

Canon
Collins

Educational & Legal
Assistance Trust





Our vision is one day to see an open and just society in southern Africa.

We exist to build a community of leaders, thinkers, activists, and social justice organisations and support their efforts to bring about social change and equality in southern Africa.

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Canon Collins' values are solidarity, learning, fairness, collaboration and agency. They give shape to the work we do; they inform the direction we take and bind us as a community of active citizens.



Solidarity

With our roots in the anti-apartheid struggle, we stand shoulder to shoulder with southern Africans who continue to be oppressed or denied their rights, in order to ensure freedom and equality; knowing that freedom for one is not possible until there is freedom for all.



Learning

We value learning as a tool for social change and personal and organisational improvement. A society that values ongoing and lifelong learning is an open society. We want to model that in what we do, and in the impact we have.



Welcome

John Battersby, Chair of Trustees

37

years building
a community of
change agents
across southern
Africa

3,493

scholarships
distributed
since 1981

In the year of the Mandela Centenary, the Canon Collins Trust was able to play its part in the renewal of southern Africa. The tone was set at our student conference in Cape Town in June with the theme: Challenging Boundaries, Claiming Rights. Scholars, alumni and distinguished speakers included Advocate Thuli Madonsela, Professor Pumla Gqola, and Advocate Tembeka Ngcukaitobi, who presided over a “moot court”. They dialogued with scholars and alumni to identify and strategise around the boundaries inhibiting the advancement of southern African societies.

In November, the role of the Trust was celebrated at a special event in historic St Paul's Cathedral. Donors and supporters took the opportunity to reflect on the founding of the Trust in 1981, in the wake of the International Defence and Aid Fund. We had inspired accounts from key members of the ever-strengthening Canon Collins alumni group, including Pumela Salela, country head of Brand South Africa; Dewa Mavingha, head of the southern African division of Human Rights Watch; and the incoming general secretary of our partner, Equal Education, Noncedo Madubedube.

The presence of South African High Commissioner Her Excellency Tembi Tambo, the Honourable Mr Justice (Sir Andrew) Collins, son of the Canon, and Trust Patron, Lord Peter Hain added special significance to a memorable occasion.

It was a tumultuous year on the global stage, and the need for organisations who give expression to the values of inclusion and spiritual generosity (Ubuntu) was more evident than ever. As the Trust prepares for another year of profound change, the words of Nelson Mandela continue to reverberate:

“Education is the most powerful weapon
you can use to change the world.”



CEO Report

Stuart Craig

What sets the Canon Collins scholarship apart from similar programmes lies in its mission to build a community of change agents across southern Africa who will use and create knowledge for social impact. Scholars receive much more than money – they become part of an alumni community that cultivates cross-fertilisation of ideas, innovative careers and lifelong impact.

The Canon Collins Trust, in its 37th year, can look back on 2018 with a lot of pride. We supported 118 scholars from ten southern African countries at 30 universities in South Africa and the UK. We secured a 3-year contract from the Irish Embassy to recruit scholars for their MA programme in Ireland, cementing an important partnership. The Trust can also be pleased that we were the recipient of by far the largest grant made by Comic Relief in 2018.

That grant was for our work with Equal Education, whose campaign for better quality schools and easier access to them for rural children, has enjoyed several landmark moments in the ten years it has been around. Although Equal Education had some challenging times in 2018, we have confidence in the reforms they are undertaking, and we continue to believe in their work.

In my role, my most sleepless nights normally have something to do with money, or lack of it. The uncertain times we live in make it difficult for many people to contribute; but one relatively painless means of doing so is to leave a legacy in one's Will. This ensures that long after you have passed, your money will continue to be a force for good through a scholarship for someone in need who can be a 'change maker' of tomorrow. In 2018, a group of students from Kingston University helped us look afresh at how we promote this form of giving. Please keep an eye on our website for news on this, and please give serious thought to including a bequest to the Canon Collins Trust in your Will.

Thank you.

Professor Ramutsindela bids the Board farewell

to take on the role of Dean of Science at University of Cape Town

Canon Collins Trust is an organisation that has assisted so many of us to get our foot in the door and perform at our best levels. When I got the opportunity to do my PhD in the UK under the supervision of David Simon, I had no money. My career was stuck, and I did not know what to do. Luckily, I got a scholarship from Canon Collins; and it was the beginning of my dream of an academic career. After my studies, I became involved in the selection of scholarships. Later I became a member of the Board of Trustees and was elected its chair in the southern African region (and later Vice Chair when the boards in the region and in the UK merged). I was impressed by the level of competition for scholarships and by the brilliance of the scholars that were coming forth.

Becoming the first African Dean of Science in the history of this university, is a humbling achievement. We have the most productive science faculty on the continent; and it is important for me as the Dean of Science to think of how we can transform science and make it more relevant to the social issues the country, region and continent are faced with. Canon Collins has over the last few years emphasised a sense of agency for change. I never thought it would come to my shoulders, but as the Dean I am now an agent of change. I feel that Canon Collins has prepared me with the value system that will guide me in my dreams of what this place could become.

"As the first African Dean of Science in the history of this university, I think this would not have been possible if Canon Collins had not given me that first step into my career."



Shaping lives, shaping nations

Derrick Grootboom, Western Cape Regional Prosecutor

"In the complexity of life, it is remarkable that there are those who still find time to act for the benefit of others, even putting themselves and their loved ones in danger. Such were the people who associated themselves with the anti-apartheid struggle and made effort to raise funds in their respective countries for many unknowns such as I, Derrick Grootboom, to study in an apartheid prison.

After my release from prison, I obtained my LLM in the United Kingdom as a Nelson Mandela Scholar. Canon Collins Trust warmly received me, and took care of me, as it had from the day I was imprisoned and sentenced to seven years imprisonment during apartheid. I was nineteen years old then; with no school and/or educational certificates of any worth. Throughout my incarceration, I was emboldened by the unselfish support of the likes of Canon John Collins, to believe that victory is certain. Today I am a Western Cape Regional Prosecutor and a father, who is able to provide for my children and others. I appreciate the Canon Collins Trust for supporting me, an unknown person, to be transformed into another and much better person. In this way, they are transforming southern Africa into countries that can be sustained on their own. It is for this reason that I endorse the Canon Collins Trust."

"I am not what I am; I am what
Canon Collins helped me to be!"



Growing knowledge communities through scholarship

62

62 new scholarships were awarded: 23 PHD students, 30 Masters and 9 undergraduates.

4

We organised scholarship events in four countries; these included four events for Canon Collins scholars studying in South Africa, three in the UK and two scholarship awareness events organised by Canon Collins alumni in Zimbabwe and Lesotho.

2018 Scholarship programmes in numbers

2090

We ran 13 scholarship programmes during the year, processing a total of 2090 applications.

118

We supported 118 scholars at 14 universities in SA and 16 in the UK.

%

A third of our scholars were South African, with 29% from Zimbabwe, 22% from Malawi, and the rest from other southern African countries.

Highlights and achievements



Professor Thuli Madonsela at the 2018 Scholars' Conference



Scholars like Hlengiwe Ndlovu enjoy the opportunity to engage and debate

Events

Our annual Scholars' Conference held in June 2018 was a huge success. Setting the tone for the conference were keynote addresses by two phenomenal women – the former Public Protector and one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People, Advocate Thuli Madonsela, as well as the esteemed feminist author and academic Professor Pumla Gqola. Advocate Thuli Madonsela is a beacon of light in South Africa. She has earned a reputation for resilience and determination to root out corruption within the former presidency. Other highlights of the conference included the first ever Canon Collins Moot Court Competition judged by the notable Advocate Tembeka Ngcukaitobi, author of 'This Land is Ours'.



Lesotho Information Sharing Event

Scholarship selection and support

The selection process remained highly competitive. Less than 3% of applicants to the Canon Collins Scholarship for Postgraduate Study in South Africa were successful; and only 1.7% were selected for the Masters programme in the UK. Applications were reviewed objectively, and wherever possible, scholars were interviewed in person by a small panel. Selected scholars reported being highly satisfied with the support provided by the Trust.

Resources for applicants in Zimbabwe and Lesotho

In these countries, our own research showed that scholarship opportunities are few and far between. To help applicants make the most of the limited opportunities available, we produced two guides which were eagerly snapped up at events organised in Harare and Maseru.

Big education wins

2018 marked CCELAT's fourth year of collaboration with Equal Education (EE) to improve the conditions of schooling across South Africa. EE's advocacy and activism is led by over 6 000 high school-going young people – "Equalisers" – in 150 schools from five different provinces. Thanks to a grant from Comic Relief, CCELAT has continued to support EE in its demands for the South African government to improve basic infrastructure so that learners can attend school in a safe environment.

Some respite was seen in 2018 with seven Eastern Cape schools receiving upgrades, ranging from piped water and new toilets, to electricity and new classrooms. However, the most significant victory was the July 2018 judgement in the #FixTheNorms court case, which had been dragging on since 2012. The judgement affirmed that all organs of government are collectively responsible for implementing the Norms and Standards for School Infrastructure, thus closing loopholes for the Department of Education (DoE) to sidestep their responsibilities to fix schools. The judgement affirmed all EE's legal arguments, supported by five years of activism. Despite this, the Department of Basic Education and all the provincial departments decided to appeal the judgement, so the struggle continues.

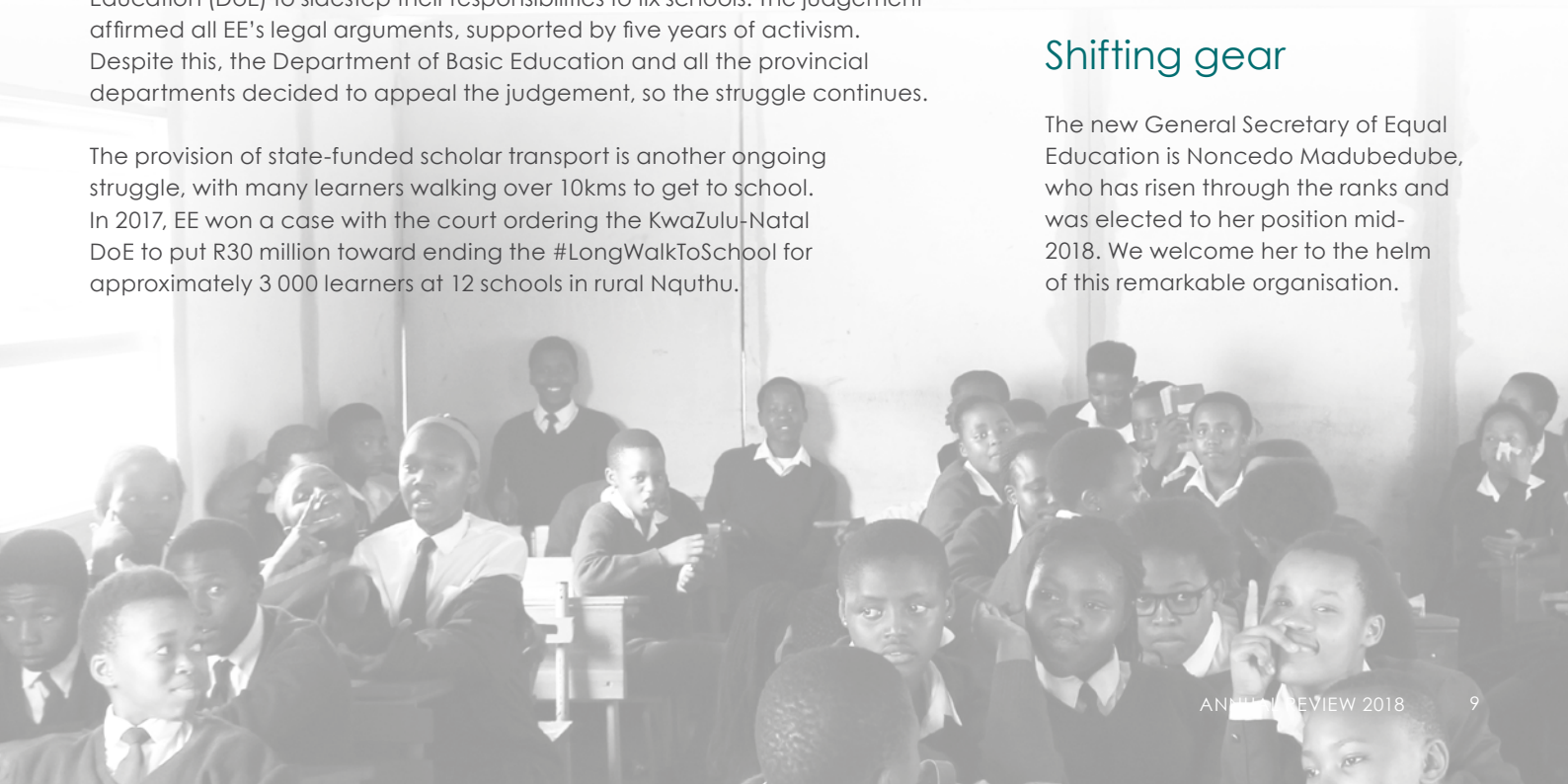
The provision of state-funded scholar transport is another ongoing struggle, with many learners walking over 10kms to get to school. In 2017, EE won a case with the court ordering the KwaZulu-Natal DoE to put R30 million toward ending the #LongWalkToSchool for approximately 3 000 learners at 12 schools in rural Nquthu.



Noncedo Madubedube

Shifting gear

The new General Secretary of Equal Education is Noncedo Madubedube, who has risen through the ranks and was elected to her position mid-2018. We welcome her to the helm of this remarkable organisation.



Alumni step up to support vulnerable children in Zimbabwe



Tinashe Mundawarara at the Big Brother, Big Sister Orphanage

Every year, the Canon Collins Trust recognizes alumni who are "Change Makers", engaged in driving positive change in their communities. Tinashe Mundawarara was voted the 2018 Change Maker Award winner for his work addressing social exclusion, hunger, literacy and economic exclusion amongst vulnerable children in Harare, Zimbabwe. Working with other alumni, Tinashe has raised money for school fees, books, desks, chairs and food for children in an orphanage in Mufakose, a low income Harare township. Alumni visit the orphanage and host reading sessions with the children to promote reading and enhance literacy.

"I believe that the contributions of those who can, to those in need will make a difference. By alleviating hunger, and offering some additional educational support, the vulnerable children in this orphanage have a better chance of succeeding at school."

Tinashe obtained a Master's degree in International Law on a Canon Collins Trust scholarship, and is a Senior Programme Manager with Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights.

Theatre activist champions youth rights

Every year, one very special scholarship is awarded to a scholar by the Canon Collins alumni community. The Scholars' Scholar award allows alumni to collectively make it possible for one more person to walk the road that they have travelled. 2018's Scholars' Scholar was Princess Alice Sibanda.

Through a marriage of intellect, activism and art, Princess fights for social justice with a strong bias towards gender and sexuality. She co-founded the Stepping Out Youth Project – a platform where young people use theatre and multimedia to promote and champion their sexual and reproductive health rights. She is currently doing her PhD in Drama and Performance at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.



Princess Alice at the 2018 Scholars' Conference

"The process of creating theatre together has many benefits. LGBT+ people I have worked with have told me that it felt important that they could create something for the first time in their lives. Most marginalized people do not get space to speak or culturally create so when they participate in productions they feel significant."

Princess Sibanda

Law and Justice

Focus on Zimbabwe

"One of the most problematic legacies of life presidents is that they leave behind self-serving regimes that quickly regroup to re-establish their authority, often resorting to even greater repression."

Nic Cheeseman

With the removal of Mugabe from power, and the election of President Mnangagwa, the region eagerly anticipated a turnaround for the country, but that was not to be. Today patients seeking medical care have to provide their own bandages; fuel prices are the highest in the world, and police fired live rounds and tear gas at crowds protesting the rising cost of living. Two prominent Zimbabwean Canon Collins alumni reflect on Zimbabwe 2018.



Joannah Mamombe

Joannah's career appeared to be on an upward trajectory until she was brought face to face with "the stark realities of primitive politics in Zimbabwe". She reflects here.

"2018 was a great year for me in many ways. I graduated as a Canon Collins scholar. I also managed to become Zimbabwe's youngest MP at 25 years old. But I was later arrested and detained and I am currently facing treason charges, which carry a 20-year sentence. I am aware of the social and political challenges facing Zimbabwe, but the last eight months have shown me that the challenges are much greater than what I imagined! As an opposition MP, the avenues for change are few and yet the expectations from the young people of Zimbabwe are huge."

Joannah's story of success and devastation highlights the critical importance of the work of the Trust and the support of the alumni programme. It is vitally important that Zimbabwe receives continued support and attention in 2019 and beyond, as it strives for a more just and open society.

Dewa Mavhinga

Canon Collins Trust Scholarship Alumnus (International Human Rights LLM, Essex)

The unexpected military takeover in Zimbabwe in November 2017, which ended Robert Mugabe's 37-year authoritarian rule and elevated his deputy, Emmerson Mnangagwa to president, set the stage for an eventful 2018 in my working life as Southern Africa Director for Human Rights Watch. Even as the nation was gripped by the excitement and euphoria that greeted the end of Mugabe's rule, and the dawn of a supposed new dispensation; I was among a handful of activists to warn that Zimbabwe needed not just a change of faces at the top, but a deeper transformation characterized by respect for human rights and the rule of law.

In December 2017, I had testified before the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee's hearing on Zimbabwe that the same military that was credibly implicated in rights violations against the general population during the Mugabe years had taken over. I urged that full re-engagement with the Zimbabwean government should be based on a firm commitment that the interim administration in Harare would institute measures to ensure tangible and long overdue democratic and electoral reforms.

This stance drew a massive backlash on social media platforms, from supporters who wanted a blank cheque for the new government. Under a barrage of attacks and demands, with a few others, I continued to insist that the Mnangagwa government should go beyond mere talk to demonstrate commitment to accountability, justice for human rights abuses, and respect for the rule of law in Zimbabwe.

Despite the backlash and hostility on social media, I managed to directly engage with senior government officials in Zimbabwe to press for human rights reforms. 2018 ended on a high note for Human Rights

Watch as we co-hosted a conference in Harare with local rights groups, and the Zimbabwe Minister of Justice, Ziyambi Ziyambi as guest of honour. In his remarks, Minister Ziyambi said, "I firmly believe that continued interaction on human rights between the Government, civil society, and the public at large will go an extra mile in enhancing the collective capacity of Zimbabwe to meet its human rights obligations in full." These small steps forward are hugely significant and should be celebrated and encouraged.



A continued and strategic presence in southern Africa

"Canon Collins scholars benefit from a unique value-add in that they are encouraged and supported by the Trust in locating their academic endeavours within the development paradigm that confronts their communities.

This produces activist scholars who can shape and influence the developmental trajectory in southern Africa. The longevity and sustainability of the Trust is testament of the success of this approach. Long may the work of the Canon Collins Trust continue!"

Lawson Naidoo is the Executive Secretary of the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC), a leading civil society organisation committed to deepening democracy and advancing human rights. He has been a member of the CCELAT Board since 2009, but his association with the Trust goes back to its earliest years in the 1980s.



Legal Resources Centre makes history once again



High Court Judgement on Silicosis

The Legal Resources Centre (LRC) is one of the Trust's most valued and long term partners. While public interest litigation may take years to ultimately see success, 2018 was a memorable year for the LRC with numerous achievements.

On May 3 2018, an historic settlement was reached between South African mineworkers and seven gold mining companies. It was the first class action settlement of its kind in the country. The LRC, Abrahams Kiewitz Inc and Richard Spoor Attorneys, on behalf of thousands of mineworkers, reached a settlement of R15 billion with the Occupational Lung Disease (OLD) Working Group, representing the companies that will see compensation paid to eligible mineworkers suffering from silicosis and/or tuberculosis.

Another significant victory was that the LRC achieved full citizenship status for children born in South Africa to foreign nationals from the Supreme Court of Appeal. This will make a significant impact on the number of undocumented children in South Africa.

In an ongoing project, the LRC worked on 100 housing cases, assisting 263,795 people. They also represented communities relocated to 'temporary' camps pending rehousing, often for 10 years or more. A hallmark of most cases was defending the poor from exploitation by the powerful elite, whether by the attempted illegal sale of homes, illegal evictions, or the corrupt allocation of subsidised housing.

In other news:

Mr Nersan Govender has taken over from Janet Love as the National Director of the Legal Resources Centre. He brings strong leadership and commitment to continuing the LRC's work to build a fully democratic society where the rights enshrined in SA's constitution are protected. We look forward to our continued partnership with the LRC and supporting their remarkable work.

Dr. Zubeda Dangor

"The impact the Canon Collins Trust scholarship had on my life is that it enabled me to continue working in the Gender Based Violence sector. It allowed me to establish a second organisation, the National Shelter Movement of South Africa, which provides a platform for those providing shelter for abused women and children to speak with one voice. The organisation also advocates on behalf of shelters in South Africa."

Dr. Zubeda Dangor is a clinical psychologist with a PhD in Psychology, which was funded by the Canon Collins Trust. She is also the Executive Director of the Nisaa Institute of Women's Development.

Events

Celebrating Education through the Corridors of St Paul's

We held a successful event in November at St. Paul's Cathedral, and were thrilled to be joined by our partners Equal Education for the occasion. The event commemorated the history of Canon John Collins and 10 years of Equal Education's campaigning for improvements in basic education in South Africa. Highlights included tours of the Cathedral and an 'In Conversation' piece with scholars, alumni, and Her Excellency the South African High Commissioner to the UK, Nomatambo Tambo.



Her Excellency, the High Commissioner with Noncedo Madubedube



The Equal Education team with some of our scholars at our St. Paul's Event



2018 UK Scholars Lunch

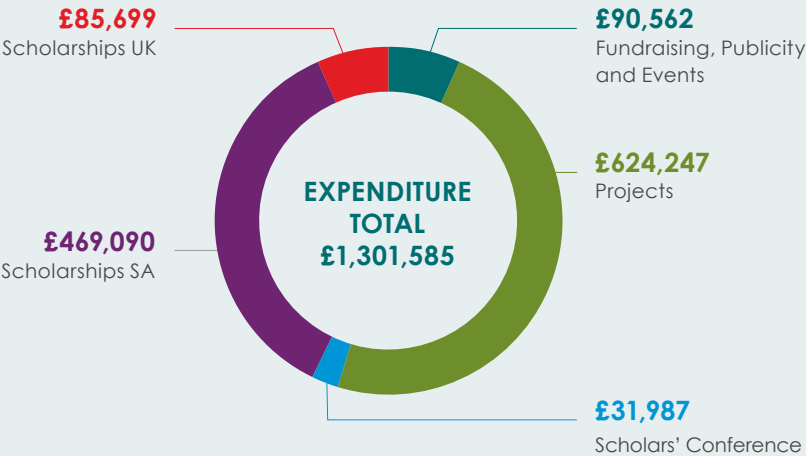
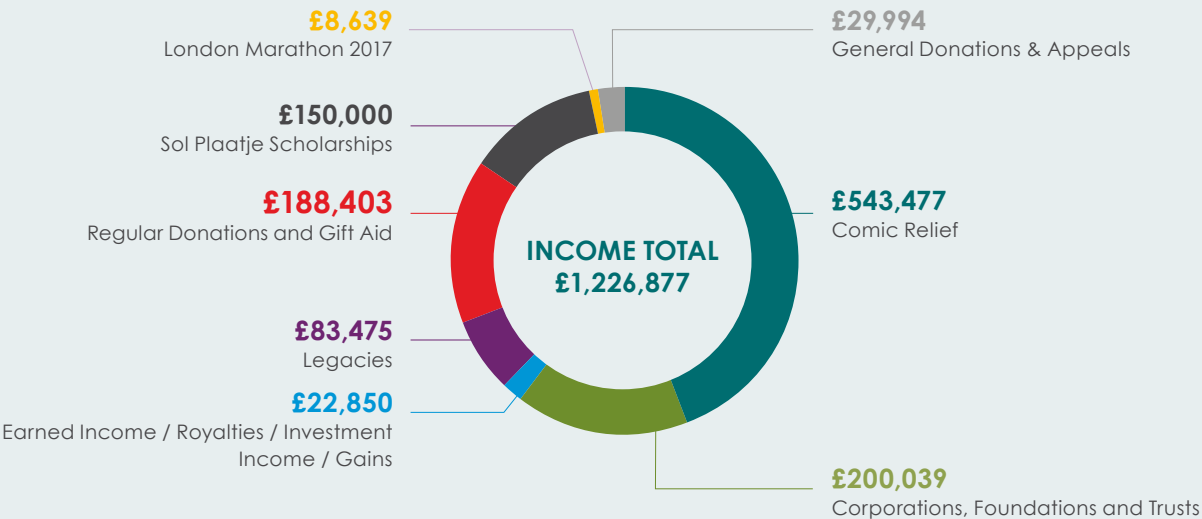
London Marathon

A successful London Marathon in April saw our runners exceed their fundraising targets.



London Marathon 2018

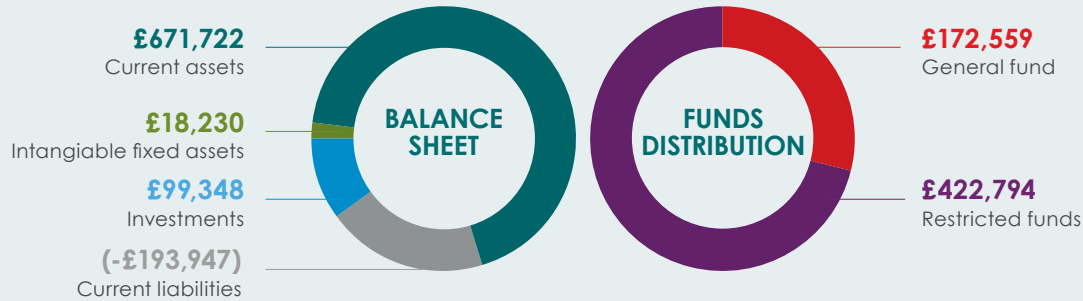
Finance Summary 2018



Deficit £74,708

Incoming resources during the year to 31 December 2018 amounted to £1,226,877 (2017: £916,988). Resources expended were £1,301,585 (2017: £1,175,312) resulting in a deficit of £74,708 (2017: £212,819 deficit). This was a budgeted deficit, not unplanned, and in line with the Reserves Policy. Copies of the full set of accounts and annual report may be obtained from the office or on our website.

BALANCE SHEET (31 Dec 2018) £595,353



Legacies

- Cynthia Penny
- Dr Brian Webb
- Geoff Parkyn
- Joan Hughes
- Joanna Combe Kitchin
- William Mapleson

In Memoriam

- James Learmonth
- Joan Edwards
- Joel Joffe
- Patrick Stuart
- Roger Diski
- Ros Moger
- Rick Turner
- Roy Frankland
- Sarah Russell
- Sylvester Stein
- Terry Furlong

Individuals, Trusts and Orgs who gave over £1000

- Alan & Babette Sainsbury Trust
- Alice Kramer
- Anne Dobson
- Antonia Cowan
- British Defence and Aid Fund
- British South African Law Association
- Comic Relief
- Cynthia Zukas
- Dr Dorothy Mary Eminson
- Elizabeth Wilmshurst
- Jusaca Charitable Trust
- Leigh Day
- Matrix Chambers
- Prof Isaac Marks
- Prof Jane Hutton
- Sarah Cawkwell
- Sol Plaatje Educational Project
- The Derek Raphael Charitable Trust
- The Eva Reckitt Trust
- The Follett Trust
- The Gibbs Charitable Trust
- The Westcroft Trust

Special thanks

- Webber Wentzel for providing the Scholar Conference venue in Cape Town
- St Pauls Cathedral for hosting our November event
- Marnie Sweet – for ongoing fundraising
- The Canon Collins London Marathon team of 2018
- Irish Embassy, South Africa – partnership contract



Agency

The energy created by the community we foster makes our collective quest for social justice so much stronger. It is the power of individual effort – the individual who is affirmed to make the most of their zeal, their talents and their own sense of self-efficacy.



Fairness

A sense of fairness underlies everything we do and strive for. Motivated by fairness we seek to ensure, both internally and externally, that no circumstance of life will hinder individual ability. To be fair is to consider all voices and narratives.

Image: Speedlimit on a South African gravel road near Rietfontein.
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Collaboration

If you want to go fast go alone;
if you want to go far, go together.

African Proverb

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