

Radical Statistics 2025 AGM
1 March
Manchester Met University

Agenda

1. Apologies – Andrew Miller, Irina Motoc. 18 members in attendance.
2. Minutes of 2024 AGM – are accepted as accurate. (AGM minutes are available online)
3. Archives – (Alison M) Wellcome centre has taken RS archived as part of a larger ‘radical science’ material. Not yet catalogued. Will provide visibility. Report circulated (appended below), for call for more/missing material, including some of the books. RS is looking for a ‘point person’. Please volunteer.
4. Journal editor’s report – (Bob J) In last year there has been little activity, due to overwork & sector cuts. There is a backlog of submissions; another issue to come soon (late March/April). Then resume 2 – 3 per year. Open to help and new directions. Editors are thanked.
5. Troika report – (David L) Troika has been fairly quiet. 3 remote meetings per year is desirable. Troika are thanked.
Visibility/marketing remains weak, should strategise. RS promotional ‘business’ cards are available; Administrator can provide them to take to conferences. There could be better notice of journals & conferences.
6. Treasurer’s report – (David L) Finances are healthy. Report below.
7. Membership report – (Alistair) Membership remains stable. Report below.
8. Website/social media report – Website maintained; journals go up, conference advertised. More help could be helpful on social media. Radstats could have a presence on LinkedIn and Mastodon. Radstats has joined Bluesky (as ‘radical statistics’) – please follow.) Robin thanked.
9. JISCmail report – (Alison) There is not much action here, really only a handful of discussions. Alison could use help. Steffi will draft a ‘netiquette’ guideline statement to be published. Any repeat offenders could be removed.
10. 2025 conference organiser’s report – (Nazneen I and Martin S) The event went well, good presentations overall. Thanks offered. Usually conferences are earlier in year, but this year’s later date seems to have worked fine.
11. 2026 conference plan – traditionally London after ‘the north’. Humphrey is willing to help on local arrangements, if programme help is available. Alison to look at availability at St Lukes. 2d Sat in March is suggestion. RS needs help here. Help is needed, please get in touch with Troika.
12. Any other business – Ludi Simpson is applauded for gallery activism, in solidarity with severe sentencing for climate activists. Bob offers to write up criminalising of activism.

Radical Statistics – Treasurer’s report for the year to 31st December 2024

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In 2024 the RadStats account achieved a surplus of £2878.09. There were fewer issues of the journal than usual. The conference showed a larger surplus than the recent past.

Income

The income in 2024 from subscriptions is lower than usual because a large number of subscriptions will be credited to the 2025 account.

Expenditure

RadStats’ largest item of expenditure is the journal. The cost of the RadStats journal in 2024 was much less than in 2023 because of a decrease in the number of issues.

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

Summary

The Radical Statistics group has more than £18,000 in funds. This sum could be used to fund some innovative activities and initiatives.

David Lamb

Treasurer

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**NET WORTH
As at 31st December 2024**

£2,737.04

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| BANK BALANCES | | | | | | | | | |
| Current Account | £9,898.51 | £7,161.47 | £8,130.23 | £7,880.22 | £6,330.42 | £7,432.42 | £8,399.64 | £11,066.43 | £13,571.36 |
| 14 Day Deposit | £3,713.73 | £3,654.11 | £3,612.04 | £3,607.30 | £3,606.17 | £3,953.54 | £3,578.27 | £3,577.15 | £3,575.39 |
| 14 Day Deposit (Health) | £5,071.83 | £4,990.40 | £4,932.95 | £4,926.48 | £4,924.94 | £4,907.69 | £4,886.84 | £4,885.31 | £4,882.90 |
| TOTAL | £18,684.07 | £15,805.98 | £16,675.22 | £16,414.00 | £14,861.53 | £16,293.65 | £16,864.75 | £19,528.89 | £22,029.65 |
| INCREASE IN NET WORTH | | | | | | | | | |
| bank balances at 1st Jan | £15,805.98 | £16,697.40 | £16,411.33 | £14,822.71 | £15,924.71 | £16,864.75 | £19,528.89 | £22,029.65 | £22,721.47 |
| bank balances at 31st Dec | £18,684.07 | £15,805.98 | £16,675.22 | £16,414.00 | £14,861.53 | £16,293.65 | £16,864.75 | £19,528.89 | £22,029.65 |
| Net Income for Year | £2,878.09 | -£891.42 | £263.89 | £1,591.29 | -£1,063.18 | -£571.10 | -£2,664.14 | £2,500.76 | -£691.82 |

David Lamb, Treasurer
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Membership Report for 2025 AGM

Alistair Cairns, Administrator

As of March 2025, membership remains stable.
50 members continue on-line only subscriptions. Students can join free, receiving online subscriptions.

| | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| Low waged/Student | 32 | 27 | 28 | 26 |
| Standard | 224 | 226 | 227 | 228 |
| Institutional | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Outside UK | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Gratis * | 16 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Total | 311 | 303 | 305 | 304 |

** 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 print copy (unless already a member).

Radical Statistics Archiving

Report for 2025 AGM

At our 2024 AGM, it was reported that when members of the group have died and members of their families have found material relating to Radical Statistics and asked us what to do with them. These have typically been a few copies of Radical Statistics plus articles and other materials. The people dealing with this have been unable to locate material we have deposited at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine. We have replied by saying that Wellcome has a complete run of Radical Statistics and doesn't need any more copies. We have been at a bit of a loss about what to do with the rest.

We decided to set up a Working Group to find out how to locate Radical Statistics archival materials at the Wellcome and whether it would like any more. The Working Group hasn't had to meet, as when I contacted Elena Carter at the Wellcome, she provided the answers to our questions as follows:

'The material you transferred (both stuff to do with your own career and the Rad Stats material) is currently uncatalogued. This means there is an interim description online, which brings together all the material you transferred under your name. The intention would be to split off the Rad Stats material as its own collection at the point of cataloguing.

When you look on the [current catalogue page](#), there is this paragraph to clarify the relationship between your archive and the Rad Stats material:

Alison Macfarlane has also donated papers relating to the work of the Radical Statistics Group. Once catalogued, these records will form part of the Radical Statistics archive (SA/RAD) rather than sitting within Alison Macfarlane's collection of personal papers. These records include papers relating to two sub-groups of Radstats: the Health Group, 1976-1993; and the Nuclear Disarmament Group, 1981-1988. Records include materials from the Health Group; materials from the Nuclear Disarmament Group; drafts of publications; research data; materials compiled for use in articles / contributed to; conference papers; parliamentary lobbying material; subject files; correspondence; articles and reports; pamphlets and grey literature collected from other bodies, including pamphlets from 1980s right wing think tanks; notes of meetings, talks and presentations; mailings and orders for publications; teaching materials; and press cuttings. Subjects covered include: the National Health Service (NHS), inc. health reorganisation, NHS performance, private health

care, resource allocation, Health and Medicines Bill; Private Finance Initiative (PFI); Health of the Nation; Labour and Socialist Health Association (SHA); Gulf War.

We would certainly be interested in adding Radical Statistics material to the collections as part of the Radical Statistics archive. It would be helpful to know what materials have been offered / where these are currently located. We wouldn't acquire duplicates of what we already hold in the collections and you can see what we hold in the catalogue: <https://wellcomecollection.org/search/works?query=radical+statistics>

I have attached our FAQ document for donors here which gives a sense of the type of materials of interest. In essence, we would be interested in material that shows how Rad Stats worked and its main activities, which might take the form of meeting minutes, correspondence, planning documents, publications, etc. It may be easier to put people directly in contact with me if they have material so that I can guide them through the process.

If you wanted to do a call out to members, I could help with drafting some text.'

This is the text she drafted. It includes a request from the Wellcome Library which doesn't actually have a complete run of Radical Statistics.

Call out to add material to Radical Statistics archive at Wellcome Collection: Do you have material to donate?

If you have records relating to your involvement with Radical Statistics or similar groups, Wellcome Collection may be interested in adding this to their archive collections. This might take the form of flyers, publications, minutes, or correspondence, perhaps squirreled away in your attic or in a shoebox under the bed.

Wellcome Collection is a free museum and library exploring health and human experience. The library is free to visit and open to everyone over the age of 18, whether you're using the collections for research or just curious to find out more. The collections contain historical and contemporary books, artworks, archives and manuscripts exploring our personal and cultural relationships with health and medicine.

The library holds archives relating to Radical Statistics, and other allied / related groups such as the [British Society for Social Responsibility in Science \(BSSRS\)](#). [Alison Macfarlane has donated papers](#) relating to two sub-groups of Radstats: the Health Group, 1976-1993; and the Nuclear Disarmament Group, 1981-1988. This will form the base of a Radical Statistics archive at Wellcome Collection, and we'd love to have more donations to build the archive.

Wellcome is interested in material that shows how RadStats worked and its main activities. This material might take the form of:

- Publications
- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Lobbying and campaigning material
- Planning and strategy documents
- Conference papers
- Collected publications from related groups

Wellcome is not interested in:

- Research data
- Transactional / financial correspondence
- Duplicates of material we already hold

Please check the [catalogue](#) prior to offering material to ensure the material isn't already held in our collections.

Wellcome holds some incomplete runs of journals and would be interested filling any gaps. Please view the catalogue links below to see which issues we are missing:

[Radical Statistics newsletter](#) Wellcome missing issues: 1-32, 58, 68-70, 72-76, 85, 90, 95, 98, 99, 102, 106, 109, 115. And any issues after no. 122 (2019)

[Science for the People](#) (USA). Various issues missing; provide issue / year number for Wellcome to check holdings.

[Science for People](#) (UK) Wellcome missing issues: 1-17. If any issues exist after no. 70 (1989)

[Undercurrents](#). Wellcome missing issues: 1, 23, 40, 46, 47. And if any issues exist after no. 48 (1981)