

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE019582 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1186333

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025
for
Socio-Legal Studies Association

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Socio-Legal Studies Association is a learned society for Socio-Legal Studies. Its objects are for the public benefit to advance education and learning in the field of socio-legal studies and to promote research, the useful results of which shall be published for the public benefit, teaching and the dissemination of knowledge in the field.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The SLSA has continued to advance education, learning, and research in socio-legal studies through its annual conference, funding schemes, prizes, and a wide range of related activities. The 2025 annual conference in Liverpool was held in person due to the prohibitively high cost of a hybrid format, and it welcomed 900 delegates, making it one of our largest conferences to date. With 38 streams covering current topics, four PGR-focused sessions, and a thought-provoking plenary, the event showcased the breadth, energy, and diversity of the socio-legal community. The Liverpool 2025 conference donation is currently being finalised and is expected to support the SLSA's charitable work in the coming years. Excellence in socio legal research and publishing was celebrated at the Gala Dinner in Liverpool, where the winners of the six annual prizes and the poster competition were announced. The SLSA Mentoring Scheme continued to provide valuable support to those who may face structural disadvantage in their academic careers. Research projects, fieldwork, seminars, impact initiatives, and internationalisation activities continued to be supported through the SLSA's funding schemes, helping to nurture and showcase socio legal scholarship. Support from journals, universities, and individual members remained central to the success of the SLSA. PGR students benefited from the annual in-person PGR Conference as well as online and hybrid writing sessions. The SLSA continued to produce regular newsletters and e-bulletins to highlight events and opportunities for members, and the SLSA blog has flourished, disseminating cutting-edge research and ideas across the field. A new website and CRM system were launched, representing an important investment in improving engagement and enhancing the experience of both members and the wider public. Throughout these activities, prudent stewardship of resources and the maintenance of appropriate reserves were ensured while continuing to support the socio legal studies community in a wide variety of ways.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The SLSA is in a good financial position with increased income from newsletter sponsorship and membership payments and having previously also received generous donations from the Ulster 2023 conference and the Portsmouth 2024 conference.

Principal funding sources

The SLSA is funded through a combination of membership fees, institutional and publisher sponsorship as well as institutional donations following the annual conference.

Reserves policy

The SLSA maintains financial reserves that would allow for the continuance of its operations in the event a sudden decrease in income (e.g. as a result of a lower than expected conference donation). This reserve is spread across savings accounts and our existing current accounts.

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FUTURE PLANS

In addition to its regular activities the SLSA will fund a range of initiatives around equality, diversity and inclusion and in relation to precarity with the socio-legal community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM in order to replace trustees who are stepping down.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE019582 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1186333

Registered office

Cardiff University

Sbarc/Spark

Maindy Road

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CF24 4HQ

Trustees

Doctor P Bremner Treasurer

Professor J Harrington Chair (resigned 16.4.25)

Doctor S Kheria Chair

C Moore Membership Secretary

Ms R Moosavian (resigned 16.4.25)

Doctor E J Jones Secretary

Doctor E Milne Secretary (resigned 16.4.25)

Doctor C Williams (appointed 16.4.25)

Doctor M J Travis (resigned 16.4.25)

Doctor B A Clough (resigned 16.4.25)

Doctor M L Howard

Doctor M P Burton (resigned 1.10.25)

Doctor R Craven

Doctor E R Griffiths Vice Chair

Doctor R Saeed

Doctor A G Green

Doctor M A Hutton

Doctor K L Lalor

Professor K McConnachie

Doctor A le Roux- Kemp

Doctor A Powell

Professor D S Cowan (appointed 16.4.25)

Professor R Cahill-O'Callaghan (appointed 16.4.25)

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Company Secretary

Doctor E Jones

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

The Kelvin Partnership Ltd

Chartered Accountants


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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Kheria', written over a horizontal line.

Doctor S Kheria - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Socio-Legal Studies Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Socio-Legal Studies Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Craig M Fotheringham BSc CA

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16 March 2026

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

	Notes	31.12.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		70,619	225,691
Other trading activities	2	-	1,100
Investment income	3	<u>990</u>	<u>598</u>
Total		<u>71,609</u>	<u>227,389</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	4		
Outgoing resources		<u>113,907</u>	<u>92,584</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(42,298)	134,805
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>299,372</u>	<u>164,567</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>257,074</u>	<u>299,372</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2025**

	Notes	31.12.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		260,314	300,812
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,240)	(1,440)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>257,074</u>	<u>299,372</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>257,074</u>	<u>299,372</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>257,074</u>	<u>299,372</u>
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>257,074</u>	<u>299,372</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>257,074</u>	<u>299,372</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

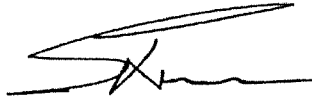
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**Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2025**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 March 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Kheria - Trustee



P Bremner - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		31.12.25	31.12.24
		£	£
Flyer inserts		<u>-</u>	<u>1,100</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME		31.12.25	31.12.24
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>990</u>	<u>598</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS					
	Direct	Grant	Support		
	Costs	funding of	costs	Totals	
	£	activities	£	£	
Outgoing resources	<u>62,574</u>	£	<u>8,865</u>	<u>113,907</u>	
		<u>42,468</u>			

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,440</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2025 amounted to £1,004 (2024 - £6,257). This was paid to Doctor E Milne, trustee, as the administrator for Socio-Legal Studies Association.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 amounted to £2,247 (2024 - £3,614). This is to cover the executive meeting expenses and attendance at board meetings.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted funds £
	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
	Donations and legacies		225,691
	Other trading activities		1,100
	Investment income		<u>598</u>
	Total		<u>227,389</u>
	EXPENDITURE ON		
	Charitable activities		
	Outgoing resources		<u>92,584</u>
	NET INCOME		134,805
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
	Total funds brought forward		<u>164,567</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>299,372</u>
8.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.25	31.12.24
		£	£
	Accrued expenses	<u>3,240</u>	<u>1,440</u>
9.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
		Net movement in funds	At
	At 1.1.25		31.12.25
	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds		
	General fund	299,372	(42,298)
		<u>299,372</u>	<u>257,074</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>299,372</u>	<u>(42,298)</u>
		<u>299,372</u>	<u>257,074</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,609	(113,907)	(42,298)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>71,609</u>	<u>(113,907)</u>	<u>(42,298)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	164,567	134,805	299,372
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>164,567</u>	<u>134,805</u>	<u>299,372</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	227,389	(92,584)	134,805
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>227,389</u>	<u>(92,584)</u>	<u>134,805</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Other than those disclosed in Note 4, there are no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	913	146,273
Memberships	49,220	67,923
Sponsorships	15,850	10,800
Grants returned	4,636	645
PG deposits	-	50
	<u>70,619</u>	<u>225,691</u>
Other trading activities		
Flyer inserts	-	1,100
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>990</u>	<u>598</u>
Total incoming resources	71,609	227,389
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	506	506
Executive meeting expenses	2,247	3,614
Newsletter production	35,075	35,230
PG Conference	16,077	670
Website	5,545	2,338
Subscription	652	652
Storage fee	102	99
Seminar competitions	17,334	8,004
Annual prizes	2,020	900
Mailchimp	-	580
PG Deposit refund	-	370
International grants	6,834	1,000
Membership Fee Refunds	350	-
Impact Funding	250	15,022
Small research grants	12,052	10,902
Fieldwork grants	<u>5,998</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	105,042	84,887
Support costs		

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	955	-
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	1,800	1,440
Administrative expenses	<u>6,110</u>	<u>6,257</u>
	<u>7,910</u>	<u>7,697</u>
Total resources expended	<u>113,907</u>	<u>92,584</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(42,298)</u>	<u>134,805</u>

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