

Radical Statistics 2024 AGM
24 February
St Lukes Community Centre, London

Minutes

1. Apologies – Sean Demack, Bob Jefferies, Claire Griffiths, Irina Motoc
2. Minutes of 2023 AGM – accepted (all AGM minutes are available online)
3. Journal editor’s report - Sean wants to step down, leaving Bob Jefferies, and Irina Motoc as book review editor. Steph D, David B volunteer to help.
Speakers who were turned down because they could not attend should expect to hear from Conf24 organisers to share their presentations, and/or submit them as articles.
DOIs brought up again. Peer review could be reconsidered, again. Both would require volunteers to put in the labour.
4. Troika report – taken as read. Claire Griffiths, David Lamb, Andrei Morgan, and Alistair Cairns are accepted by vote to continue for the next year. Fabricio Mendes is nominated to join, and voted on. This means a solid 5 person Troika, with Alistair as not-voting.
The Troika is thanked.
5. Treasurer’s report – taken as read £16k in bank. Finances are stable.
6. Membership report – taken as read. Membership is stable.
7. Website/social media report – taken as read. Should X/Twitter be dropped? Blue sky, meta. Mastodon. Vote to stay with current SM, and to look into adding more.
8. JISCmail report – taken as read. Less serious issues this year. The list is stable and useful.
Plea to moderate quantity to respect peoples’ time, especially very frequent contributors.
9. 2024 conference organiser’s report – A positive experience overall. Everyone, but particularly John Bibby is thanked (including Diana K, David L, Fabricio M, Alison M).
10. 2025 conference plan - Proposal to hold in Manchester. Nazneen Ismail, who led a series of presentations today, will host and lead next year’s (50th anniversary!) Conference in Manchester. Further details will of course follow.
[Dr Nazneen Ismail | Lecturer |Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Lead |Manchester Met Q-Step Centre | Department of Sociology |Manchester Metropolitan University]
Martin Rathfelder should be contacted; he is interested in looking at radical government in future. This would presumably focus on radical approach to statistics.. Surplus submissions to posters, vs breakouts. Posters could link to further details (QR code etc). Denise Liversley should be contacted.
Annual Conferences are usually late February. A Friday could be considered, to be left to the organising committee.
11. Policy for archiving RadStats documents - Wellcome Trust has archived many of the health oriented working groups, now defunct. Upon Roy C-H dying, RS has quite a lot more material. Current material is incorrectly listed under Alison Macfarlane’s personal name, rather than RS. Wellcome receives the journal.
Alison suggests establishing a working group.
12. Any other business - BSSRS, SGR ... could people from those organisations be contacted and invited to next year’s conference?

Radical Statistics – Treasurer’s report for the year to 31st December 2023

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During 2024 the RadStats account experienced a deficit of £524. This was the result of paying for two conferences within the same calendar year. The deficit is manageable since subscriptions to RadStats and conference fees produce substantial income.

Income

The income in 2023 from subscriptions was more than £400 more than that in 2022.

Expenditure

RadStats’ largest item of expenditure is the journal. The cost of the RadStats journal in 2023 was much less than in 2021 and 2022.

Most of the expenditure in the Administrative expenses line is postage for mailing the newsletter.

David Lamb

Treasurer

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the year ending 31 December 2022

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
GENERAL INCOME						
subscriptions	£4,206.00	£3,762.00	£4,132.00	£4,411.00	£3,516.00	£3,627.00
Conference Income	£1,970.79	£1,240.93	£1,808.99	£1,523.24	£2,095.00	£1,730.00
takings:costs						
Publications/sales						£13.35
library subs	£50.00	£85.00	£150.00	£155.00	£175.00	£50.00
Publishers Licence	£161.06	£76.76	£635.63			
paypal			£0.01			
credit in error						
refund of debits in error						
subtotal	£6,387.85	£5,164.69	£6,726.63	£6,089.24	£5,786.00	£5,420.35
interest current account				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Interest deposit account (56)	£16.24	£4.74	1.13	£12.63	£6.33	£1.12
Interest Deposit account (53)	£22.18	£6.47	£1.54	£17.25	£20.85	£1.53
TOTAL INTEREST RECEIVED	£38.42	£11.21	£1.54	£29.88	£27.18	£2.65
TOTAL INCOME	£6,426.27	£5,175.90	£6,728.17	£6,119.12	£5,813.18	£5,423.00
EXPENDITURE						
Conference costs	£2,223.36			£1,143.00	£1,889.52	£1,363.00
Radstats Journal	£2,028.77	£2,479.50	£3,474.50	£3,156.00	£2,069.90	£2,998.10
Administrative fee	£1,250.58	£805.07	£473.70	£713.93	£1,063.30	£1,367.10
Administrative expenses	£1,447.90	£1,497.11	£1,515.13	£2,158.16	£1,453.10	£1,979.54
Miscellaneous						
Bank charges						
Big Data Project				£20.15		£379.40
Other (leaflet)						
Essay						
Commission costs					£277.40	
refund (credits in error)						
debits in error						
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£6,950.61	£4,781.68	£5,463.33	£7,191.24	£6,753.22	£8,087.14
NET INCOME	-£524.34	£394.22	£1,264.84	-£1,072.12	-£940.04	-£2,664.14

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NET WORTH

As at 31st December 2022

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
BANK BALANCES						
Current Account	✓ £7,161.47	✓ £8,130.23	£7,880.22	£6,330.42	£7,432.42	£8,399.64
14 Day Deposit	✓ £3,628.28	✓ £3,612.04	£3,607.30	£3,606.17	£3,953.54	£3,578.27
14 Day Deposit (Health)	✓ £4,955.13	✓ £4,932.95	£4,926.48	£4,924.94	£4,907.69	£4,886.84
TOTAL	£15,744.88	£16,675.22	£16,414.00	£14,861.53	£16,293.65	£16,864.75
INCREASE IN NET WORTH						
bank balances at 1st Jan	£16,665.45	£16,411.33	£14,822.71	£15,924.71	£16,864.75	£19,528.89
bank balances at 31st Dec	£15,744.88	£16,675.22	£16,414.00	£14,861.53	£16,293.65	£16,864.75
Net Income for Year	-£920.57	£263.89	£1,591.29	-£1,063.18	-£571.10	-£2,664.14

David Lamb, Treasurer
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Membership Report for 2023 AGM

Alistair Cairns, Administrator

As of March 2024, membership remains stable.
50 members have opted for on-line only. Students can become members for free, receiving online subscriptions.

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Low waged/Student	27	28	26	23
Standard	226	227	228	222
Institutional	26	26	26	26
Outside UK	12	12	12	12
Gratis *	16	11	11	3
Total	307	304	303	294

** Five copies are sent to the Legal Deposits Libraries.*

Five independent/radical bookshops in UK receive copies to sell, with no payment expected.

Authors receive a pring copy (unless already a member).

The jiscmail list

The jiscmail list RADSTATS had 391 subscribers as of February 19. This makes it a useful facility for circulating information about meetings and other events of interest to Radical Statistics subscribers. It is worth bearing in mind that it is open to anyone irrespective of whether or not they have paid a subscription to Radical Statistics. So while there is an overlap, it has a separate function from the list RADSTATS-ANNOUNCE, which is used by our administrator to send messages to people who have actually paid a subscription.

It is less useful as a discussion facility as most of the messages sent to the list come from just one or two people and the remainder from a relatively small number. The vast majority of subscribers never post anything to the list. It would be good to hear from a wider range of subscribers with interesting and radical ideas, particularly younger people.

Alison Macfarlane, listowner

Archiving

Some years back, the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine decided to invite radical science groups who had been active in the 1970s to deposit papers with it. Radical Statistics followed in the footsteps of our original umbrella group, the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science and (BSSRS) deposited quite a volume of material, mainly from the Health Group. As I was depositing other unrelated things as well as the Radical Statistics papers, everything was catalogued under my name. It was always intended to change this and show Radical Statistics material separately in the catalogue, but this hasn't yet happened.

We haven't archived anything recently, but the issue came up again when Roy Carr Hill's family offered us papers to archive and Radical Statistics couldn't be seen in the catalogue. More recently, Janet Shapiro's family offered Radstats material. This means that it is timely to return to the subject and think about what members want to archive, not only posthumously but while we are still alive! We also need advice about what and how to archive things in the electronic age.

Another issue which came up with Roy's donation was that it included copies of Radical Statistics. Periodicals belong in libraries rather than archives. The Wellcome Library has an incomplete run of older issues of Radical Statistics, donated by BSSRS. It was agreed that we should give the Wellcome Library copies of the missing issues and add it to the list of libraries to which we give complimentary copies.

So the proposals for this year's AGM are

1. We set up a small working group which will contact the Wellcome Archives to ask them to amend their catalogue to make Radical Statistics visible and advise us:
 - a. What sort of paper material we should deposit with them on an ongoing basis.
 - b. What sort of electronic material we should deposit with them on an ongoing basis and how.
 - c. Prepare guidance notes to be adopted at the next AGM
2. Contact the Wellcome Library to provide them with missing past copies of Radical Statistics and arrange for them to receive it free of charge in the future.

This means that this year we just need to look for volunteers for these jobs, rather than discuss the proposals themselves.

Alison Macfarlane