

Westminster Foundation for Democracy

**FIRST
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1992-93**

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Westminster Foundation for Democracy

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*Appointed 1 June 1992

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The Speaker of the House of Commons

FOREWORD

Having just spent my first full year as Speaker of the House of Commons watching the participants of British democracy battle it out in front of me, I am delighted to write a few words for this first Annual Report of the new Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

Britain has a unique tradition of democratic debate, and its robust democratic institutions, whilst far from perfect, have stood the test of time. We should therefore be in a position to reach out and help in those parts of the world where democracy is new, or is starting again. It is most heartening to know that the Westminster Foundation exists to do precisely that.

Building pluralism, fighting elections, creating political parties and movements, establishing a free press and trade unions will not be easy tasks. Overcoming years of totalitarianism poses real challenges to any society. And yet returning power to the people is a historic and fulfilling mission and one which will be of lasting benefit to humanity.

I am especially pleased to see the wide range of projects which the Foundation has sponsored in its first months, and it is also a personal pleasure to see how all the political parties in our Parliament have joined together to export the lessons we have learned over the years from our own processes in the United Kingdom.

I am proud to be a Patron of this important organisation. It has a substantial job ahead but has already developed an impressive record. It will go from strength to strength.

The Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd MP
The Speaker of the House of Commons

Building Democracy



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTRODUCTION

The Foundation's Purpose

The Westminster Foundation helps build pluralist democratic institutions overseas. It is an independent body which works with political parties, civic and human rights groups, trade unions, journalists' and lawyers' organisations, women's groups, and others committed to the urgent process of democratic change. We aim to help them assert the right of citizens to play a part in the process of government.

The Foundation supports all forms of democratic development and does not restrict its support to models of the Westminster system. We recognise that this is an area fraught with difficulty, and from the start - encouraged by the Government - we have taken risks.

Initiative for the Foundation

We were established by Parliament, by Royal Prerogative, in 1992, on the initiative of all political parties at Westminster, and their leaders have agreed to become our Patrons. The three main parties in Britain are each represented on the Board of Governors as well as a representative of the smaller parties, together with non-party figures drawn from business, the trade unions, the academic world and the non-governmental sector.

The Foundation was an imaginative response to the unprecedented changes taking place in Eastern Europe and throughout the world, and a recognition that Britain needed an organisation which could provide help at the 'cutting edge' of the universal movement towards pluralism.

The Record

In the first year it has already achieved a remarkable set of results. In June 1992 after three months nineteen projects were being funded; by the end of the year that figure has leapt to one hundred and forty. We have worked with individuals and groups abroad and in Britain. Although resources are limited our work has been global and we have established a Foundation presence in thirty two countries. Cash grants, equipment, advice and expertise have been provided and our evaluation method actively promotes the development of ideas.

This substantial record owes a great deal to the dedication and enthusiasm of our small staff, and to Mark Dickinson of Policy Planning Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, who was Acting Chief Executive for eight months and who created a secure base on which to build.

The Annual Report

This Report sets out the Foundation's priorities, and discusses the range and number of projects it has dealt with. It also looks to the future and the work that needs to be done to help Britain play a more active and effective part in the world-wide movement towards pluralism and democracy. The Appendix lists all the projects undertaken by the Foundation in 1992/93, country by country.

I am sure you will agree that it records a year of solid achievement.

Diana Warwick
Chief Executive

Building Democracy



A GREAT CHALLENGE

The task of helping to build and strengthen democratic processes is a great challenge.

The success of democratic forces in the former Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe (two of the Foundation's three priority regions) is fragile; recent political events in Russia suggest a real danger of disintegration and a descent into disorder; ethnic conflicts in many parts of both regions threaten to undermine further transformations; economic hardship may undermine confidence that democratic systems can improve the lot of the majority of citizens.

In the third of the Foundation's priority areas, Anglophone Africa, there have been undoubted successes in the transition to democratic regimes, but one party systems and long standing divisions still dominate much of the sub-Saharan region and electoral fraud and corruption continue to hinder progress.

The Foundation has already demonstrated that it can provide real, if modest, help; and the demands are increasing rapidly.

The Foundation's Activities

● *interpreting the role*

The Foundation can support projects anywhere in the world, but resources of both staff and money are limited and it has chosen to concentrate activities largely in **three territorial areas**: Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union (FSU) and Anglophone Africa. Three broad criteria influenced this decision on territorial priorities:

- 1 where urgent need can be established
- 2 where the Foundation can do most to exercise leverage to strengthen the transition to democracy, and
- 3 where countries are intrinsically important to Britain.

One of the Foundation's core activities is the strengthening of political parties, an activity in which direct governmental assistance is normally inappropriate. This is done in two ways. First, by providing support on a non-partisan basis to all or several political parties in a country in order to cover the whole political spectrum. Second, British political parties can call on the funds of the Foundation to support ideologically like-minded parties in other countries.

The Foundation has a role unique among international democracy building organisations in that it directs 50% of its available budget through the British political parties, according to a parliamentary formula (the "short money" formula based on votes obtained and seats in Parliament) which gives the Conservative and Labour Parties equal amounts, with lesser amounts being allocated to other parties.

The other 50% of the £1m grant-in-aid was allocated to all-party or non-party projects.



"Finding useful jobs for ex-officers not only makes good economic sense, it is also good politics". The Economist, 13 February 1993, on the Foundation's project to bring Russian ex-military officers to study the training of social workers.



Provost Richard Gibb, Hamilton District Council, Councillor Casserly and George Robertson MP with African and East European visitors during the General Election, April 1992.
(Photo: Charles McBain)



● *what has been done*

In its first year of existence the Foundation has funded approximately 140 projects. This is a considerable achievement given that Embassies and High Commissions were not asked to advertise its new role until the summer of 1992, and this was also the time when the political parties were able to organise themselves for the task. Many of the projects have been at the "cutting edge" of democratic political development and reports on completed projects suggest considerable benefit has been achieved at very little cost.

Of the total number of projects, 46% were non-partisan, 29% were proposed by the Conservative Party, 17% by the Labour Party, and 8% by the Liberal Democrats (the smaller parties in Parliament have not been in a position to generate projects as yet).

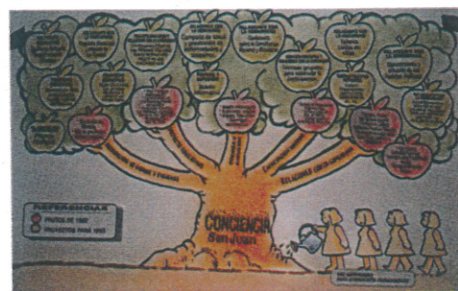
In terms of geographical distribution of projects, 60% were in Central and Eastern Europe, 17% were in the former Soviet Union (FSU), 13% were in Anglophone Africa, and 10% elsewhere in the world. The mix of funds per region was in almost identical proportions (60%, 18%, 16% and 6% respectively). The cost of individual projects ranged from £250 to £75,000 and the average expenditure per project was £13,500.

Opportunities for the Foundation

The Foundation has already established itself as a significant player in the field of democracy building. The establishment of the Foundation was a stimulus for the US State Department to ask the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the Foundation's sister organisation, to host an international 'summit' of democracy foundations in Washington in April 1993, the first time such organisations had met together. Organisations in both the USA and Germany are keen to form partnerships with the Foundation because of their respect for the expertise that the UK can muster. Such collaborative efforts are welcome, when they add to the value of the Foundation's resources.

Support for the development of political parties and for practical projects which provide education in the ways of democracy are key objectives. Development of a free media, and support for free trades' unions and women's organisations, will also come high on the priority list of projects the Foundation will support in the next three years. The provision of equipment for printing and photocopying etc. will continue to form a significant minority of projects, because this provides a valuable means for groups fighting for democracy to influence their fellow citizens.

The criteria for determining where we should place our support are continually refined in conjunction with other international organisations such as the NED, as well as with the British Know How Fund and other related organisations in the UK. The Foundation will continue to rely on a wide range of advice from experts, including the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



CONCIENCIA (Argentina) women's workshop, using innovative means of communication with community groups



Guiding Principles

It is not possible to pick certain winners in the democracy steeplechase. There is no one set of conditions which guarantees political transformation. From the beginning the Government made it clear that the Foundation was expected to take risks. Flexibility in choice of projects is important both in terms of country and subject area, since quick reactions to rapidly changing political situations are essential. The Foundation aims to make project work measurable and self-sustaining, creating a maximum multiplier effect. In doing this, it will be guided by four principles:

- 1 the need to reinforce success
- 2 the need to help prevent back-sliding in societies where change is fragile
- 3 the relative importance of different countries to British interests as well as their importance on the international scene
- 4 the contribution to the 'domino' effect.

Resources

The steep rise in the number of projects in the last six months is likely to continue. The staff have done an excellent job in handling between forty and sixty projects each; it is a substantial task to evaluate and keep control of such a large number of projects.

The Foundation aims to keep overheads low and project expenditure high. In other words, it intends to do a lot with a little. There is no doubt that the work will continue to expand but the increase in the number of staff will be limited to no more than a further one or two people in the next couple of years. The course the Foundation has chosen, and which it remains happy with, is to respond to requests for support and then to manage projects by close evaluation, rather than having its own staff in the field generating and managing projects.

Rigorous control is exercised over costs. The tax payer should have adequate reassurance that money or equipment provided is not being misused. A range of evaluation criteria and performance indicators is being developed to help in the assessment of projects. Proper monitoring by grantees is essential but the Foundation also aims to ensure that projects are monitored and evaluated by organisations or individuals independent of the grantee and with unimpeachable credibility in the UK. The Foundation will withhold 20% or more of each grant until it has received a satisfactory assessment report and accounts for the project.

The Foundation is committed to building support in the corporate sector. Additional resources will be sought through fund raising in order to maximise the potential of the Foundation's work as well as to broaden the range of United Kingdom institutions involved with and committed to its aims. Many British companies wish to develop markets and businesses in countries where they see that help is needed to build stable conditions and a settled society. The Foundation looks to them for support in its work of building democratic institutions to secure that stability.

The Foundation's Record

The record of the Foundation's first year of project work, contained in the Appendix, fully justifies the Government's decision to double the original budget from £1m to £2m for 1993/94.

Demands on the Foundation are growing. Progress so far has led to an increasingly high profile in priority regions, and this will be built on. The Foundation aims to justify the warm commendations of other countries' Foundations and their faith that it can make a major contribution to the international task of democracy building.



Campaign training in the UK for activists and party officials from Romania, Albania, Slovakia and Slovenia with the Liberal Democrats

Accounts and Auditors' Report

THE WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY LTD

Foreword

The Governors have pleasure in submitting the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the thirteen months ended 31st March 1993.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Foundation was incorporated on 26th February 1992 and commenced operations on 9th March 1992.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide assistance in building and strengthening pluralist democratic institutions overseas.

RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The results for the period are summarised below and show a surplus of £27,325 which has been transferred to reserves.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Governors who served on the Board during the period and were the Directors under Companies Act 1985 were:

Mr Tony Clarke	Appointed 4.3.92
Viscount Cranbourne	Appointed 4.3.92 / Resigned 27.4.92
Mrs Margaret Ewing MP	Appointed 4.3.92
Mr Nigel Forman MP	Appointed 4.3.92 / Resigned 27.4.92
Professor Peter Frank	Appointed 4.3.92
Mr Timothy Garton-Ash	Appointed 4.3.92
Lady Howe JP	Appointed 4.3.92
Sir Russell Johnston MP	Appointed 4.3.92
Mr Gavin Laird CBE	Appointed 4.3.92
Mr Ralph Land OBE	Appointed 4.3.92
Mr Patrick Nicholls MP	Appointed 1.6.92
Dr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky	Appointed 4.3.92
Mr George Robertson MP	Appointed 4.3.92
Sir James Spicer MP	Appointed 4.3.92
Mr Ian Taylor MP	Appointed 1.6.92
Ms Carole Tongue MEP	Appointed 4.3.92

Alney Incorporations No 1 Limited and Alney Incorporations No 2 Limited were appointed the Foundation's first directors on 26th February 1992 and resigned on 5th March 1992.

AUDITORS

Gane Jackson Scott were appointed the Foundation's first auditors, and, having expressed their willingness to continue in office, a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

S Chudleigh, Secretary
1993

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
9th March 1992 - 31st March 1993

	Note	£	£
INCOME			
H.M. Government Grants	2		1,192,600
EXPENDITURE			
Direct expenditure on projects	3		893,100
			<u>299,500</u>
OTHER EXPENDITURE			
Staff Costs	5		191,259
Depreciation			7,826
Other Operating Charges			73,090
			<u>272,175</u>
Surplus for the Financial Year	4		<u><u>27,325</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET
31st March 1993

	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	6		20,766
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	1,580	
Cash at bank and in hand		9,841	
		<u>11,421</u>	
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	4,862	
Net Current Assets			<u>6,559</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u><u>27,325</u></u>
Financed by:			
Income and Expenditure Account			<u><u>27,325</u></u>

The Accounts were approved by the Board on 5 July 1993

Sir James Spicer MP
Chairman

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
9th March 1992 - 31st March 1993

	Note	£	£
(a) Net cash inflow from operating activities	(a)		38,433
Investing Activities			
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets		28,592	
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(28,592)</u>	
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(b)		<u><u>9,841</u></u>

Notes to the cash flow statement

(a) Reconciliation of Operating Surplus to Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities

	£
Grant received	1,192,600
Payments made for projects	(893,100)
Payments made for administration	(261,067)
	<u><u>38,433</u></u>

(b) Analysis of change in Cash and Cash Equivalents

	£
Balance at 9th March 1992-	
Net Cash Inflow	9,841
Balance at 31st March 1993	<u><u>9,841</u></u>

The following notes form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

- (a) The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards
- (b) Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost of the tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Computer Equipment	33 ¹ / ₃ % straight line
- (c) Rentals payable under operating leases are taken to Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.
- (d) Grants are credited to income in the year to which they relate. Expenditure on projects is charged to Income and Expenditure Account on a cash basis. Other expenditure is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account on an accruals basis inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.
- (e) The Foundation is not liable to Corporation Tax on grants received.
- (f) There are no comparatives as this is the Foundation's first set of accounts.

2. Government Grants	£
Grant-in-aid 1992/93	1,000,000
1991/92	192,600
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	<u>1,192,600</u>
3. Direct Expenditure on Projects	£
Foundation projects	571,610
Conservative Party sponsored projects	120,710
Labour Party sponsored projects	156,856
Liberal Democrat Party sponsored projects	43,924
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	<u>893,100</u>
4. Operating Surplus	£
This is stated after charging:	
Staff costs (see note 5 below)	191,259
Travel subsistence and hospitality:	
Chairman and other board members	12,670
Employees (including seconded staff)	15,128
Auditors Remuneration - Audit	1,700
Other	165
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	<u>191,259</u>
5. Staff Costs	£
Wages and salaries	46,717
Seconded staff	86,436
Recruitment costs	47,349
Social Security costs	4,907
Other Pension costs	5,850
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	<u>191,259</u>

The average number of employees during the period was three.
During the period no employee earned over £30,000.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets	Computer Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
Additions in period	15,797	12,795	28,592
Cost at 31st March 1993	15,797	12,795	28,592
Depreciation			
Charge for year	5,267	2,559	7,826
Depreciation at 31st March 1993	5,267	2,559	7,826
Net book value at 31st March 1993	10,530	10,236	20,766
7. Debtors			£
Prepayments			400
Other debtors			1,180
			1,580
8. Creditors			£
Accruals			3,401
Other creditor			1,461
			4,862

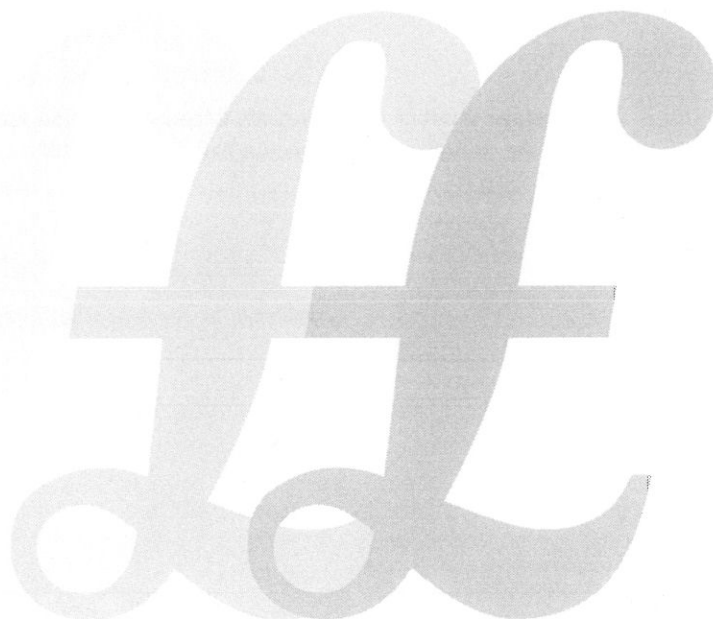
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 8-12 of this report in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Foundation's affairs at 31st March 1993 and of its surplus and cash flows for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the Accounts Direction given by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Gane Jackson Scott
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Holborn Hall
100 Gray's Inn Road
London
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5th July 1993



**LIST OF PROJECTS
BEGUN BETWEEN
9 MARCH 1992 - 31 MARCH 1993**



CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

ALBANIA

Albanian and Slovenian Media

The Foundation funded three visits by an expert on behalf of the Conservative Party, who has, in Albania, advised on the re-organisation of the Democratic Party newspaper, laid the foundations for the Prime Minister's press office, and has written a plan for a Government Information Service; in Slovenia he has drawn up a business plan, which is now being implemented, for the rationalisation and survival of the newspaper 'Slovenec'.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £10,476

Democratic Alliance

On behalf of the Liberal Democrats, the Foundation provided office equipment for the Albanian Democratic Alliance, a new party.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £10,000

Advisor to the President

The Conservative Party provided an advisor to President Berisha of Albania for three months to assist him in the organisation of the Democratic Party and provide practical advice on other political and economic matters

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £1,506

Parliamentary Visit

The Foundation funded travel costs of an all-party group of 8 Albanian parliamentarians for a visit to Westminster. Both organisational and procedural issues, and deeper questions of democratic culture such as relations between government and opposition were covered in the visit.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,000

Social Democratic Party

On behalf of the Labour Party the Foundation provided extensive equipment (including six vehicles) to the Albanian SDP to enable it to function more effectively.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £19,353

BULGARIA

Democratic Management of Defence

The Foundation contributed to the costs of a seminar organised at the Mountbatten Centre for International Studies, Southampton University, for Bulgarian officials to learn about the democratic management of defence and security with special reference to Bulgaria's own historical background and political and geo-strategic situation.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £4,004

Party Training

The Foundation is funding training by the Conservative Party of the various parties in the Bulgarian United Democratic Front, in aspects of party organisation including organising branches, canvassing, and selecting candidates.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £5,660

Training for Trade Unions

The Foundation funded a course in information technology, organised by the Scottish TUC, for Podkrepa, the largest of the trade unions set up after the end of Communist rule. The course would enable Podkrepa to improve internal communications with its members and to access Western data-banks; expertise gained by its participants could be passed on to others, and it is hoped that the course could be replicated in other Central and East European countries.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £7,000

Union of Democratic Forces

The Conservative Party sent a small mission to Bulgaria to give technical assistance and support to the UDF. In anticipation of forthcoming elections and following the collapse of the coalition UDF elected government, the Party wished to contact all 16 parties of the UDF and provide training advice on campaigning and literature.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £1,286

CZECHLANDS

**Czechlands and Slovakia:
Trade Unions and Insolvency**

A representative from the British TUC will hold two three-day seminars covering incoming legislation about insolvency. He will help to prepare the legal officers of unions affiliated to the central trade union organisation (CSKOS) to deal with the new rules and cope with the employment consequences of the rapid increases in company bankruptcies.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £4,173

Christian Democrat Youth Wing

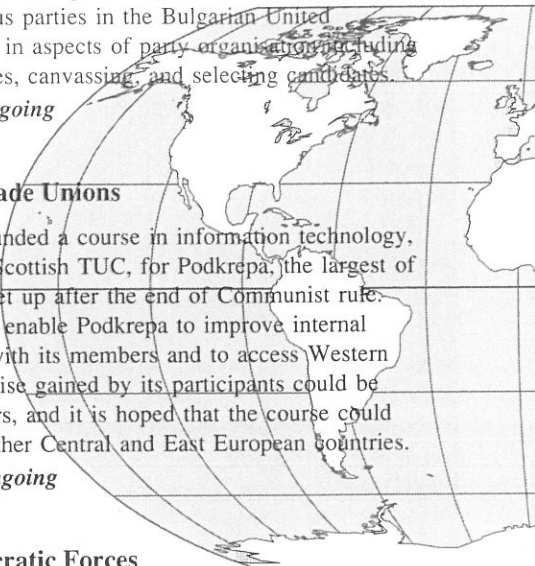
The Conservative Party wished to cover the accommodation and travel costs for the former International Secretary of CDYW to the Young Conservative's Conference in February, and he will now apply his new knowledge to this centre-right youth movement.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £373

Social Democratic Party Congress

The Labour Party attended the Social Democratic Party's Congress. By their attendance the Labour Party will be able to further assess how they can best help the SDP with campaigning advice in what is likely to be an election year.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £623





Training Seminar

The Conservative Party held a weekend seminar for 30 top professional and voluntary staff who are currently working for their sister parties in Czechlands. Participants were drawn from the Civic Democratic Party and Christian Democratic Party. Areas covered were local organisation, election activity, literature and business support and sponsorship.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £2,888

ESTONIA

Party Assistance

On behalf of the Liberal Democrats, the Foundation is funding a full-time co-ordinator in the headquarters of the Estonian Liberal Democrats for a year.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £1,900

Social Democratic Party

On behalf of the Labour Party, the Foundation is to provide office equipment and assistance in producing publications for the Estonian SDP's congress.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £5,000

GEORGIA

Election Monitoring

Funding was given for a group of election monitors from the British Helsinki Human Rights Group to observe the Georgian elections in October.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £5,328

HUNGARY

Party Building

The Liberal Democrats sent their General Secretary and Campaign Director to visit regional and local officials of FIDESZ and the Alliance of Free Democrats, with whom they have built close ties. This was a follow-up to a FIDESZ delegation visit to the UK last November. This visit was the first in a series to improve party organisation and produce a detailed training schedule.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £800

Technical Assistance to Parties and Media

The Conservative Party sent an expert on media relations to assist Hungarian Democratic Reform and the Christian Democratic Party with techniques of press relations, and to give practical advice to newspapers.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £1,027

Training Seminar

The Conservative Party held a weekend seminar for 30 key professional and voluntary staff working for their sister parties in Hungary. Areas covered were local branch organisation, canvassing, literature design, youth, student and voluntary organisation and business sponsorship.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £1,836

Assistance to FIDESZ

On behalf of the Liberal Democrats, the Foundation funded a visit by 9 members of the Hungarian Federation of Young Democrats (FIDESZ) to study local government issues.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £3,498

Media Assistance

The Conservative Party's media adviser followed-up on an earlier visit to Hungary to assist the daily newspaper 'Pesti Hirlap'. The advice concentrated on staff training and page-layout. The adviser also made preparations for a training scheme to link the paper with western regional dailies for advice, possible equipment supply and journalist exchanges.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £1,763

LATVIA

Party Strengthening

Attendance of a British participant at an all-party conference in Riga organised by the US National Democratic Institute on the role and organisation of parties in democracies; on policy formation and organisation; and the role of government, parliament electoral systems and local authorities.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £839

Party Training

The Conservative Party sent four Party Agents to the Free Citizens Conservative Party to provide basic training in campaigning and organisational skills. An auxiliary objective was to assess the state of emerging parties in the Baltic States, which is yet to be visited by Party Agents.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £1,026

Latvian Parliament: Photocopier

With the Know How Fund, the Foundation provided a photocopier for the Latvian Supreme Council (Parliament) whose existing equipment was worn out. Six months after the Latvians first appealed to the international community for new equipment, ours was still the only concrete response which they had received.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,507



MACEDONIA

Social Democratic Party

On behalf of the Labour Party the Foundation is providing equipment to the Latvian SDP and educational courses for 80 of its members in Western languages (so access to knowledge and practical know-how from abroad will be easier) and on legislative and legal issues.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £5,000

Social Democratic Workers' Party Congress

The Labour Party received an invitation to attend the Latvian Social Democratic Workers' Congress in January. The timing fitted in well with an assessment visit the Labour Party was undertaking in the Baltic States allowing further assessment and advice to be given to the SDWP.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £799

LITHUANIA

Local Government

The Foundation funded a seminar in Klaipeda on local government issues and practices for Lithuanian councillors and local government officials, organised by Nottingham University.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £5,948

Lithuania & Hungary: Organising and Building Active Democratic Groups within Political Parties

The Active Learning Centre is providing training for volunteers through regional workshops to organise and build democratic political parties at grassroots level. In addition a short 'know-how' guide, written in English, Russian and the local language will be produced by those involved. The workshops will concentrate on organising and running community groups at the local level.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £17,270

Social Democratic Party

On behalf of the Labour Party, the Foundation met the costs of printing leaflets and other electoral material for the Lithuanian SDP.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £7,496

Lithuanian Union of Workers: Current Affairs Films

On behalf of the Conservative Party the Foundation provided basic film-making equipment to the Lithuanian Union of Workers, who wished to make current affairs films for television and thus increase the range of views represented in the Lithuanian media.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £885

Visit of President to Britain

The Foundation funded UK costs of a visit by the President and Foreign Minister of Macedonia, organised by the Centre for Policy Studies. The Foundation aimed to demonstrate through the visit that the West was not indifferent to Macedonia's fate, thus contributing to the stabilisation of reform there; President Gligorov's programme included the study of government/opposition relations and of the process of public opinion formation.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £1,679

MOLDOVA

Conflict Resolution

The Foundation contributed to a conference in Czechoslovakia of a wide range of Moldovan groups, aimed at a better understanding of how the establishment of a thriving voluntary sector could contribute to democratic development, help reduce the strains of the transition to a market economy, and assist in resolving ethnic conflict. The Conference was so successful that it immediately stimulated a request from the Prime Minister of the "Trans-Nistrian Republic" for a similar exercise there.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £8,797

POLAND

Negotiating Course for Industry

The Foundation funded a training course for Polish trade unions and employers in December, jointly organised by both sides of British industry.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £7,966

Parliamentary Conference

The Foundation funded two participants from the House of Commons Library to attend a conference in Warsaw organised by the Polish Sejm, so that Central and East European parliamentary information services could benefit from Westminster's experience.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £1,011

Training Seminars

The Conservative Party is holding a series of weekend training seminars jointly with the Jagiellonian Foundation based in Warsaw. Seminars will cover topics such as party finance and structure, election work and campaigning, working with the media, parliamentary life and practical training. Participants will be young activists drawn from centre-right parties.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £6,100



Visit by Centre-Alliance Young Wing

On behalf of the Conservative Party, the Foundation funded the visit of the International Secretary of C-AYW to the Young Conservative's Conference in February. As part of the conference a small training scheme was established to give practical support to the youth organisations of sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe.

Project Status: Complete

Expenditure: £250

ROMANIA

Adult Education College/Network

Funding of a feasibility study for setting up of an adult education college or network in Romania to provide opportunity and skills for the non-governmental sector to play a greater role in participatory democracy and civil society.

Project Status: Ongoing

Budget: £16,000

Assistance to Romanian Parties

Funding of technical assistance and advice by the Conservative Party, primarily directed to the National Peasants Party but available also to all other parties in Romania, and transportation of second-hand equipment donated by Conservative constituency parties which was presented to all Romanian parties.

Project Status: Ongoing

Budget: £30,000

Cluj News Agency

Tension between ethnic Romanians and Hungarians in Romania is exacerbated by tendentious reporting or by rumours arising from the absence of any reporting at all. The Foundation has agreed to fund the establishment and first year's running-costs of a news agency which would seek to address this problem by providing impartial and reliable information.

Project Status: Ongoing

Budget: £6,070

Election Monitoring

Funding for a group of election monitors from the British Helsinki Human Rights Group to observe the Romanian elections in September/October.

Project Status: Complete

Expenditure: £3,045

Monitoring of Media Coverage of Elections

The Foundation funded a project, proposed by the Conservative Party, for the European Media Institute to monitor the fairness of media coverage during the Romanian elections in September/October. The aim was to deter gross violations of media independence or impartiality and to bolster confidence in the electoral process.

Project Status: Complete

Expenditure: £21,516

Party Training

The Foundation is funding training by Conservative Party agents for parties in the Romanian Democratic Convention in fundraising, selecting candidates, and other aspects of party organisation.

Project Status: Ongoing

Budget: £11,100

Press Office

The Conservative Party's Media Adviser will oversee the establishment of a press office for the Democratic Convention's Presidential candidate. The office will be set up with the Peasants Party, recipients of previous advice. The adviser will train two journalists to run it and help strengthen the Democratic Convention's Youth Movement.

Project Status: Ongoing

Budget: £3,230

SLOVAKIA

Press and Media Assistance

A fact-finding visit to the Slovakian Christian Democrat Party was made by the Conservative Party's media adviser to review existing press relations with the Party and key parliamentary spokesmen and women, as well as the effectiveness of management structures for the party newspaper.

Project Status: Complete

Expenditure: £1,471

Technical Assistance to Political Party

Lecture tour by 3 Conservative Party agents on the subject of fund-raising, to assist the Christian Democratic Party in Slovakia which is faced with closure of its regional offices due to financial difficulties.

Project Status: Complete

Expenditure: £9,413

Training Seminar

The Conservative Party held a weekend training seminar for 30 key professional and voluntary workers, in March for Slovakian sister parties. Topics centred around preparation for the elections due to be held in 1995.

Project Status: Complete

Expenditure: £1,414

Visit to UK by Christian Democrat General Secretary

The Conservative Party provided a secondment of six weeks in Central Office to the General Secretary of the Christian Democratic Party to provide practical ideas on the structuring and organisation of an effective party headquarters.

Project Status: Complete

Expenditure: £3,516



SLOVENIA

Technical Assistance to Political Parties

Workshops and lectures by 4 Conservative Party agents on organising, campaigning and fund-raising techniques, to assist the Slovenian Liberal Democratic Party and the Christian Democratic Party.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £10,151

Media Assistance

This was the final in a series of three visits to Slovenia for the Conservative Party's media adviser. He was helping to implement the changes in manpower and production methods on the newspaper 'Slovenec' as a result of his previous trips and working very closely with the company.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £3,910

TRANSDNIESTRA

Conflict Resolution

A major conference was held in Nitra to follow-up on progress made at the July conference in Moldova. The objective for January, as with the July conference, was to establish areas of common need for the peoples of Transdnierstra and Moldova, concentrating on the problems of democratisation and transition to a market economy.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £26,678

FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Aid to Independent Media

In conjunction with the French organisation Droit de Parole, the Foundation supplied the independent newspaper 'Oslobodjenje' (Liberation) with sufficient paper to allow continued circulation. With support from Britain, the United Nations agreed to lift the embargo on paper supplies to Serbia. The aim is to provide the paper with a life-line supply to maintain circulation. We also helped restore Oslobodjenje's contact with the rest of the world through satellite telex.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £20,000

Election Monitoring

A small delegation from the Electoral Reform Consultancy Services went out to observe the fairness of the parliamentary elections held in December. The study was undertaken in much the same way as for the Romanian elections which were held last September.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £10,670

Election Observer Mission

A Conservative Party Research Officer joined a small delegation from the European Democrat Union, a collective of over 30 centre-right parties throughout Central Europe, to undertake an observer mission on the recent elections. A secondary objective was to gain first hand knowledge of the political scene in Serbia.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £315

Encouraging Independent Indigenous Debate

The Institute for War and Peace Reporting wishes to greatly increase distribution and improve the quality of contributions to the non-partisan bulletin 'WarReport' within former Yugoslavia. It is hoped that this will prove a catalyst to debate in the region, and by paying fairly reasonable rates, encourage more indigenous writers to contribute.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £30,000

Media Monitoring

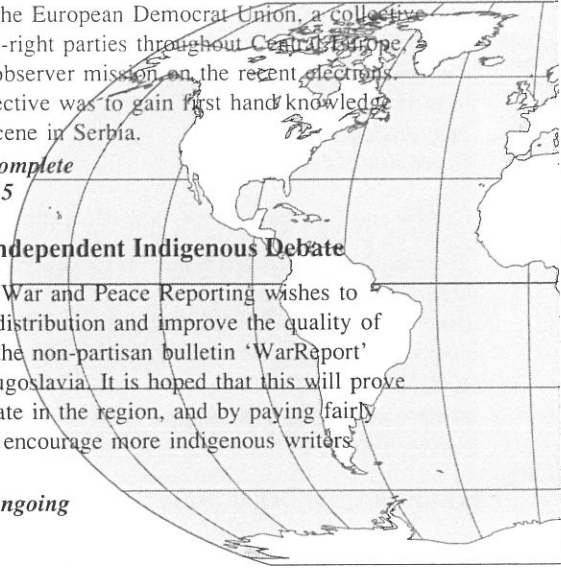
The European Institute for the Media undertook to monitor the media coverage of the December elections in Serbia and Montenegro to measure whether and by how much the predominantly state-owned facilities were biased against opposition parties. They also measured the success of the satellite-time purchased from Studio B, as set out in the following project.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £16,858

Satellite Broadcasting

The Foundation funded World Television News to arrange to broadcast programmes from the independent Studio B TV station by satellite for a week during the Serbian and Montenegrin elections in December 1992 to redress the balance in access to media time for opposition parties, against the largely owned state owned TV network.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £35,000





GENERAL

Adult Education

Funding of a seminar and work-shadowing week for 20 adult educators from Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, aimed at providing training which they could pass on within their countries on how adult education could contribute to the formation and success of voluntary associations.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £5,480

Conference on Democracy and Economic Change

The Foundation provided funds for the accommodation of Central and Eastern European participants in a conference, organised by Cumberland Lodge, on whether emergent democracies can handle the socio-economic changes which they are undergoing.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,820

Conference on Democracy

The Foundation provided air-fares for 17 British participants in a conference in Prague, "Making Democracy Effective", organised by the Conservative Party for politicians throughout Central and Eastern Europe.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £4,194

Council of Europe: School for Democracy

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe is planning a pilot "school for democracy" for parliamentarians from Central and Eastern Europe. The Foundation is funding the travel and subsistence costs for three Russian parliamentarians to participate in the three-seminar pilot scheme, organised jointly with the Russian School of Political Science.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £10,000

EC/UN Peace Conference Media Coverage

The Foundation funded air fares and accommodation for 6 journalists from the independent media in each of the ex-Yugoslav Republics, who were otherwise unable to cover the EC/UN Peace Conference in London in August, so that media coverage in former Yugoslavia did not rely wholly on governments there and so that Western opinion could be properly reflected in the independent press.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £5,377

Election Visitors

The Labour Party brought eight party workers from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Russia to learn practical lessons in campaigning techniques from the UK general election.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £13,213

Election Visitors

The Liberal Democrat Party brought three workers from Hungary, four from Czechoslovakia, and one from Russia to observe the UK general election and learn practical lessons in campaigning and organisation from it.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,500

Guidelines for Election Broadcasting

Article 19 were approached by a number of emergent democracies for advice on election broadcasting rules. The Foundation agreed to fund the development of guidelines which would take account of varying political and broadcasting contexts but be of general application.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,100

IFLRY Seminar for Young Politicians

On behalf of the Liberal Democrats, the Foundation funded a seminar organised by the International Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth for ten young politicians from Eastern and Central Europe, and covering party structure, organisation, communication and campaigning.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £3,380

IYDU Conference

On behalf of the Conservative Party, the Foundation funded the attendance of 13 young political leaders from Central and Eastern Europe at the International Young Democrat Union's annual meeting in Madrid, to initiate or deepen their contacts with Western sister-parties and improve their access to international sources of expertise and assistance in party organisation.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,750

Labour Party Conference

Six politicians from Central and Eastern Europe attended the Labour Party Conference in September/October, and a related seminar on the organisation and functions of the conference, to provide ideas for the development of their own party congresses.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £9,930

Women's Network

The Foundation agreed to support a conference of women political and business leaders organised by Project Liberty and subsequent efforts to establish a women's network in Central and Eastern Europe to enable them to draw on each other's and Western expertise.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £10,999

Role of the Voluntary Sector

The Foundation met the costs of publishing the report of a conference on the voluntary sector held by the the Danish Centre for Human Rights, which it is hoped will be a valuable reference tool for people setting up and organising voluntary organisations in emergent democracies.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,930



Round Table Europe 1992

The Foundation supported this pan-European Conference organised by the Austrian Political Academy, and sent a representative, in order to foster awareness of the Foundation among the Central and East European political leaders attending it.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £5,627

Study Visit to the UK

The Foundation funded a study visit to the Liberal Democrats from representatives of their sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to exchange expertise on all aspects of party organisation and campaigning.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,200

Technical Assistance to Political Parties

Funding of technical assistance by the Conservative Party to three parties in each of the following countries: Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Poland. Eighteen visitors from the parties were brought to the UK to observe techniques used during the general election campaign; this was followed in subsequent months by visits to the countries concerned by 33 Conservative agents to identify and follow up further specific needs for advice and training, as indicated elsewhere.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £25,359

Project Liberty: Women in Leadership Follow-up

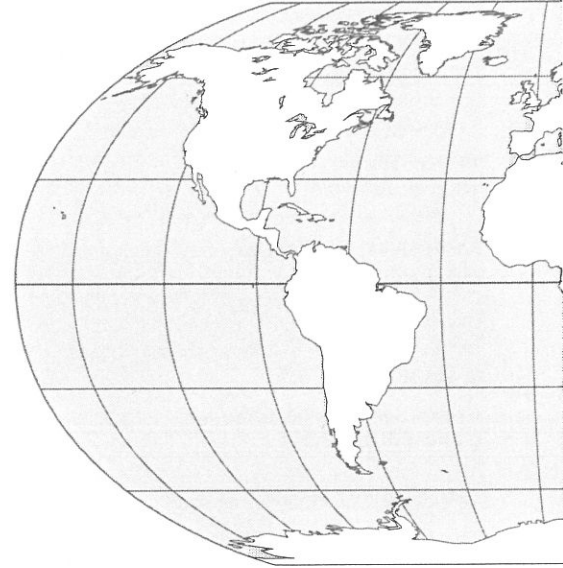
The second stage of Women in Leadership conference, funded by the Foundation and held in Vienna in 1992, involves training workshops in each of the countries represented, and structured directly in response to their needs. In preparation, a UK based consultant and the main administrator will be sent to meet all participants in their own country to develop the links made last year and to begin a programme of training seminars so that each country's 'network' can eventually become financially independent.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £20,000

Workshops on Urban Regeneration and the Environment

The Foundation contributed towards the costs of five Central and East European participants in the workshops organised by the 21st Century Trust, emphasising the need for democratic community participation in urban development and environmental issues.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £3,058



"Reversing the country's political and economic isolation under the brutal regime of Hoxha is going to take a long time..."

One force for stability and progress is the ASDP. They may not be perfect ...but as they grow in influence and respect, social democrats in other parties may be encouraged to join them to help achieve their limited, but realistic objectives"

Labour Party Assessment visit to Albania

"our hosts provided a unique opportunity to see things in operation and not only in theory. The answers that we got covered a much wider range and were much more specific than we expected. The operation of different organisations, institutions and actual solutions that were unknown to us, became clear"

Visit by FIDESZ (Hungary) local government officers organised by the Liberal Democrats

"They were surprised by the tendency of British employees to identify themselves with the company, and by the appreciation by management of the relationship between the standing of the company and the condition of its personnel"

Managers and Workers from Poland

"Very few people in the new democracies have received proper training in the jobs they are now performing the Managing Director of Slovenec for example, is a company lawyer who worked in the fruit trade. Few reporters have even the basic idea of their current profession. The key feature is that they are all willing to learn."

Conservative Party Newspaper Project in Slovenia

"Without your support in broadcasting our news programmes by satellite to a broader audience in Serbia in the run-up to the elections, this important blow against media bias in this country would not have been possible"

Director, Studio B, Belgrade

FORMER SOVIET UNION

RUSSIA



Armed Forces in a Democratic Society

A short course is being organised in the UK by Coventry University for 20 senior officers of the Russian armed forces on the management of armed forces in a pluralist democracy. Senior politicians and members of the British armed forces are to examine the relationship between the Government, European Commission and the armed forces.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £19,900

Democracy Building

The Labour Party sent a young party activist for a two-month placement in Russia to assess how young people could best be encouraged to become involved in democracy-building programmes.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £2,576

Economic Freedom Party

The Conservative Party sent one person to observe the re-assembly of the Congress of People's Deputies in December, to re-establish contact and discover whether future cooperation with the Economic Freedom Party of Russia was a possibility.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £364

Visit to UK by Russian Deputies

The Labour Party brought three Russian deputies to a series of seminars and study visits to explain the workings of the British parliamentary system with particular reference to government/opposition relations and the concept of a "loyal opposition"; the deputies said that the visit has provided them with enough new ideas to fill a year's work.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £6,403

Minority Rights Group

The Foundation contributed to the setting up of offices of local groups of the MRG in St Petersburg and Bratislava, and to the production of a report on the minorities of Central Europe.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £25,000

MPs' Visit

Three Labour MPs visited Russia in early 1993 to take part in discussions, give lectures and meet party activists. The visit took in four types of audience; parliamentarians, businessmen, young people invited by Forum 90, and academics.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £4,543

Parliamentarians: Work Shadowing

The Foundation contributed, together with the FCO and the Know How Fund, to a Leeds University project for a seminar in January 1993 for Russian deputies on practical aspects of Western parliamentarians' work followed by a week "work-shadowing" British MPs.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £26,530

Printing Press

On behalf of the Labour Party, the Foundation provided a second-hand printing-press for the All Russia Foundation for Social Democracy to enable them to produce 100,000 copies of a weekly newspaper.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £12,500

School of Political Studies: Visit to London

The Director of Moscow School of Political Studies will visit the UK for a week, to meet individuals and organisations who will be able to help launch her programme of seminars. The first seminar in April will cover constitutional and parliamentary democracy, later seminars will focus on similar topics. Participants will be young political activists, businessmen and administrators.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £3,470

Supreme Soviet Round Table

The Defence and Security Committee of the Russian Supreme Soviet organised a round table session, drawing together American, German, and British participants at Leeds University. The objective was to discuss the preparation of a bill on parliamentary control for the security and intelligence services as a means to extending democratic control in these areas.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure £1,296

Training Ex-Military as Social Workers

The Foundation funded an exchange of secondments between discharged Russian army officers who are being retrained as social workers and Norfolk County Council Social Services Department. Russia currently has no social workers; social services are aimed at the needs of collective groups rather than individuals; changing this emphasis could have important social consequences for democratic development. The Russian army officers have training in psychology and other disciplines which are appropriate to social workers. Once trained they would operate in one suburb of Moscow as a pilot project for the rest of Russia.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £16,400

Ekaterinburg: Assessment Visit

The St Andrew Foundation is to visit Ekaterinburg to assess the future need for programmes focusing on the role of political parties in local government and the relationship between elected members and the administration. This is following an initial assessment visit by two members of the Foundation and visit to Scotland by three Russian deputies, as indicated elsewhere.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £6,100



UKRAINE

Centre for Creative Television

The Foundation has agreed to fund production costs of high-quality informational television programmes by local producers, chosen through a competitive process by an independent committee and using the facilities of the Centre for Creative Television. The aim is to provide a choice of less conformist and more tolerant programmes in an environment where state television is highly conformist and independent television relies on Western soap operas and amateur productions.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £13,598

Centre for Independent Political Research

The Foundation is paying a year's rent for offices for the Centre, and a year's salary for seven people, the production of the bulletin 'Sposterihach', a supply of ink and paper for the bulletin, and subscriptions to Western media. The bulletin aims to inform Ukrainian opinion-formers about international affairs and international perceptions of Ukraine - a field in which there was previously a void in the Ukrainian media. Ukrainian parliamentarians have spoken of "the tremendous impact" of "this truly useful publication".

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £10,700

Centre for Political Research

The currently funded 'Sposterihach', an independent international affairs bulletin for decision makers, requires computer equipment to replace the old, run-down equipment currently on lease and due for re-location from the Free Trade Union Institute. During parliamentary sessions the equipment will produce regular documents and guarantee the flow of vital information to legislators.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £7,000

National Press Club Information Centre

The Foundation has agreed to fund subscriptions to Western publications and reference material, and a series of seminars aimed at developing a Code of Conduct for journalists. The National Press Club, which is a new initiative, would then be able to provide a flow of information to and between Ukrainian journalists, and of material on how they should operate in a democratic society, which does not presently exist.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £11,813

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The British Democracy Programme

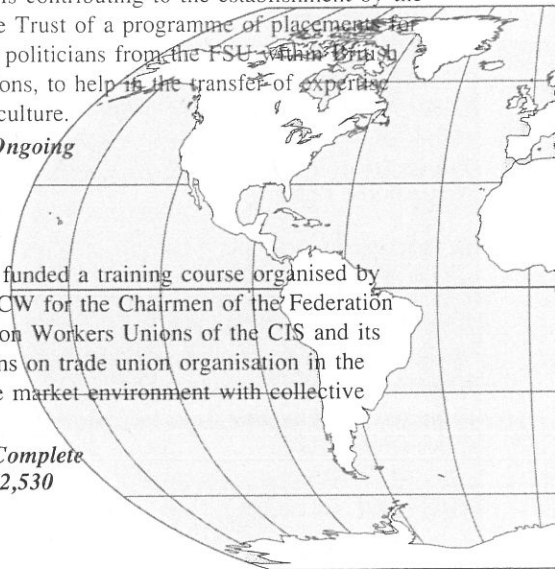
The Foundation is contributing to the establishment by the Future of Europe Trust of a programme of placements for emerging young politicians from the FSU within British political institutions, to help in the transfer of expertise and democratic culture.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £6,000

Trade Unions.

The Foundation funded a training course organised by the NCU and UCW for the Chairmen of the Federation of Communication Workers Unions of the CIS and its constituent unions on trade union organisation in the context of a free market environment with collective bargaining.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £12,530



"The Symposium has left a very great impression on me. It has proved to be extraordinarily useful for individual work, for the activities of factions and committees and for influencing the activity of the Supreme Soviet"

Irina Viktorovna Vinogradova, Free Russia Faction, Symposium on Parliamentary Democracy

"Congratulations to the Westminster Foundation for making a big splash in the corridors of power in Ukraine. Issues of this "truly useful publication" get snatched up by the deputies in the Parliament building. A project as simple as the Observer has already had a tremendous impact because it fills a very real need today in Ukraine".

Independent assessor of 'Sposterihach' (Observer)

ANGLOPHONE AFRICA

KENYA

Fact-Finding Study

The Foundation agreed to co-finance with the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development in Canada a study of human rights and political participation in Kenya with the aim of developing a long-term strategy by the Centre and the Foundation to contribute to the voluntary sector and development of civil society in Kenya.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £3,000

FORD (UK)

Provision of office equipment on behalf of the Liberal Democrats for the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy (UK), in advance of the first multi-party elections in Kenya for many years.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £4,202

MALAWI

Democratic Alliance

The Foundation provided equipment for the production of a newsletter, the 'Malawi Democrat', by the Interim Committee of the Malawi Democratic Alliance, now AFORD. The newsletter, produced in Lusaka, is distributed within Malawi and contributed to pressures there which have resulted in the calling of a referendum on whether to retain the one-party system.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £8,662

SEYCHELLES

Desk-Top Publishing System

The Foundation has provided a desk-top publishing system for the Seychelles Institute for Democracy, whose aims are to improve the climate for multi-party democracy there.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £8,124

SOUTH AFRICA

Assistance to ANC: Campaign Organisation

Funding of two visits by Labour Party experts on campaign organisation and media strategy.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £1,900

Assistance to ANC: Campaign Organisation

On behalf of the Labour Party, the Foundation will enable the ANC to employ a full-time regional campaign manager in the PWV area, which contains 23% of the likely South African electorate.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £7,000



Assistance to ANC: Election Techniques

On behalf of the Labour Party, the Foundation is funding a study visit to Namibia by ANC officials to assess the Namibian experience of elections in 1990, with particular reference to aspects of direct relevance to South Africa, such as voter registration, communicating with illiterate voters, problems in communicating with a rural population, and the role of election monitors.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £1,000

Assistance to ANC:

Training in campaign techniques

On behalf of the Labour Party, the Foundation is funding the training of eight ANC regional campaign managers in electoral campaign techniques, in planning a campaign strategy, and in media relations.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £8,000

Election Visitors

The Labour Party brought five ANC party workers from South Africa to observe the UK general election and learn practical lessons in campaigning and organisation from it.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £11,418

Fundraising Video

The Labour Party wish to support the project to produce a fundraising video designed to target the grassroots supporters for the ANC election campaign. The fundraising unit, set up by the ANC will distribute the video on a very large scale, in the hope of attracting funding and increasing support for the party.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £5,000

ZAMBIA

Party Development

With the US National Democratic Institute, the Foundation organised a programme of seminars and technical advice to all Zambian political parties, covering all aspects of policy development and party organisation. A seminar in August 1992 as part of this programme was the first time since multi-party elections in October 1991 that the various parties had sat down together as parties.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £61,000



GENERAL

British-South Africa Conference

The Foundation contributed towards the air fares of those British participants at the second meeting of the Conference in September who would otherwise have been unable to attend, so that the South African participants could have the benefit of a wider spectrum of views and experience.

Project Status: Complete

Expenditure: £4,000

International Institute for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa

Contribution to air travel for participants who would otherwise be unable to attend a conference in Zanzibar on democracy and Human Rights, held in February 1993.

Project Status: Complete

Budget: £4,000



The seminar organised by the National Democratic Institute and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, bringing Parties together in an amicable and cooperative way for the first time since the multi-party elections, was "the finest event in Zambia for the last 10 months"

Times of Zambia

"the role of voluntary organisations in democratic development was under appreciated...fresh insights could be gained if key activists and strategists from Eastern and Central Europe and South Africa were provided an opportunity to learn from their varied experiences and approaches ...

this expectation was abundantly realised"

Danish Centre for Human Rights' Workshop



OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

Argentina: Civic Training Seminar

The Foundation funded a seminar in November to train trainers in preparation for local elections in 1993, in civic involvement of women in municipal government and public education, and in non-partisan training for female political candidates in the elections.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £7,727

Commonwealth Young Leaders' Conference

The conference was organised by the Foundation, with 40 participants from across the political spectrum, and from across the Commonwealth, although with an emphasis on Africa. It aimed to create a better understanding of the difficulties facing national decision makers and to establish a network for continuing cooperation and contact.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £89,660

Cyprus: Commonwealth Law Conference

The Legal Officer from Liberty (The National Council for Civil Liberties) presented a paper on "Democracy and Human Rights in the Commonwealth" at the Commonwealth Law Conference in May. His travel and accommodation costs were covered. As well as participating fully, the Legal Officer was able to relate the conference themes of human rights to Liberty's recent applications to the European Commission.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £664

Guatemala: Nobel Peace Prize

The Central America Human Rights Committee sent their campaigns co-ordinator to attend the presentation of the Nobel Prize giving ceremony to meet the winner and secure her agreement to participate in a conference on international democracy and human rights in the UK.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £365

Guyana: WPA Amerindian Councillors

The Labour Party wishes to support the Working People's Alliance Amerindian Councillors, representing outlying and remote districts in Guyana. The Councillors will work to strengthen support for their party in the capital and interior. Recent elections failed to produce the kind of support this racially tolerant party was hoping for.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £5,000

Latin America: Women's Civic Training Seminar

The Foundation is funding a seminar held by Conciencia in May 1993 to provide expertise to women's groups throughout Latin America in training aimed at increasing women's participation in civic life and the political process.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £7,454

Palestine: Housing Rights Committee

The Foundation is contributing towards the establishment and first year's costs of a Palestinian Housing Rights Committee in the Occupied Territories (OTs). The Foundation's contribution is particularly targeted to those activities which encourage participatory community development.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £10,883

Paraguay: Partido Liberal Radical Autentico

Provision of photocopying equipment on behalf of the Liberal Democrats, to meet the increased volume of paper entailed by the approach of elections in early 1993.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £4,373

Paraguay: Partido Liberal Radical Autentico

The Liberal Democrat Party purchased computer equipment for the PLRA in preparation for elections in 1993 this year. The computers were purchased in Paraguay to keep costs down. A Liberal Democrat Party worker was sent to monitor the elections and write an evaluation report on the equipment supplied.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £2,518

Yemen: Aid to Parliament

The Foundation has agreed to fund a technical evaluation mission by the Inter-Parliamentary Union of two parliamentary officials to assist the Yemeni Parliament's efforts in becoming a multi-party democratic institution. Areas covered will include procedural reform and equipment.

Project Status: Ongoing
Budget: £4,650

Yemen: Election Assistance

The Foundation, together with the FCO, funded a mission by Electoral Reform Consultancy Services, to advise the Yemeni Government on the organisation of their first multi-party elections, which were due to take place in early 1993.

Project Status: Complete
Expenditure: £7,315

"We are providing engineers with training and orientation in democratic approaches to housing and planning so they can put their technical expertise to use in promoting a community based and cooperative approach to the complex issues (documenting and raising objections to Israeli master plans) with which the local community does not have any experience"

Palestine Housing Rights Committee

