexit was set up at the Network for Social Change conference in October 2017 following concern about the direction and tone of the national debate on Brexit. All funding has been made via the organisation’s non-charitable arm, Funding For Social Change Ltd.

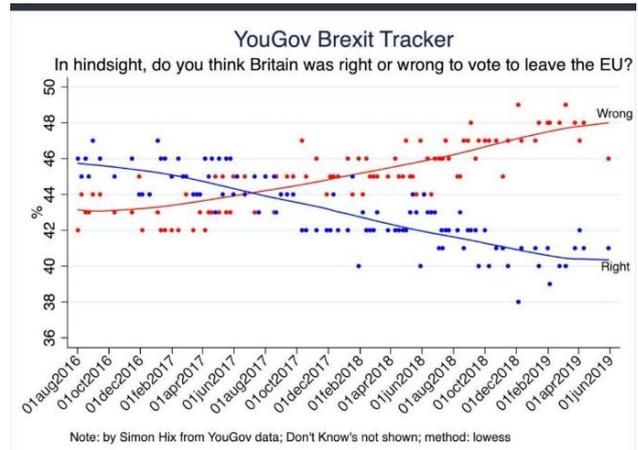
FSC has supported ten different groups – and in many cases initiated or “pump primed” – two streams of work: 1) “Grassroots” campaigning and training to engage a wide range of people in a constructive dialogue about Brexit and to support remaining in the EU, and 2) a central media unit and organisation to campaign for a “Peoples’ Vote” (more latterly to promote a positive vision of the EU).

1) “Grassroots” campaigning and training

The core group was concerned to reach areas outside London and the south, and to engage key groups such as students and women in campaigns to remain. Hence we have pump-primed Best for Britain to run trainings in the North West on having open conversations with Leave voters. We have supported Our Future Our Choice (OFOC) who are doing excellent work with students and in schools; Women for a People’s Vote (as women will be hardest hit by Brexit); and the work of Another Europe is Possible with Labour leave voters. All of these have been working in different regions throughout the UK and our funding enabled OFOC to set up a Northern Irish operation.

Currently (summer 2019) grassroots organisations (European Movement, Britain for Europe, OFOC etc) continue to hold local events across the country most weekends and on many week days.

It is difficult to measure final impact. But polling shows a swing in national opinion from 52% to 48% in favour of leave in 2016 to 56% to 44% in favour of remain, if we take an average of recent polls. And as the graph shows, there has been a steady growth in the view that it would be wrong to leave the EU with 48% now thinking it would be wrong to leave compared to 40% who think it would be right.



2) Central media unit and organisation to campaign for a “Peoples’ Vote”.

We provided £40,000 to pump prime the core media unit and organisation of the People’s Vote and thereby brought together all the major groups working to remain in the EU. Its effectiveness is manifest. When we funded them to start in early 2018 the idea of a People’s Vote was a fringe dream. By October 2018 over 700,000 people marched in London and the momentum was continued when almost a million people demonstrated again in London in March 2019. A People’s Vote is now a serious option within national and Parliamentary debate. Our latest grant is funding them to collect and disseminate positive stories of the UK in the EU and develop a pro-EU campaign.



3) What next?

One of our major advantages has been the ability to respond quickly when circumstances change. Never has this been more the case than today. The sudden decision forced on the Government to participate in the European elections in May 2019 is an example. For this we funded a rapidly convened cross-Remain/Leave group to run a voter registration campaign for young people.

We are also aware of the threat posed by the rise of the far right and the risk of further division if there is another referendum. So we have funded Compass to do some exploratory work on Citizens' Assemblies as a way of having an open and constructive discussion about Brexit.



FSC gave funding to the following groups:

- Another Europe is Possible
- Best for Britain
- For Our Future's Sake
- Our Future Our Choice
- People's Vote
- Scientists for EU
- Vote for Your Future
- Women for a People's Vote



Pools Grants

Currently there are six Pools:

Arts and Education for Change: The A&E Pool believes that the arts, theatre and education have the power to change lives for the better. We focus on integration and empowerment for deprived or isolated groups and people with specific difficulties, and support projects that deliver benefits to individuals and communities.

Economic Justice: The EJ Pool aims to fund organisations which analyse, explain, and mitigate systemic economic inequality and injustice, in the UK and abroad. These may include practical projects, such as development for co-operatives, and issue-based initiatives, such as tax reform.

Green Planet: Seeks to intervene effectively in critical areas where grants can have leverage and impact. We funded work on climate change, air pollution, biofuel, marine plastics, roads, road speeds, sustainable agriculture, green economics, rainforests, population, mining, tiger trade, species extinction and Brexit.

Health and Wellbeing: We live at a time of global health inequality. Whilst some enjoy excellent care and the benefit of advances in medical science and technology, others are left far behind, with certain services, such as mental health, woefully under-resourced. The H&W pool seeks to redress this balance.

Human Rights: Funds projects aimed at achieving social justice in the UK and abroad. We have recently prioritised projects concerned with migrants and refugees, anti-discrimination (women and girls, racism, LGBT+), improving laws or government policy, and resisting corporate malfeasance.

Peace: We have continued a policy that reflects the wide interests of Networkers in supporting peace projects that range from the local to the international, including supporting projects that are involved in reducing the threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The Pools provide an annual opportunity for individual members to sponsor specific projects for collective funding.

FSC seldom makes grants to individuals. The actual applications usually consist of requests from NGOs – often very small ones – for specific sums up to £20,000 per project to undertake specific projects. Occasionally “star projects” receive a larger sum. In support of their application, the NGO has to give a (relatively brief) account of its objectives, organisational structure and financial circumstances. Thus, in helping to formulate a suitable project and to draft a persuasive funding application, the sponsor has to become familiar with the project organisers and their work.

Each year, in September/October, grant applications which have been submitted are sorted into a number of headings. Each Pool has between six to twelve members who arrange amongst themselves who will assess the projects they have received. Many members are very experienced in assessing projects. Normally two Pool members assess each project. As well as ensuring a shared process, it provides an excellent ‘on the job’ training for newer members without experience of project assessment. It is not uncommon for ‘on-site’ discussion with the organisers of a project to result in their reformulating it, adopting fresh practices, or being introduced to third parties able to assist them.

Once assessment is complete, each Pool discusses (often very vigorously) the relative merits of the projects, and selects a shortlist of fund-worthy ones to present to the whole membership at the February conference. After the presentations, members then decide individually, and inform the administrator confidentially, how much they will donate to each Pool.

Pools grants run on an annual basis, which implies an interval of between six and eight months between the submission of an application and the payment of the grant. Naturally, we would like to speed up this process, but the active participation of the members makes this almost impossible.

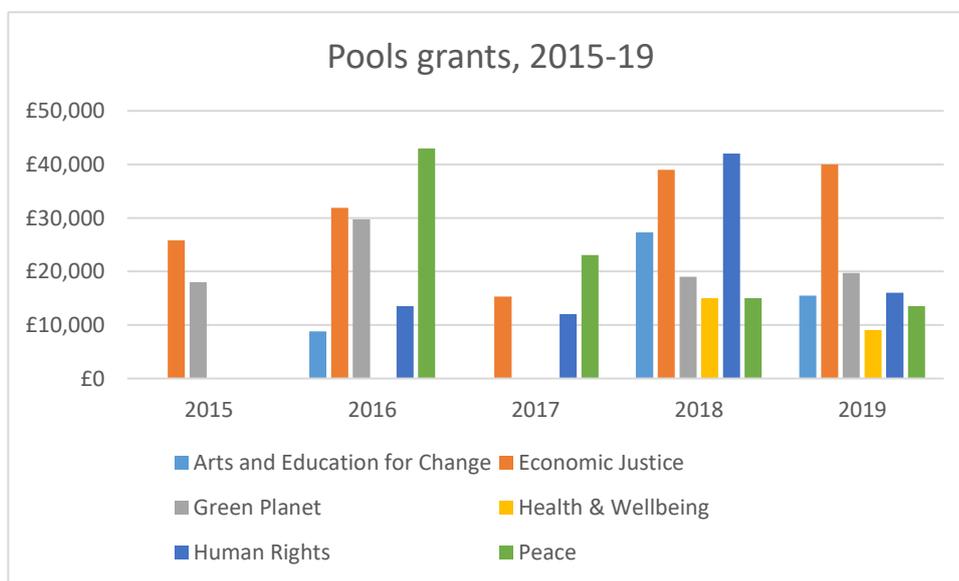
Moreover, the Pools members are not idle between February and September. They meet informally to discuss the general funding situation in their area of operations, and to take steps to ensure that serious gaps are not developing in their particular sector of social change. One way of doing this, for example, is for the Pool as a whole to sponsor a project which might otherwise not

have caught the attention of any individual member.

The following summaries cover non-charitable projects in the period 2016-19. Charitable projects are in the NSCCT Funding Reports. Summaries for 2015 were given in the 2011-15 Funding Reports.

**Funding for Social Change Ltd:
Grants to Pools**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Arts and Education for Change		£8,820		£27,270	£15,502
Economic Justice	£25,822	£31,896	£15,313	£39,000	£40,000
Green Planet	£18,000	£29,722		£19,000	£19,711
Health & Wellbeing				£15,000	£9,034
Human Rights		£13,500	£12,000	£42,000	£16,000
Peace		£43,000	£23,058	£15,000	£13,500
TOTAL	£43,822	£126,938	£50,371	£157,270	£113,747



ARTS AND EDUCATION FOR CHANGE

Flamingo Chicks

Capacity Development

£8,820

2016

Recruitment of Lead Dance teacher and Volunteer Coordinator. 300 dance classes and workshops for mixed disabled/able-bodied children held in 14 cities nationwide. 350 volunteers recruited to help deliver this widening programme, offering free taster sessions for schools and boys-only groups to encourage higher participation.

www.flamingochicks.co.uk



Imayla

Wildly Different - Progression Worker

£15,502

2019

Part-time progression worker to identify and encourage access to social, creative and outdoor activities across Bristol for children in care (or at risk of it), their families and carers, providing fun learning opportunities to help turn the children's lives around.

www.imayla.com

Just Vision

Women Leaders Film: Naila and the Uprising

£15,000

2018

Funding towards an outreach programme in Israel and Palestine using their film 'Naila and the Uprising', which tells the story of grassroots organisation and nonviolent resistance of the women of the First Intifada. Working in universities and the community, and an on-line hub.

<https://www.justvision.org/>

SB Overseas

Bukra Ahla (A Better Tomorrow)

£12,270

2018

Providing education and psychosocial support for women and children in Shatila refugee camp, Beirut, Lebanon. Catch-up classes have improved children's chances of entering public schools at the appropriate grade. Women are offered skills training, language classes and support sessions.

<https://www.facebook.com/SB.overseas.charity/>

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Focus E15

£8,746 2016

Focus E15 works in the London postcode E15 to challenge local authority policies contributing to the housing crisis, and assists those most directly affected. Our grant enabled their move from a Saturday street stall in Stratford to an office space where regular outreach events are organised, and supported its administration. Funding for a project worker and office space.

www.focuse15.org



Independent Workers of Great Britain

£20,000 2019

This grant was for IWGB to hire administrative staff, to increase its capacity for legal work and membership support. The union exists to improve wages and working conditions for low-paid contract workers, such as cleaners, care assistants, and delivery drivers.

www.iwgb.org.uk

Radical Housing Network

Building a Movement for Housing Justice

£9,260 2016

£15,313 2017

Radical Housing Network brings together grassroots activists to share expertise and strategies for groups caught in London's housing crisis. It runs skill-sharing sessions to understand national and local housing issues, and its members advocate collectively on key housing policies. RHN took part in successful campaigns to ban estate agency letting fees and halt deportations of homeless European Union nationals. The 2016 grant supported the initial organising phase, and the 2017 grant was used to employ its first paid administrator.

www.radicalhousingnetwork.org/

Tax Justice UK

£20,000 2018

£20,000 2019

Tax Justice UK aims to counter the narrative of tax as a 'burden', by persuading people that paying tax is a wise investment for a strong economy and a more equal society. TJUK is building networks to improve tax policy and its implementation, and has established a presence for these views in broadcast and print media. It works with all major political parties. Its publication on using smarter taxes on wealth to fund the NHS informed the Labour Party's plans on cutting tax avoidance. Core funding

www.taxjustice.uk

We Own It:

Taking the Campaign Local; Videos for Public Media

£13,890 2016

£19,000 2018

We Own It ran a series of national campaigns in 2016, including pressing local authorities to set up bus companies and helping to stop the privatisation of the Land Registry and Network Rail. In 2018 it made videos on the principles of public ownership and the effects of private ownership on the water industry, bus services, rail franchising, the MoD, fire service, and the NHS. We Own It is now widely recognised for its campaigns against privatisation and for public ownership of services that affect us all.

FSC also funded We Own It in 2013 and 2015.

www.weownit.org.uk/



GREEN PLANET

Biofuelwatch

#AxeDrax Campaign

£14,861 2016

Campaign to force the closure of Drax electricity power station by achieving an end to the public subsidies they receive for their part-conversion to biomass from coal. The EU has perversely deemed that wood pellets (biomass) from US forests are eligible to count as renewables.

www.biofuelwatch.org.uk



Friends of the Earth Europe

Food and farming in the TTIP debate

£14,861 2016

Campaign against proposed TTIP trade deal which in 2016 threatened to lower environmental standards, and at the same time to remove democratic control over trade agreements and to hand power to large corporations. Talks regarding the reconvening of trade negotiations are being monitored.

www.foeeurope.org

Mother Nature Cambodia

Creation of women's groups to fight against destructive mining

£19,000 2018

MNC female activists worked with local communities, publicising first hand reports of cyanide pollution. This pressure succeeded in getting the mine closed. MNC then worked with coastal villages threatened by a resumption of sand mining. The bravery of the local women's groups is impressive.

www.mothenaturecambodia.org

Zero Waste Europe

Packaging-free shops

£19,711 2019

Research into packaging-free shops, publishing best practice and proposing innovations, plus lobbying for EU and national legislation on packaging, and for legislation preventing chemicals leaching from packaging into food.

www.zerowasteurope.eu

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Health Environment Justice Support:

Plastic and Toxic-free Periods

£9,034 2019

To raise awareness of the potential health effects of plastics in single-use feminine hygiene products such as sanitary towels and tampons, HEJ campaign for manufacturers to list all of the ingredients in their sanitary products (not currently a requirement), and promote the use of plastic-free alternatives such as menstrual cups.

<https://hej-support.org>

IMELDA

(Ireland Making England Legal Destination for Abortion)

£15,000 2018

Imelda activists ran a mobile pop-up chat show *Referendum Road: Speaking with IMELDA* in public spaces across Ireland asking 'Should Ireland Continue to Make England the Legal Destination for Abortion?' in the run-up to the Republic of Ireland's referendum (25 May 2018) to repeal the 8th Amendment to the constitution, enabling the government to legislate access to abortion. The public voted by 66.4% to 33.6% to end the ban on abortion, a historic victory for reproductive rights campaigners.

<https://www.speakingofimelda.org/referendum>

HUMAN RIGHTS

Corporate Watch

Border Profiteers

£16,000 2018

Corporate Watch provides critical information on the social/ environmental impacts of corporate activity. They mapped the UK immigration control system and their UK Border Regime book revealing the extent of corporate profiteering from the 'hostile environment' was widely applauded.

FSC is a long-term supporter.

<https://corporatewatch.org/>

Foil Vedanta

£12,000 2017

£16,000 2019

Samerendra Das is a well-known, highly-effective, human rights defender who challenges the deplorable practices of formerly London-based mining company Vedanta Resources in India and Zambia. Samerendra's work is hard to fund, and our grants enable him to continue the struggle. The Zambian government has recently moved to liquidate Vedanta's Zambian subsidiary, accusing the company of cheating on its taxes and lying about its expansion plans. It was Foil Vedanta who first exposed this. Core funding

<http://www.foilvedanta.org>

Jews for Justice for Palestinians

Relaunch of Organisation

£12,000 2018

Founded in 2002 JJP is a volunteer network of Jews who are British or live in Britain, from across the political and religious spectrum. They support Israeli and Palestinian peace and human rights organisations, and protect the right to free speech on Israel. JJP are respected advocates for Palestinian self determination and the end of Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. JJP's principal activities are lobbying in London and Brussels; organising letter-writing campaigns to the Foreign Office; giving public talks; writing letters to the Guardian and the Financial Times; bringing over speakers from Israel and Palestine; and jointly organising demonstrations. Our grant supported website development, enhanced communications and organisational relaunch.

<http://www.jjfp.com>

Joint Enterprise Not Guilty by Association

Overturning of 'Guilty by Association' Law

£13,500 2016

£14,000 2018

With an apparently favourable Supreme Court ruling behind it, volunteer-run Jengba works with lawyers to bring appeals on behalf of over 900 prisoners and young offenders convicted on 'Guilty by Association' charges. The law has been found wanting, and discriminates against BAME communities, but appeals have so far failed. Following a House of Commons event to push for Parliamentary review of test cases, Jengba briefed MPs, prompted a Parliamentary debate, and is now a core participant in the All Party Parliamentary Group on miscarriages of justice. Human Rights Campaign of the Year Award, 2015.

Also Pools-funded in 2013

<http://jointenterprise.co>

PEACE

Art the Arms Fair

Art to highlight and challenge the 2019

DSEI Arms Fair

£13,500 2019

DSEI is the Defence & Security Equipment International Arms Fair. In 2017 Art the Arms Fair raised £200,000 from the sale of a Banksy painting (*below*). In 2019 they are using art to inform the public about the devastating effects of arms sales, and to raise more funds for Campaign Against the Arms Trade and Reprieve.

<https://artthearmsfair.com/>

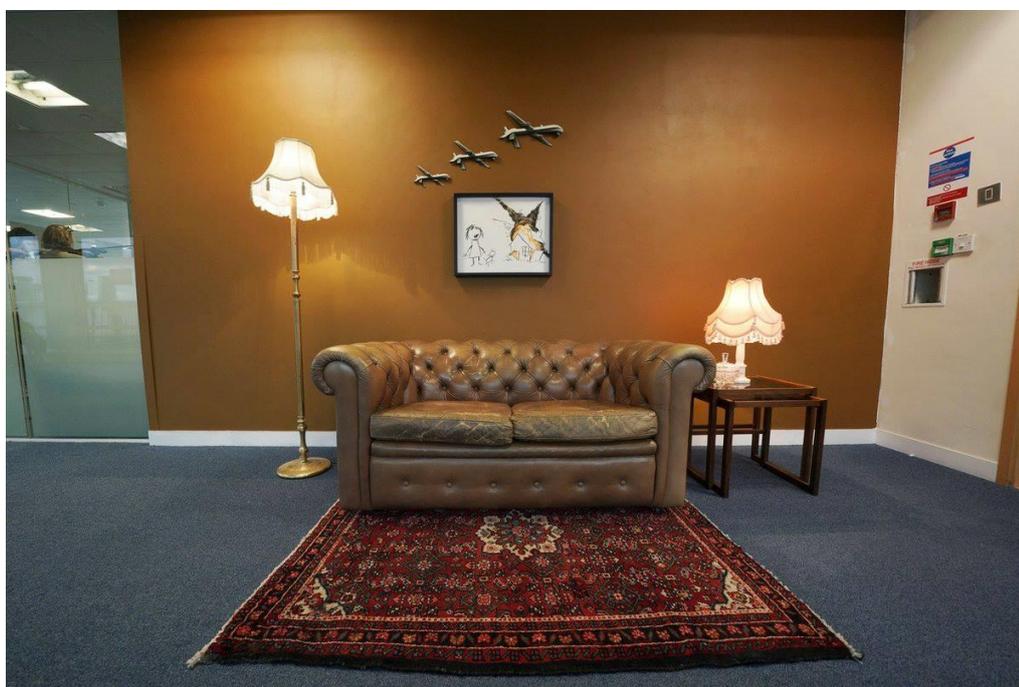
Campaign Against the Arms Trade

Challenging the arms trade's political influence

£13,315 2017

CAAT continues to expose the political influence of arms companies and to build public opposition to the close connection between arms companies and government. CAAT has shone a strong light on the scale of the revolving door. CAAT strongly opposes arms sales to Saudi Arabia. *FSC is a long-term supporter of CAAT.*

www.caat.org.uk



Article 36

Killer Robots UK Campaign

£12,000 2016

Ahead of the UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons in April 2016, Article 36 coordinated UK NGOs and members of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. There is a need for meaningful human control of weapons. Article 36 advocated a new international legal instrument to prohibit lethal autonomous weapons. *Also funded in 2014.*

www.article36.org

Forces Watch

Public outreach activities around militarisation of everyday life

£7,000 2016

Creating a counter narrative against the narratives promoted by the armed forces that they are an unmitigated force for good requiring unquestioning public support, and that 'military values' are appropriate in civilian institutions, particularly those working with young people.

www.forceswatch.net

PAX
(Stichting Vredesbeweging Pax Nederland):
Iraqi Youth Peace Network

£15,000 2018

Pax worked with local Iraqi NGO 'Peace and Freedom Organisation' to train and support local youth to run projects bringing different minorities together and promoting peaceful co existence and minority rights. 18 young people, including women, took part in a summer training camp in July 2018. PAX works together with people in (post) conflict areas and concerned citizens to build just and peaceful societies across the globe.

www.paxforpeace.nl

Syria Campaign

Elevating the profiles of Syrian Heroes

£14,000 2016

Helped raise the media and advocacy profile of the Syrian **White Helmets**. In cities suffering bombardment, where public services no longer function, these humanitarian volunteers risk their lives to help anyone in need – regardless of their religion or politics.

www.thesyriacampaign.org



Wildfire

Agitating for treaty banning nuclear weapons:
guerilla diplomacy

£10,000 2016

Worked to build international support for a treaty banning nuclear weapons, with an unconventional lobbying campaign by Wildfire to persuade other countries to vote against the Netherlands in the 2016 United Nations Security Council (UNSC) election, unless the Netherlands changed its pro-nuclear weapons policy.

www.wildfire-v.org

Women In Black (former Yugoslavia)

Building a Just Peace - Feminist Approach

£9,743 2017

Support for women from all ethnic groups in the former Yugoslavia in a movement against militarism, which is deeply ingrained in their society. They wear black as the colour of mourning. They mourn all the victims of the war in the 1990s, but above all they mourn those that were killed in their name.

www.zeneucnom.org

Fast Track Funding

The Fast Track Funding process allows individual members to invite other members to join them in supporting particular projects in urgent need of more funds. One of the features of FSC, as a body of like-minded donors, is the quick and positive support for such requests. Projects can apply for funding up to £6,000 (now increased to £7,000). This has proved an effective way of raising funds rapidly. The interval between the formulation of an application (“one side of A4”) by the sponsor and the payment of the grant is usually just one or two months. FTF is held at our spring and autumn meetings and by post and/or online once in summer and once in winter.

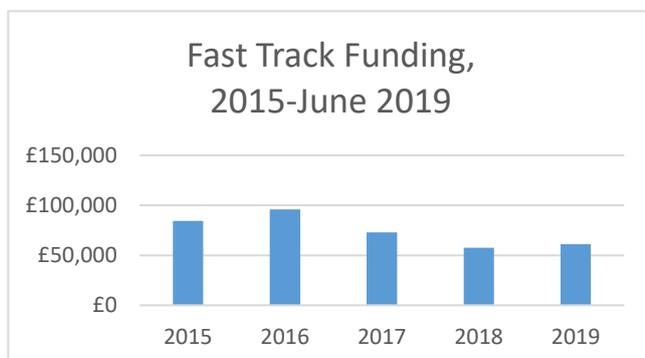
Although the assessment process is more informal, the directors still require certain basic information about the organisation. However, this process also provides interesting opportunities to take on less conventional projects.

Not all members choose to support everything funded. We are a “broad church”. Whilst we very largely agree on our general aims, it should not be assumed that every member identifies with and supports the making of each grant.

In recent years, two issues, anti-Brexit campaigns and support for refugees in the UK and the Mediterranean, have received frequent FSC funding.

The following list covers non-charitable projects in the period January 2015 to June 2019. Charitable projects are listed in the NSCCT Funding Reports.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
£84,292	£95,964	£72,944	£57,587	£61,085



Fast Track Funding

Accion Ecologica	2015	£1,683	InsightShare	2019	£2,123
Adblock Bristol	2018	£2,895	iStreetwatch	2016	£4,802
Afghan Voice CIC	2016	£5,194	JENGBA	2017	£5,723
Airwars.org	2016	£7,350	Laka Foundation	2015	£4,158
Architects for Social Housing	2016	£6,419	London Renters Union	2019	£7,045
As You Sow	2016	£6,321	Make Votes Matter	2016	£6,000
Big Green Machine	2017	£5,626	Make Votes Matter	2018	£6,160
Black Triangle Campaign	2015	£7,029	Make Votes Matter	2019	£5,983
Brockham Oil Watch	2018	£3,474	Manchester Migrant Solidarity	2017	£7,130
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Cheerful Thinking	2018	£4,053	Legal Observers	2015	£4,949
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Coal Action Network	2016	£6,272	No Glory in War	2015	£6,930
Coal Action Network	2018	£6,128	Open Briefing	2015	£7,105
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Compass	2016	£5,586	Plan C	2016	£2,597
Concrete Action	2016	£6,664	Police Spies out of Lives	2017	£6,208
Critical Information Collective	2017	£1,843	Queer Tours of London	2017	£4,850
Defend the Right to Protest	2015	£1,862	Radical Renewable Art and		
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health outcomes	2018	£6,755	Energy Society	2019	£6,755
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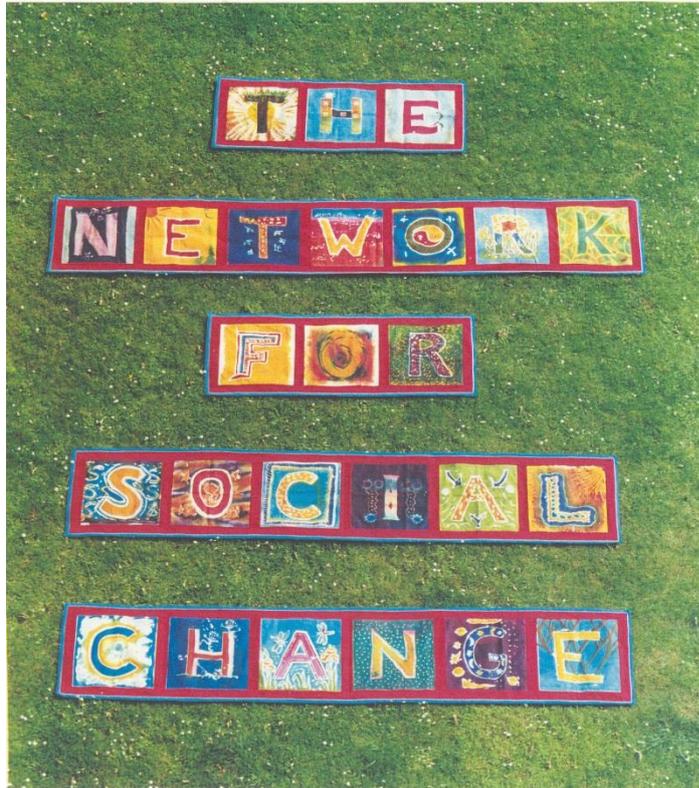
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