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2016 ANNUAL REPORT



CHAIR'S REPORT

2016 was an eventful and productive year with new staff, volunteers and board members joining us, new funding grants awarded and influential new reports launched and underway.

In the summer our Research Manager, Peter Burt, decided to move on after eight years of dedicated work for NIS. We are grateful to Peter for the infrastructure put in place and for developing NIS's research base and publishing a catalogue of methodically researched reports - we wish him every success in the future.



*David Cullen,
Research Manager*

In July we were delighted to welcome new Research Manager David Cullen who spent 6 years working for the International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons. After a handover period David took on the project management of our new UK nuclear accidents report and is now responsible for managing the delivery of the NIS workplan with assistance from board, staff and volunteers.

At the July AGM Steve Hendry stood down as Chair after 2 years excellent service for which he received our grateful thanks and good wishes for the future. In December we were pleased to appoint Ele Carpenter to the board, Ele is Senior Lecturer and convener of the Nuclear Culture Research Group at



Ele Carpenter

Goldsmiths, University of London and brings a welcome new dimension to the governance of NIS.

At the beginning of the year we contributed to a sector wide consultation by our main funder Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust into the effectiveness of their grants and in July we were very pleased to hear our application for another three years core funding was successful. We were grateful also to receive project funding from individual donors as well as the Andrew Wainwright Trust, Lush Charity Pot and Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust, all of which has been indispensable to our continuing work investigating and reporting on the UK nuclear weapons programme.

Next year is looking equally productive - as well as completing and launching the nuclear weapons accidents report we plan to produce a new report on the potential impacts of the recent nuclear ban treaty talks, produce an animated virtual walk through of the AWE site, continue to investigate through freedom of information requests and parliamentary questions, further develop NIS's emergency response plan, develop our links with Unions, Parliamentarians, think tanks, NGOs and the public and continue to develop awareness of the UK nuclear weapons programme.

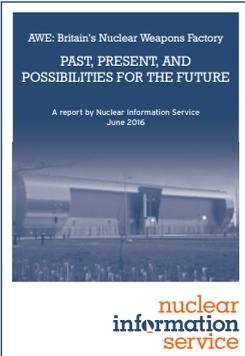
As always, we are extremely grateful to all our supporters, partners, volunteers and funders for their commitment and continued support towards a nuclear weapons free world.

Di McDonald
Chair, NIS Board of Directors 2016

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

REPORTS

AWE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE POSSIBILITIES



We published an in depth report on AWE covering the history, present day activities and the many possibilities for diversification and continued employments at the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) in a nuclear bomb free future. With a foreword by Lord Rees of Ludlow and an afterword by Sir Jonathon Porritt the report was a prominent piece of work that attracted widespread coverage.

The launch, kindly hosted by Andrew Smith MP, took place in the Palace of Westminster in June. Members from both sides of the House attended as well as ex military, academics, NGOs and nuclear experts. Richard Ingram from BASIC chaired a panel discussion with Kate Hudson (CND), Fabian Hamilton MP and Kelvin Hopkins MP. Richard Benyon MP, whose Newbury constituency hosts the AWE, commented that it was useful to look ahead to future possibilities for the Establishment.

A second event was hosted at the Bishopswood Golf Course Hotel in Tadley near to the AWE site for local councillors, public and press.



AWE report launch Westminster



*Richard Benyon MP
at the launch*

NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACCIDENTS IN THE UK

In October part funding from Andrew Wainwright Trust enabled work to start on investigating nuclear weapons accidents and dangerous incidents in the UK to be launched early in 2017. A working group was formed from staff, board members, volunteers, industry experts and external reviewers to support the research and production of the report, the project was managed by new Research Manager, David Cullen who also secured extra funding to help with video and print production costs from Lush Charity Pot. All our reports and updates are available to download from the publications section of our website.

PARTNERS AND OUTREACH

Our social media content and output has been improved and is steadily increasing engagement, we received good press coverage, the communications strategy was refined and a new database was created.

We continued to support campaign groups with research and Nigel Day from Oxford CND was a welcome contributor to the accidents report working group. We were very grateful also for assistance from our patron Jonathon Porritt, investigative journalist Rob Edwards and all our volunteers and collaborators.



NIS Project Team: Apelele Nkonki, David Cullen, Trish Whitham, Tim Street, Fatima Isah, Peter Burt

We attended regular 'No Trident Replacement' meetings and the ONR NGO forum and sought opportunities to network and share our research with parliamentarians, public, academics, NGOs and think tanks. In July Peter Burt presented at the Nuclear History Conference and in September at the BISA Global Nuclear Order Working Group conference. David Cullen presented our work at the Lucas Plan 40th anniversary conference in November. We also gave evidence to the Labour Party's defence and foreign policy review including briefing Emily Thornberry, shadow Defence Secretary.

We were saddened to hear of the death of John Ainslie, dedicated Convenor of Scottish CND. John supported many NIS projects and will be much missed - we hope to make his archives available for future research.



John Ainslie

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2016

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2016	2015
Incoming resources				
Grant from JRCT*	-	52,070	52,070	52,570
Grant from JRRT**	-	8,605	8,605	8,605
Grant from Greenpeace	-	-	-	3,700
Grant from Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust (AWRT)	-	3,000	3,000	-
Grant from Lush Charity Pot	-	4,000	4,000	-
Donations	2,343	-	2,343	1,463
Payments for services	121	-	121	598
	2,464	67,675	70,139	66,936
Resources expended				
Staff costs	85	54,758	54,843	54,927
Fees	-	-	-	-
Training	-	44	44	-
Travel	36	1,140	1,176	1,318
Office costs	-	7,005	7,005	8,590
Board expenses	-	415	415	655
Volunteer expenses	-	468	468	614
Projects	538	2,687	3,225	3,953
	659	66,517	67,176	70,057
Net movement in funds before interest and tax	1,805	1,158	2,963	(3,121)
Investment income	368	-	368	373
Taxation	(74)	-	(74)	(75)
Net movement in funds	2,099	1,158	3,257	(2,823)
Balances brought forward at 1 January	4,054	37,504	41,558	44,381
Balances carried forward at 31 December	6,153	38,662	44,815	41,558

* JRCT: Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust ** JRRT: Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust

NIS continued to manage finances within budgets throughout the year. Extra expenses were incurred in recruiting the new Research Manager and financing a hand over period. Core funding from Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust was awarded for 2017 - 2020 and several smaller awards were made from other funders and individual giving.

BALANCE SHEET	£	£
	2016	2015
Current assets		
Bank accounts - current	2,619	4,014
- deposit	42,122	41,754
Cash in hand	88	185
	44,829	45,953
Debtors and prepayments	583	853
	45,412	46,806
Current liabilities		
Accruals	(469)	(248)
Creditors	(128)	(5,000)
Net current assets	44,815	41,558
Funds		
Unrestricted funds	6,153	4,054
Restricted funds	38,662	37,504
Total funds	44,815	41,558

Note: Restricted funds support NIS's educational goals and are supported through grant funding. Unrestricted funds are spent on work which may not qualify as meeting charitable aims.

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We are grateful for the generous support received from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust providing our core funding and all our individual donors who provided funding for project work during 2016 as well as special project funds from Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust, Andrew Wainwright Trust and Lush Charity Pot.

We rely on donations to fund project work and legal costs. If you would like to help support NIS you can donate by PayPal, bank transfer or send a cheque - please visit www.nuclearinfo.org/donate

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