

Summary report of the Radical Statistics AGM Edinburgh: March 1st, 2008

The 2008 conference was held at a congenial venue and was very well attended. Its success can be seen from the full programme reported in these pages.

Detailed minutes and reports of the AGM can be found at www.radstats.org.uk with pictures showing what a great occasion it was. Hard copy of the minutes and treasurer's report can be requested from admin@radstats.org.uk.

A summary is included here to save space. The AGM, attended by 22 people, included the usual business - the AGM 2007 minutes and reports on: membership, finances, essay competition, newsletter and website.

Two outgoing members of the troika, Shaelen Nandy and Geoffrey Rendle were thanked for their work. However, Geoffrey

kindly offered to stay on an extra year to join Lee Williamson. Fortunately, Colin Clark – who had left early, later agreed to be the third member of the troika.

Discussion on funding led to a decision to maintain the full subscription level at £15 and keep a single category for concessionary subscriptions set at £7 - intended to allow unwaged people to become members. Donations will be encouraged.

Another motion was passed *nemcon* in support of the troika's earlier decision to remove two contributors from the RadStats email list.

The 2009 Conference and AGM will be hosted by the Oxford Institute of Ageing. Contact troika@radstats.org.uk with offers of help.

Future newsletter: Social Exclusion Counted

Statistics on social exclusion change along with the changing discourses of our times. The driving agents in this process of change include government, lobbyists, and statistical experts. Where is the voice of radical statistics in this process of managed change? What is the Office for National Statistics now doing in this broad area? What is EuroStat's stance on social exclusion data?

We have papers offered (so far) on social exclusion of the homeless who become victims of crime; on social exclusion by gender and how the effects are measured in UK data sets; and on two other topics.

We would welcome further papers!
Perhaps on poverty or deprivation

indicators; and on the use of the social exclusion framework in the UK, EU or other data-gathering agencies please.

The deadline for this issue is the end of November 2008 with a projected publication date early in 2009.

Those who think their work might fit in can send a short abstract to:
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PS Student essays can be considered. Send the whole proposed essay for consideration and we'll send some comments back to you.