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It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Academy of Social Sciences’ Annual Report, reflecting on the successes of the past year and looking ahead to what we hope to achieve into the future.

Following the adept leadership of Professor Sir Cary Cooper CBE FAcSS, who stepped down as Chair in 2015, the Academy has built on his legacy with steady growth and positive change.

In 2016 we completed our strategic review. This offered an opportunity to assess our progress which produced important recommendations.

We have now moved to implement several of these, including enhancing the Academy’s Fellowship through the conferment of more than 40 new Fellows from the social science practitioner community. This will ensure we continue to represent the rich diversity of expertise across all social science disciplines. We have also introduced a new database to help improve communication with our membership.

The Academy’s strengthening policy function, both in the number of consultations it has responded to, as well as its increasing influence in shaping and framing key reviews, speaks to its growing reputation as a respected authority in a number of debates. From the Stern Review, to the Cabinet Office consultation on Better Use of Data in Government, to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee’s inquiries into the Science Budget and into Science Emergencies, the Academy has increasingly made its mark as a significant and versatile player in multiple policy areas.

Two areas where we have been particularly active are around Brexit and the Higher Education and Research Bill. We have provided commentary and issued numerous briefings on both, and have also given evidence before the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee on EU membership and UK science after the EU referendum.

The year ahead will be crucial for the Academy, and indeed for the social sciences as a whole as we confront new and emerging challenges, Brexit paramount among them. Our work will continue to evolve in breadth and in scope as we make the strong case for the immense public benefit contribution of social science in policymaking and in everyday life. We will strengthen partnerships across government to promote the ways social science enhances our ability to understand society and rise to many of its challenges, from big data and new technologies, to political transformations and global health crises.

As the Academy’s ability to serve our members and the wider social science community grows, so too will our standing as the national academy for the social sciences. We will continue to play a major role in fostering innovation and debate so as to strengthen existing links and develop new ones across disciplinary boundaries.

I must express my deep gratitude to all those who have helped advance the Academy’s mission. Your gracious and generous service has been our greatest strength, and we are confident that your continued support will drive our progress as the voice of the social sciences for the public benefit.

Professor Roger Goodman FAcSS Chair of Council
We are the national academy of academics, learned societies and practitioners in the social sciences

The Academy of Social Sciences’ mission is to be the voice of social science in the UK for the public benefit.

As the national academy of academics, learned societies and practitioners in the social sciences, the Academy comprises around 1,200 individual Fellows, 42 learned societies and their members, and a number of affiliates. Together these represent nearly 90,000 social scientists, most of them from the UK.

Fellows are distinguished scholars and practitioners from academia and the public and private sectors. The award of Fellow is typically given after the person nominated is in at least mid-career; with significant achievements to their name, and they must have contributed to social science more broadly than the normal demands of their job. This contribution can be in the areas of leadership, practical application or policy development. Fellows are entitled to use the post nominal letters ‘FAcSS’.

“Many of the challenges facing us, from climate change to health, involve science and social science.”

Most of the learned societies in UK social science are represented within the Academy. These include the main representative bodies for sociologists, psychologists, geographers, criminologists, anthropologists, linguists, political scientists, town planners, social researchers, statisticians and others.

The Academy promotes and publishes research, organises events and contributes to public debates on issues affecting the social sciences.

In 2011, the Academy set up its Campaign for Social Science to increase awareness of the contribution of social science to understanding society and the use of evidence for public policymaking. Generally, the Academy comments on matters affecting the social science profession, whereas the Campaign comments on public interest and public policy matters.

This annual report summarises some of the work we have done to highlight important challenges to science and society: from navigating Brexit and legislation to reform higher education, to improving health policy, addressing ethical principles in research, and understanding the effects of big data. It gives details of our activities, including public lectures and events which bring social scientific insight to the public.
Following a period of strong growth and development, the Academy initiated a major review of strategy in 2015. This review operated through a series of working groups focused on three areas: membership; building our public profile; and operational development.

One key outcome of the review is to further enhance the Academy’s Fellowship and its representation of the social science community. Council adopted a target of recruiting an additional 100 Fellows from the social science practice community in 2016-17, to be achieved through a search process overseen by a working group of existing Fellows who are themselves from the practitioner community. The Academy took a major step towards meeting this objective in its most recent Fellowship conferment in 2016, adding more than 40 new practitioner Fellows.

Another outcome is our investment in a CRM (Customer Relationship Management) database. The purpose is both to bring together all member engagements with the Academy, while also providing a searchable database of member disciplines and areas of interest, to enable responses to outside enquiries from journalists or government looking for expertise in certain areas.

Growth in membership has enabled the Academy to raise its capability in many areas needed to support and foster that growth and pursue its underlying objectives. As a result, in October 2015 we moved our HQ a short distance to a larger office in the University of Liverpool’s London building at 33 Finsbury Square, EC2. Our presence there enhances the Academy’s position corporately, but also brings very practical benefits as we are able to use other rooms in the building for meetings and events which helps consolidate our identity in one physical place.

We celebrated the move with a well-attended housewarming reception and lecture, given by new Fellow, Professor Jenny Phillimore FAcSS of the University of Birmingham, on migration.
We have been glad to have had the benefit of the services of the well-known journalist and commentator, **David Walker FACSS**, as Head of Policy. In April, he was succeeded by **Sharon Witherspoon MBE FACSS**, formerly of the Nuffield Foundation. **Dr Ashley Thomas Lenihan** also joined the team as Senior Policy Adviser: Under their stewardship, the scope and reach of our policy work has expanded, from responding to consultations, to preparing briefings on pressing issues and giving evidence to various parliamentary select committees.

We have responded to various consultations by public bodies, including select committees, government departments and research councils. Topics ranged from the Higher Education Green Paper on teaching excellence, to the Stern Review of the Research Excellence Framework and better use of data in government. Ms Witherspoon and Dr Lenihan drew on the expertise of the Fellowship and member societies to draft the Academy’s submissions. They were supported by the Policy Working Group and its chair, **Chris Caswill FACSS**.

Responding to the Commons Science and Technology Committee’s Science Communication Inquiry, we said: “The usefulness of the evidence from social science [needs] to be kept in mind when considering science communication aimed at the wider public.”

“Social science evidence emphasises the importance of not treating the ‘public’ as monolithic, recognising its diversity and demography in order to develop more accurate knowledge about public concern, levels of awareness and interest, and the ways of learning, engagement, and needs of different groups.”

The Academy has also been active in responding to the impact on social science and research communities as a result of the decision to leave the European Union. A timely briefing note entitled **The EU Referendum – Leave: What next for UK social science?** looked at the implications of the vote on research funding, international collaboration, freedom of movement and capacity building, and set out what steps the government would need to take to protect UK research excellence in the post-referendum negotiations.

The note highlighted that “the UK social science community has benefitted from EU research funding and has outperformed social science in other EU member states and in comparison to other disciplines in the UK.” In order to protect UK research excellence in the post-referendum negotiations, the note outlined a series of steps for the Government. This includes “consider[ing] the nature and structure of access to European research funding, which will...”
be affected by decisions on whether or not we become an EFTA EEA country, and how we approach freedom of movement.”

We show the importance of social science to government and policymakers

This was followed by another briefing published on 23 September – three months after the referendum – entitled Making the best of Brexit: Supporting UK Science, Higher Education and Research for the Future. Here, we made additional recommendations, calling on the government to “ensure participation in the negotiations of a representative of the UK higher education and science community”, as well as suggesting the development of “appropriate visa policies for UK universities and research should that be necessary.”

In July, Sharon Witherspoon gave evidence before the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee on EU membership and UK science after the EU referendum. During the session, she said:

“Many of the challenges facing us, from climate change to health, involve science and social science. This takes place not just against the referendum decision, but also the real uncertainty about what that will mean for resources in the face of a long experience of under-investment by the UK in science.”

On the Higher Education and Research Bill, we said: “The Academy of Social Sciences and its Campaign for Social Science welcome the opportunities for strategic co-ordination of cross-disciplinary ‘challenge focussed’ research represented by the formation of UK Research and Innovation, in Part 3 of the HER Bill.” However, we pointed to “further amendments that would improve the role of scientific research input to ensure UKRI can deliver its full potential.” This includes “an explicit positive duty for the Secretary of State to consult with the scientific and research community on any proposal for Research Council reform.”
In January, we hosted an expert conference, ‘Impact and Implications: The Future of Research Excellence and the Social Sciences’, reflecting on REF2014 and its significance for the future of social science and UK research more broadly.

Professor Dame Janet Finch DBE DL FAcSS reminded the audience that “Impact is not going to go away. But social sciences don’t have anything to fear from a continued or perhaps a greater emphasis on impact”, she said. “What we see is really a very positive picture for social science.”

In October we brought together academics, researchers and practitioners to discuss ‘Interdisciplinarity: challenges and opportunities for the social sciences’. David Sweeney of HEFCE spoke of the need to be “more specific about articulating the different ways of conducting interdisciplinary research.”

Throughout the year, we held events showcasing the depth and importance of the social sciences

He said value should be “clearly defined wherever possible” and in a way that “respects the different positions taken on excellence in different disciplines.”

SUMMER PROGRAMME

In June and July, the Academy and Campaign held their first-ever Summer Programme series. The programme was inaugurated with a lecture by Professor John Curtice FAcSS. Speaking just nine days before the EU referendum, Professor Curtice said the demographics of the referendum exposed an ideological divide that cut across deeper social, political, cultural, and economic cleavages, revealing a “nation at unease with itself.”

“You might think this is a referendum about the UK’s membership of a relatively obscure international intergovernmental organisation. It’s not”, Professor Curtice said. “This is a debate about the kind of society the UK is, the kind of society we think it should be, and in particular the way that society has been shaped by the processes of globalisation.”

Predicting many of the defining issues in the months following the referendum, Professor Curtice noted its divisive social and political tenor, but said “it’s answering and addressing some very big questions about the nature of our society.”

This was followed by a panel discussion on June 30 looking at the implications for UK social science a week after the Brexit vote.

“In the social sciences we have strength in breadth as well as in depth.”

- Professor Dame Janet Finch
Professor Graeme Reid, Professor of Science and Research Policy at UCL, said rather than “banging on” about their importance, the immediate priority for the social sciences is to “get to the negotiating table in the first place.”

Professor Antje Wiener FAcSS, Chair of Political Science at the University of Hamburg, said British excellence and leadership in research networks stood to be lost. She also commented on the deeper social and cultural revelations of the campaign, noting a “disinterest” on the part of the general public with facts, while there were ethical questions about the influence of polls on undecided voters.

Professor Linda Woodhead MBE FAcSS, Professor of Sociology of Religion at Lancaster University, rounded out the Summer Programme with her lunchtime talk ‘Explaining the Rise of “No Religion”’. “The growth of no religion isn’t sudden; there has been a steady and gradual rise over a fairly long period”, she said. “I suspect it’s been taking place for at least a century or more. The question is whether it’s speeding up now.”

**PRESIDENT’S LUNCH**

The annual President’s Lunch has become a pre-Christmas tradition and the highlight of the Academy’s social calendar. The 2015 event saw Fellows, learned societies and their guests enjoy a festive lunch held at the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. Professor Mark Drakeford AM addressed the gathering, praising the role of social scientists in helping government make “evidence-informed policy”, and the Academy’s President, Professor Sir Ivor Crewe FAcSS, presented certificates to new fellows.

In December 2016, the Academy visited the splendid surroundings of Ironmongers’ Hall near the Barbican in London. Sir John Kingman, non-Executive Chair of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), said “I need no persuasion about the importance of social science.” He added that UKRI would not be “monolithic” and stressed the importance of the new organisation understanding the limits of its remit.
The Academy’s journal, *Contemporary Social Science* continued to dedicate itself to themed issues, bringing an interdisciplinary approach to a wide range of topics, including *Social Death, International and Interdisciplinary Insights into Evidence and Policy*; and *Social Science Perspectives on the Self*. Where possible, articles are published on a free-to-read basis; the journal is published in hybrid open access format and articles funded by Article Processing Charges (APC) are warmly welcomed.

The publishers also provide temporary free access to selected articles or entire issues from time to time. Many issues have also been made more widely available in book form as a new Academy series called *Issues in Contemporary Social Science*, each with a specially written introduction. Volumes include *Social Science Perspectives on Climate Change; Protest, Movements, and Dissent in the Social Sciences*; and *Biologising the Social Sciences*. Accessible introductory podcasts by the journal editor, Professor David Canter FAcSS, are free to download from the journal’s webpage and are publicised through other channels too to help make the messages more widely available.

**Our work has highlighted the impact of social science research and insight on a variety of issues**

**MAKING THE CASE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**

2016 saw continued success for the Academy and Campaign’s flagship series when the 11th issue in the *Making the Case for the Social Sciences* series, on the topic of dementia, was launched at the House of Commons to a packed Committee Room.

The Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, former Minister of State for Community and Social Care, delivered the keynote address, calling for a stronger evidence base for public spending and its evaluation.

“I applaud the initiative the Academy has taken; there is insufficient recognition of the critical importance of social science” in tackling dementia, he said.

“We need to discover how to cure it, how to delay its onset and, critically, how to care for people with dementia better and how to improve their lives, and social science research has improved this.”

The Baroness Sally Greengross OBE and Dr Lisa Cameron MP also spoke about the importance of using social science in tackling such major challenges.

“Social science research is a huge piece of the puzzle.”

- Dr Lisa Cameron MP

At the launch of the 12th issue on education in December, Shadow Minister for Schools Mike Kane MP called for a “world class, academically rigorous and highly trained teaching profession to transform education.”

“We know that social science facts can be predicted, tested and proven”, he said, but ultimately rely on the interpretation of politicians. That’s why “good data on education” — especially in a “post-truth age” — is needed to help inform sound policy decisions, while academic rigour is required into how students learn in the classroom.

**PRESS AND MEDIA**

We issued news releases and generated media coverage around our major events and activities, and important social science research.

“Part of what drives social science is realising that lots of the common sense things we take for granted aren’t quite as true as we’d all like to think.”

- Sharon Witherspoon
We have been cited regularly in the press and in social science blogs, including Research Fortnight, Times Higher Education, the Guardian, The Telegraph, and others.

Sharon Witherspoon MBE FAcSS was interviewed in December on the BBC World Service on evidence in policymaking.

Ms Witherspoon discussed the importance of the social sciences in shedding light on complex issues. She also traced the historical evolution of evidence-based policymaking in government, some of its challenges, and how to improve it.

“Part of what drives social science is realising that lots of the common sense things we take for granted aren’t quite as true as we’d all like to think”, she said.

“What is underappreciated is that information alone is rarely the answer to get people to behave according to the evidence. Behaviour is complicated.”

With the Campaign for Social Science, we continued to publish our video series of interviews with public figures talking about our work, as well as the importance of social science and its vital role in policymaking.

Our social media channels have continued to grow steadily throughout the year, putting out tweets on most working days on relevant social science, higher education and research news, as well as showing social science’s impact in the public sphere.

We also continue to advertise external events and announcements from members on our website.
We continued our successful public debate series ‘Enduring Ideas’, hosted by the British Library. **Professor Dominic Abrams FAcSS** spoke on ‘The Problem of Prejudice’, and **Dr Beth Breeze** delivered the final talk in the series on ‘The Problem of Philanthropy’. Podcasts are available on the British Library website. We are grateful to **Ceridwen Roberts OBE FAcSS** and **Jude England FAcSS** for their support in running the series.

**The Academy raises the profile of social science, demonstrating its value for public benefit**

We piloted a new topic-based Fellows’ Study Group, bringing together academics, students and local practitioners to discuss social scientific approaches to key issues. The first group, on refugee issues, comprises **Professor Corinne Squire FAcSS** (University of East London) **Professor Nira Yuval Davis FAcSS** (University of East London) **Professor Avtar Brah FAcSS** (Birkbeck, University of London) and **Professor Heaven Crawley FAcSS** (Coventry University).

**ETHICS PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES**

The Academy’s Ethics project, run by a group of Fellows led by **Dr Janet Lewis FAcSS**, continued to lead the way in discussions about ethics for social science research. Council formally adopted the Five Ethical Principles for Social Science research, which the project had developed, and recommended them to Learned Societies as a basis on which to build their own ethical policies. The Principles highlight social science’s need to respect individual privacy, values and autonomy and for research to be conducted with integrity, with an ultimate aim of maximising benefit and minimising harm.

In March, the Academy held a sell-out conference in partnership with New Social Media, New Social Science? grappling with a range of ethical issues and questions social scientists have encountered in conducting research across social media channels. **Professor Susan Halford** looked at how social media’s “disruptions” inevitably bring into question well established assumptions of traditional ethics regimes, such as who is generating and controlling data. “I don’t think most people think that when they’re tweeting they are producing data”, she said. “However much the intention is to be seen, it’s not about producing data for academic researchers.”

Other presenters addressed the evolving nature of relationships between researchers and participants. One noted how communicating with participants through mobile applications like WhatsApp broke down the traditional divide, while other forms of engagement reinforced power imbalances. Another explained how she had to learn to be professional on Twitter and not to see it as an extension of private life, advising others not to “drink and tweet.”
ANNUAL LECTURE

Professor Roger Goodman FAcSS, chair of the Academy, delivered the Academy Annual Lecture 2016 ‘The State of Japanese Social Science; Japanese Social Science and the State’.

Professor Goodman emphasized that social scientists understand how assumptions about what it means to be a person in different contexts impact policy work. The lesson to be learnt for the UK from the relationship between social science and the Japanese state is to “look at how assumptions are constructed through our education system.”

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Improving the Academy’s presence outside London has been a key objective. The Oxford (run by Professors Jonathan Michie FAcSS and Michael Harloe FAcSS) and Manchester (run by Professors Fiona Devine FAcSS and Professor Dame Janet Finch DBE DL FAcSS) Regional Fellows Chapters have continued to meet. The new ‘Yorkshire Rose’ one held its second meeting at the University of Sheffield, convened by Professor Andrew Webster FAcSS.

A Great Western Chapter was brought together (by Professor Jane Millar OBE FAcSS, Professor Patricia Broadfoot CBE FAcSS, and Professor Cara Aitchison FAcSS) during the course of the year.

PUBLIC HONOURS

The Academy makes recommendations for public recognition of outstanding social scientists through its Public Honours Committee and with the ESRC. It is never acknowledged where successful recommendations originated, however we are delighted to see numerous Fellows recognised for outstanding service in their various fields.

Fran Bennett OBE FAcSS, Senior Research and Teaching Fellow, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford. For services to Social Science.

Professor Paul Boyle CBE FAcSS, lately Chief Executive, Economic and Social Research Council and President and Vice Chancellor, University of Leicester. For services to Social Science.

Professor Ivan Eisler OBE FAcSS, Professor of Family Psychology and Family Therapy, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. For services to Family Therapy.

Professor Paul Ellis White DL OBE FAcSS, Lately Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Sheffield. For services to Higher Education.

Professor Nigel Gilbert CBE FAcSS, Professor of Sociology and Director, Centre for Research in Social Simulation, University of Surrey. For services to Engineering and the Social Sciences.

Professor Clifford Hague OBE FAcSS, Emeritus Professor, School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society. For services to Planning.

Professor Charlie Jeffery CBE FAcSS, Professor of Politics, University of Edinburgh and lately Director, Future of the UK and Scotland programme, ESRC. For services to the Social Sciences.

Professor Linda McDowell CBE FAcSS, Professor of Human Geography, University of Oxford. For services to Geography and Higher Education.

Professor Edward Melhuish OBE FAcSS, Research Professor, University of Oxford and Birkbeck, University of London. For services to Social Science.

Professor Dame Henrietta Moore DBE FAcSS, Director, Institute for Global Prosperity and Chair, Culture, Philosophy and Design, University College London. For services to Social Sciences.

Professor Maggie Snowling CBE FAcSS, Professor of Psychology and President, St John’s College, Oxford. For services to Science and the understanding of Dyslexia.

Professor Dame Til Wykes DBE FAcSS, Vice-Dean of Psychology and Systems Sciences and Professor of Clinical Psychology and Rehabilitation, King’s College London. For services to Clinical Psychology.
The Academy’s Campaign celebrates and promotes the benefits of social science to government and the public

The Campaign’s role is to demonstrate the importance and impact of social science to wider audiences.

Founded in 2011, the Campaign has been steadily building its capacity and counts more than 80 universities, learned societies and publishers supporting its work, as well as many individuals.

Over the last year, the Campaign has actively championed the social sciences and their contribution to both the policy process and the public. Looking ahead, it has major new projects on the horizon demonstrating the invaluable role of the social sciences in addressing some of the most pressing issues.

The Campaign has continued to build its public profile in the press. Its work has been cited in numerous sector and national publications, including Research Fortnight, Times Higher Education, The Conversation, The Guardian, The Financial Times and others on issues such as Brexit, the Higher Education and Research Bill, the anti-lobbying clause, big data and social science skills.

It has also boosted its presence across the web and social media, earning strong growth on both its Facebook and Twitter accounts. It has increased the number of stories it publishes in its News Focus blog, inviting contributions from social scientists on current events. These included pieces on driverless cars, the Rio Olympics, and the rise of the ‘gig economy’.

The ‘Social Science in the News’ section of the Campaign’s website continues to highlight social science research and commentary that has been featured prominently in the news, in the UK and around the world.

ANNUAL LECTURES

In December 2015, Sharon Witherspoon MBE FAcSS delivered the third Campaign Annual SAGE Publishing Lecture, hosted in partnership with sponsors SAGE Publishing, on the ways social science can give rise to public benefit.

“By any measure, UK social science is strong” and plays a vital role “in helping us understand our world, and dare I say, [in helping] use that understanding to make it better”, she said.
In her 2016 lecture ‘Enough of Experts? Data, Democracy and the Future of Expertise’, Professor Beth Noveck examined the ways technology can tap into the “collective intelligence of our communities” to make government more open.

“For too long we have had institutions designed around the conviction that citizens must be spectators in the democratic process,” Noveck said. “This dichotomy between equality and expertise, between democracy and professionalism, is false”, she contended. Rather, “expertise is widely distributed in society.” The challenge is now to link this distributed expertise to governing and match demand for knowhow to its supply, she said.

“When we make expertise of all kinds systematically findable, participation has the potential to become robust and commonplace, citizenship has the potential to become more active and meaningful, and institutions have the potential to become both more effective and more legitimate.”

**HEALTH OF PEOPLE**

In February 2015 we published a report, *The Business of People: The Significance of Social Science over the Next Decade* showing how social science can help deal with the major challenges facing our society.

Following its success, we started work on its successor publication, *The Health of People*, setting out the crucial role of the social sciences in improving population health and the quality of our health services.

Professor Susan Michie FAcSS, Director of the Centre for Behaviour Change at University College London, chaired the 18 member working group of leading social scientists from across the UK who drafted the report.

Throughout the year the project continued steady progress, with meetings of the working group and roundtable discussions with key figures from across policy, academia and practice. The report was launched in early 2017.
Who we are

The Academy is overseen by prominent social scientists

The Academy’s governing body is its council of 21 members. The Council has an Executive Committee to deal with day-to-day matters and various other committees and groups to advise it.

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ACADEMY COMPRISES:

President: Professor Sir Ivor Crewe FAcSS
Sir Ivor is the Master of University College, Oxford. He was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Essex from 1995-2007, and founding Director of its Institute for Social and Economic Research. He has published and broadcast extensively on British politics, particularly on elections and political parties.

Chair of Council: Professor Roger Goodman FAcSS
Roger Goodman is Nissan Professor of Modern Japanese Studies and Head of the Social Sciences Division at the University of Oxford. He has specialised in social and educational policy and the place of young people in modern Japan.

Honorary Secretary: Emeritus Professor Jane Broadbent FAcSS
Jane Broadbent FAcSS is Emeritus Professor of Accounting at Royal Holloway, University of London. She was previously Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost at Roehampton University.

Honorary Treasurer: Professor Mike Danson FAcSS
Mike Danson FAcSS is Professor of Enterprise Policy at Heriot-Watt University.

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Barbara Doig FAcSS

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Madeleine Barrows — Assistant Director (Secretariat)
Jess D’Arcy — Campaign Supporter Relations Officer

Alessandro Lanuto — Communications Manager
Daniela Puska — Campaign Project Manager
Jordene Sewell — Membership Officer
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Dr Ashley Thomas Lenihan — Senior Policy Adviser
Sharon Witherspoon MBE FAcSS — Head of Policy

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Youtube:
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A small surplus of £2175 was achieved in 2016, about half the level of £3969 achieved the previous year. These small sums show just how tight the Academy’s finances are and how closely budgets need to be set and managed.

The pattern for the Academy’s finances over the recent past has been one of incremental growth year on year: Income from subscriptions increased by 2.75% to just shy of £200,000, trading activities, principally events, jumped by 40% to £38,520, while income from investments doubled to £1,650; this last item is a new category, following the decision to place surplus funds – although largely relating to the Campaign and therefore restricted – with an investment manager.

Against this backdrop of income growth, expenditure was also able to grow and broadly half (£9261) was in respect of providing an increased number of events, whilst half was due to increases in secretariat support as the policy team worked hard to respond to an extraordinary number and variety of policy issues during the year – BREXIT, HE&R Bill, REF 2021, Stern Review and most recently Industrial Strategy, to name but a few.

During the course of the year, with many earlier five year donation commitments reaching their end, the Campaign launched an Emergency Appeal to support the need for additional policy work. A specific Campaign Supporter Scheme has been launched in response to donor requests for reciprocal benefits, in broad terms. Three categories of support have been introduced – Gold, Silver and Bronze – to include the setting up of a Strategic Leadership Forum for the Social Sciences for Silver and Gold supporters. At the time of writing, the Scheme has met with a pleasing response from both HEIs and learned societies, with support being granted within all three categories.

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All the activities reported above represent continuing operations. Restricted funds are mostly those donated to and held by the Campaign for Social Science.
Learned societies

The Academy has 42 member learned societies

MEMBER SOCIETIES

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British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL)
British Academy of Management (BAM)
British Association for International and Comparative Education (BAICE)
British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES)
British Educational Research Association (BERA)
British International Studies Association (BISA)
The British Psychological Society (BPS)
The British Sociological Association (BSA)
British Society of Criminology (BSC)
British Society of Gerontology (BSG)
British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)
Council for Hospitality Management Education (CHME)
Development Studies Association (DSA)
European Academy of Occupational Health Psychology (EAOHP)
Economic History Society (EHS)
Government Economic and Social Research Profession (GESR)
Housing Studies Association (HSA)
The Joint University Council of the Applied Social Sciences (JUC)
Leisure Studies Association (LSA)
Media, Communications and Cultural Studies Association (MeCCSA)
Political Studies Association (PSA)
Royal Geographical Society (RGS with IBG)
Regional Studies Association (RSA)
Regional Science Association International, British and Irish Section (RSAI)
The Royal Statistical Society (RSS)
The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
The Society for the Advancement of Management Studies (SAMs)
Scottish Economic Society (SES)
Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA)
Society for Studies in Organizing Healthcare (SHOC)
The Society of Legal Scholars (SLS)
UK Social Policy Association (SPA)
Social Research Association (SRA)
The Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE)
United Kingdom Evaluation Society (UKES)