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Radical Statistics Group - Who we are

The RSG was formed in 1975 by researchers and statisticians with a common concern about the political implications of their work and an awareness of the actual and potential misuse of statistics. The RSG is independent of any other organisation. Members are 'radical' in being committed to helping build a more free, democratic and egalitarian society. Our particular concerns are:

- * The mystifying use of technical language to disguise social problems as technical ones
- * The lack of control by the community over the aims of statistical investigations, the way these are conducted and the use of the information produced
- * The power structures within which statistical and research workers are employed and which control the work and how it is used
- * The fragmentation of social problems into specialist fields, obscuring connectedness

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How we are organised

The 'Troika', which handles the small amount of administrative work of RSG, is elected at each AGM. The editorship of *Radical Statistics* rotates. Much of the work of the RSG is done in sub-groups, whose membership is open to all; if you wish to be involved, contact the relevant co-ordinator. An e-mail list can be found at: <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/radstats.html>

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Deadline for Issues:

In 2006 it is planned to have a miscellaneous issue in the Spring, for which the deadline for contributions would be February 10th 2006. There will be a special issue from the 2006 Radical Statistics annual conference on Statistics used in Campaigning and another on Housing for which the guest editor is Dave Byrne. The troika would welcome offers to act as Joint Editor with Ivan Rappaport. Articles for future issues should temporarily be submitted to the Troika, troika@radsatst.org.uk .

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