
Westminster Foundation *for* Democracy

Annual Report
1995-96



Patrons:

The Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd MP The Speaker of the House of Commons
Rt Hon John Major MP, Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP
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The Westminster Foundation for Democracy's Purpose

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy exists to promote democratic development world-wide. It is an independent, grant-making body which was set up by Parliament in 1992 and receives its funds from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. It directs most of its funds to supporting democratic institutions in Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and Anglophone Africa, but each year worthwhile projects in other parts of the world also receive support.

It works closely with the political parties represented in the House of Commons and through them promotes political party development abroad. It also funds initiatives which will result in making a tangible and practical contribution to pluralist democratic societies overseas, through support for parliaments and other representative institutions, election administration, the independent media, trade unions, human rights groups, womens' groups and other non-governmental organisations involved in political development.

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The Westminster Foundation for Democracy was established in 1992 as a company limited by guarantee. Its sponsoring department is the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from whom it receives an annual grant of £2.5 million (1995/96). It is supervised by a Chairman and a Board appointed by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and is managed by a Chief Executive who is the accounting officer. It conducts its activities from an office in Westminster where its six staff are located. Its activities are recorded in an annual report laid before Parliament.

foreword



Photo: Charles Green

From my position in the Speaker's Chair I watch the way in which our ancient democracy has to cope with the pressures and opportunities of the modern world. Similarly, around the world, Parliaments and other democratic institutions are having to learn how to operate in ways which strengthen civil society and demonstrate the importance of good governance in their countries.

Britain has a special and long standing tradition of robust debate, free and fair elections, respect for human rights, a free press, and pluralist society. We have a vast array of diverse and democratic institutions. The strength of our democracy gives us both an opportunity and a responsibility to support others, and this is a task which the Westminster Foundation undertakes with great commitment and success.

Over the past year the Foundation has funded a wide range of projects: its work with political parties, the media, trade unions, women's groups, parliaments and non-governmental organisations has grown and brought opportunity and encouragement to many individuals committed to encouraging democratic development in their own countries.

Projects have taken place all around the world, in countries ranging from Azerbaijan to Namibia, from Chile to Ukraine, from Bosnia to Bhutan.

I am glad to write about how successful the Foundation has been over the past year. It has been good to see the ongoing cooperation between all our political parties and to demonstrate political pluralism and tolerance to parties overseas. I am delighted to be the Patron of this excellent and important organisation and commend its work to you.

Betty Boothroyd
Speaker

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



introduction



Terry Moore

The old adage 'small is beautiful' could well be applied to the Foundation, but with the addition of 'and effective'. That effectiveness is acknowledged worldwide and stems from the dedicated work of our small team - now led by Stephen Cox.

Stephen has quickly established himself as a figure to be reckoned with both here and abroad. We made a good choice when we appointed him and I and the Governors thank him and our staff for all that they do.

The Foundation's international standing was recognised when, earlier in the year, it hosted a meeting in London of 17 democracy-building foundations from eight countries to discuss how to increase support for fledgling democracies. It is frequently the only British voice in international gatherings such as these and thus plays an important role for the United Kingdom in promoting democracy worldwide.

Thanks are due to the Foreign Secretary, the Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind and to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office who have continued to give us every possible moral and financial support during the past year.

Last year I made the point that we needed to attract more corporate 'friends' to support the Foundation financially. We still need more friends and this will certainly be a priority task during the next year.

The Governing body was hand-picked when we were formed in 1992. This year we sadly say good-bye to two remarkable, supportive and knowledgeable governors, Lady Howe and Sir Gavin Laird. They will be extremely difficult to replace and we are grateful for their service to the Foundation.

Sir James Spicer MP
Chairman of the Governors



Chief Executive's Review

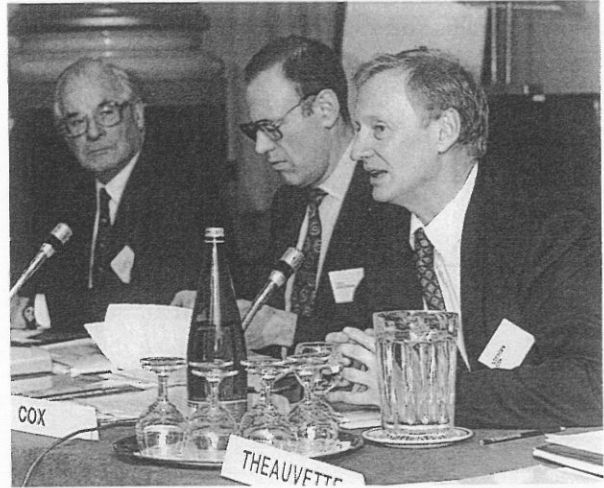
Developing Democracy

Democracy is a fragile form of government and in Britain we have a responsibility to protect and support what has for us produced stability and a peaceful means of resolving conflict over several centuries. The Westminster Foundation discharges that responsibility through the projects it supports and the advice it makes available.

In my first year as Chief Executive, I am clear that our work grows ever more important in our chosen areas of concentration: Central Europe, Former Soviet Union and Anglophone Africa. The new democracies of these regions are making enormous progress in consolidating their democratic systems and several central European countries are on target to join the European Union. Other countries are however struggling to maintain their young democratic structures and deliver the prosperity that people expect. Voters are on occasions voicing their dissatisfaction by voting for the old system or by not voting at all, encouraged perhaps by rosy memories of the Communist system or, within Africa, by the security associated with government by traditional leaders.

These new democracies face enormous pressures from non-democratic elements including the old communists, the military and the internal security forces. These governments may in turn put pressure on the judiciary, the media, trade unions, NGOs, opposition parties and even parliaments themselves, threatening the basis of pluralist democratic society. The Foundation's support for these groups is a major contribution to building democracy and to achieving the main goal of British foreign policy: peace and stability.

It is not surprising therefore that this has been an exceptionally busy year. As can be seen from the statistics which follow, we have funded more projects, in more countries than ever before and our resources of both staff and money are under constant pressure.



Stephen Cox, Chief Executive, chairing the International Foundations Conference, with Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy, and Sir James Spicer, Chairman, WFD.

"I am delighted that the Foundation has gone from strength to strength over the past year, drawing on the knowledge and experience of Britain's long tradition of democratic government, to strengthen new democratic societies overseas".

The Rt Hon John Major MP, The Prime Minister



Political Party Projects

Our work is conducted in very close cooperation with the political parties represented in the House of Commons. We are working to secure ethical and responsible democratic government with respect for opposition and tolerance of the institutions, which however critical of individual government policies, provide the checks and balances essential to a proper democracy.

During the year we have supported government parties, oppositions and minority parties through British parties. For example, in the Czech Republic, the Foundation has funded Conservative Party projects with centre right parties, Labour Party work with the Czech Social Democratic Party, the Liberals with the Free Democrats and the Foundation has, jointly with the PHARE programme, funded parliamentary internships. In Hungary, the Conservatives have supported local democracy and the Labour Party provided training for women in the Hungarian Socialist Party.

For the first time, the minority parties have undertaken projects overseas with our support, including Plaid Cymru in Slovenia and the Czech Republic, and the Ulster Unionists in Romania.

The Foundation has also encouraged cross party projects such as the programme for training party workers in Ghana in preparation for forthcoming elections. Both participants and UK trainers came from across the political spectrum, and as one participant remarked about the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat trainers: 'they not only work well together, they even travelled out on the same aeroplane'.



Political party training in Zambia, August 1995

“Support for political parties and democratic institutions overseas is a vital task for Britain and one which the Foundation has undertaken with remarkable success in such a short time.”

The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Leader of the Opposition

Foundation Projects

The Foundation's work in our priority regions is described later and a full project list is given at the end of the Report. Highlights include support for legal projects in Russia and work with the US National Democratic Institute (NDI), providing trainers from the UK for a political party training programme in Zambia. In South Africa, support has gone to the production of the 'Whip' - a lively publication about politicians, parliament and legislation. The Foundation has supported a consortium of Polish NGOs 'Samaritanus' to establish pilot Citizen's Advice Centres and in Hungary has funded a series of skills-building training programmes for local government officials to enable them to deal with community conflicts.



The Foundation undertook the administrative arrangements for two major visits to the UK. The first, in November 1995, was by members of the Fiji Constitutional Review Commission who held discussions with a group of international experts on

constitutional arrangements in multi-ethnic societies. The second was a visit by an NDI-funded delegation of MPs from South Africa who were examining ethics legislation, and in particular the role of select committees.

In Romania, the Foundation administered a joint PHARE/WFD school for young political leaders, which culminated in a week's study trip to the UK; and in Bulgaria, through the Conservative Party, we supported the first set of presidential primary elections to be held in any 'east' European country.

Democracy Building Conference

In February 1996 in London, we hosted the third conference of foundations giving grants to promote multi-party democracies.

Although American, Canadian, German and British foundations had met before, this meeting proved successful in bringing together so many organisations for the first

time. 48 participants attended from 17 foundations from Austria, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, UK and US; the meeting considered current challenges for democracy-building, project evaluation, political party support, NGO support and improving communications. Discussion focused on central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, with Russia and the Balkans identified as requiring urgent attention.

Terry Moore



The Foreign Secretary addresses the International Foundations Conference, February 1996.

“Britain must take a lead role in encouraging civil society and democratic development around the world: the Westminster Foundation has enabled us to do this in many countries and I am particularly pleased that it has achieved so much in Bosnia, a country close to my own heart.”

The Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats



Central Europe

In Central Europe, the Foundation has helped countries cope with the impending membership of major European institutions. It has devoted resources to building the range of institutions needed for stable civil society including advice centres in Poland, support for Hungarian municipalities, funding regional civic centres in the Czech Republic and working with trade unions to help members adjust to the effects of privatisation and rising unemployment. The Foundation funded all-party training for young politicians (Poland), a parliamentary internship in the Czech Republic, training for regional journalists in Poland and encouraging women into public life in Slovakia. The Foundation is also directing support to the voluntary sector in Slovakia to help them cope with increasingly repressive legislation.

Its smaller programmes in the Baltic countries have been focused on NGO development with some specialised work such as a prisoner's advocacy project. The Conservative Party has established links with the Conservative Party of Lithuania and has provided campaigning advice to them, and the Liberal Democrats have funded the publication of material for the Latvian Way party.

The political parties worked with their sister parties in the Czech Republic developing campaigning and media skills in preparation for elections later this year. Conservative and Labour parties continued to build on links established over the last three years with sister parties in Poland and Hungary.

In Albania and Bulgaria, the Foundation provided a printing machine for the Albanian Consumers' Association; supported a seminar on the process of law for Albanian NGOs; funded a local government research programme; continued support for seven regional civic centres and funded the TV series 'ABC of Human Rights' in Bulgaria.

In former Yugoslavia, emphasis has been placed on supporting the independent media with some human rights and NGO development. Projects have included providing legal assistance to the independent media, supporting 'Feral Tribune' and 'Radio Ozalj' in Croatia; running an NGO management seminar and human rights seminars in Serbia, and providing equipment for 'Radio Bajina Basta' and newsprint for 'Ekonomaska Politika' also in Serbia. The Foundation's work in Bosnia is of supreme importance following the Dayton Peace Accord and its support for the liberal multi-ethnic parties there is widely praised. It has also put substantial resources into supporting the independent radio, television and print media.



Leadership training seminar for Slovene Christian Democrats, carried out by the Conservative Party.



Radio Kameleon studio, in war-torn Tuzla, Bosnia



Former Soviet Union

During the year the Foundation has worked predominantly with the countries in the European zones of the former Soviet Union, notably Russia, Belarus and Ukraine, though it has also been involved with projects in the Trans-Caucasus (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Dagestan) and, to a lesser degree, in Central Asia and Mongolia.



Local government and NGO representatives from Voronezh, Russia, with the Sheriff of Nottingham during a local government study tour.

Support for the independent media has grown through a range of projects, particularly in Ukraine where the Foundation has supported publications focusing on current politics, constitutional reform, economic reform and the media, and an independent television station 'People for People News TV'. Legal reform has been undertaken via the offices of the State Legal Agency, and has focused on the re-introduction of jury trials in Russia. Training for this has included an intensive two week visit to the UK by leading Russian defence and prosecution lawyers to look at jury trials in action and discuss relevant issues with senior members of the British judiciary; and financial

support for the establishment of three legal laboratories in Saratov, Rostov and Moscow to provide training in the administration and implementation of jury trials for lawyers and administrators.

Other grants have supported human rights groups, trade union training, the development of democratic local government, and assistance to the voluntary and non-governmental sectors. Work on conflict resolution in Dagestan has gained in importance as the war in Chechnya has continued. The Conservative Party has established strong links in three countries, with the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan, the popular Ukrainian movement Rukh and Russia's Choice and a series of good projects have provided training and advice on campaigning and party organisation.

It is important to continue and expand the Foundation's work in a region still in a state of political flux, where the foundations for civil society are fragile and democracy has yet to take root.



Building offices for 'The Herald' Newspaper, Cameroon



Anglophone Africa

Demand for grants for projects in Anglophone Africa continues to grow beyond the available resources of the Foundation, and this will no doubt continue to be the trend as donors from other countries concentrate elsewhere. It is vital that the Foundation maintains a strong presence, particularly in Commonwealth countries, where it has now established a good reputation and a good track record of projects.



Knowledge is Power: Kenyan Women Workers Organisation leadership training workshop, June 1995.

This year 82 projects were funded compared with 40 last year including projects in Zimbabwe, Namibia, Ghana, Eritrea funded for the first time, building on strong existing programmes in South Africa, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria and Zambia. Occasional projects have been supported in Uganda and Tanzania, and these are countries where the Foundation could do more in the future. Projects in Ghana have been particularly successful, supporting the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, the Ghana Journalists Association and a new NGO for women in political and civil leadership. Ghana remains a high priority for the Foundation, as it approaches elections in December 1996. In South Africa a wide range of projects have assisted

the process towards a multi-racial, democratic civil society, following the elections in 1994. Much still remains to be done and this too will remain a priority.

Projects in Africa have been characterised by support for the development of the non-governmental sector such as human rights groups, women's groups, and legal resources centres, and these are vital for underpinning the major democratic institutions; but grants have also included trade union training, support for journalists and several training visits to the UK Parliament by MPs and officials from Parliaments throughout the region.

The political parties have undertaken less work in this region than in other priority areas, but this too is now an area of growth and each of the parties has developed links with a larger number of parties in the region through regional organisations such as the African Dialogue Group (Conservative) and the African Liberal Group. These continue to be a valuable source of cooperation and support for like-minded parties across Africa.

Other areas of the World

Approximately 20% of the Foundation's resources are channelled to projects outside the main priority areas. Over the past year these included India, Bhutan, Burma, Fiji, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Mozambique, supporting human rights groups, minority groups, work towards conflict resolution (in the South Pacific), constitutional reform and political party support.

The Labour Party in particular have continued to support political development projects in Cameroon, Zaire, Guyana and Chile, and several countries of the Caribbean where they have good relationships with sister parties. An increasing number of proposals have been received from Palestine, Latin America, Sri Lanka and other parts of Asia, and these suggest a possible future trend for the Foundation's work in the years to come. The political parties are also beginning to explore work in some of these countries, where they have existing partners who are in need of support.



Training for Bhutanese refugees in India on human rights issues.



Administration

This may have been a year of enormous activity but it has also been a year of inspections. As well as the routine accounts audit, which I am pleased was fully satisfactory, we have had two management audits: on strategic planning and (particularly helpfully) on project management, and we are currently in the middle of a fundamental review of our complete operation.



Independent broadcasting from Radio Kameleon, Bosnia

Partly in anticipation of these and partly as a result of their recommendations there have been a number of changes in the way we administer projects. In particular the procedure for dealing with urgent requests for funds has been tightened, new procedures introduced for evaluation and the operations handbook rewritten. The Foundation has also established some key performance indicators to measure progress which will come into being this year and will be published in next year's annual report.

The fundamental review by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office is a process to which all non-departmental public bodies are

subjected from time to time. Stage 1 considered 'whether the function of the Foundation is a continuing requirement and whether there is scope for contracting out or transfer of all or some of its functions to another body'. The conclusion has been very positive with the inspector reporting

'Without exception all the people I spoke to were supportive of the Foundation'.

He concluded that the Foundation should remain as it is and continue to undertake the work for which it was established in 1992. The reviewer is now undertaking the second stage of the review, the outcome of which will be known in the autumn.

Staff

The staff of the Foundation are its major asset; they have travelled to the countries of the regions we serve to assess opportunities for work and to evaluate the success of the projects already funded. The Chief Executive has visited South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Bosnia and others have been to Poland, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia and South Africa.

Apart from the change of Chief Executive, there have been a number of staff moves during the year. Meg Williams who was seconded from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office has returned there to take up a new post at the Joint Assistance Unit (Eastern). Ann Yazikov-Brown has joined as the new Project Manager for the Former Soviet Union and PHARE/TACIS co-ordinator, and Clare Morris has joined as the Chief Executive's secretary.

I should like to thank the Board and particularly the Chairman and his two Vice-Chairmen for all their support in my first year at the Foundation. We are also grateful to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office for their continued grant without which the Foundation could not function. Finally, I am personally indebted to the staff of the Foundation who have coped with a newcomer most ably whilst continuing to administer a record number of projects.

Stephen Cox
Chief Executive



Projects managed during 1995-96 426 (244)

Countries worked in: 63 (46)

Size of grants:

under £5,000	142
between £5,000 and £10,000	102
between £11,000 and £20,000	141
between £20,000 and £40,000	34
over £40,000	7

Types of projects:

	Party	Foundation
party training	185 (106)	22 (30)
women	15 (5)	14 (10)
legal reform	4 (0)	6 (7)
media	10 (11)	59 (26)
building civil society	7 (2)	86 (39)
trades unions	1 (0)	17 (8)
Totals	222	204

Number of projects per region:

	F	C	L	LD	S	Total	
Central Europe	85	61	67	15	3	231 (135)	54% (56%)
Former Soviet Union	45	21	3	1	1	71 (49)	17% (20%)
Anglophone Africa	54	7	12	5	0	78 (40)	18% (16%)
Others	20	0	24	1	1	46 (20)	11% (8%)
Totals	204	89	106	22	5	426 (244)	

Percentage of expenditure per region:

	F	C	L	LD	S
Central Europe	37%	50%	54%	74%	100%
Former Soviet Union	28%	42%	4%	0%	0%
Anglophone Africa	22%	8%	31%	23%	0%
Others	13%	0%	11%	0%	0%

Figures 1995-96 (1994-95 in brackets)

- F Foundation projects
- C Conservative Party projects
- L Labour Party projects
- LD Liberal Democrat Party projects
- S Smaller Parties' projects



Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1996

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy Ltd

Foreword

The Governors have pleasure in submitting their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31st March 1996.

Background Information

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

Results

The results for the year are summarised on page 15 of the financial statements and show a surplus of £40,593 which has been transferred to Reserves.

A full review of the Foundation's activities is contained in the Annual Report laid before Parliament. The Foundation has developed well and the same level of funding is anticipated for 1996/97.

Board of Governors

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

Mr Tony Clarke
Mrs Margaret Ewing MP
Professor Peter Frank
Mr Timothy Garton Ash
Sir Archie Hamilton MP
Mr Geoff Hoon MP - Vice Chairman
Lady Elspeth Howe JP - Resigned 4.3.96
Sir Russell Johnston MP - Vice Chairman
Sir Gavin Laird CBE - Resigned 4.3.96
Mr Ralph Land OBE
Dr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky
Mr Ernie Ross MP - Appointed 15.1.96
Sir Timothy Sainsbury MP
Sir James Spicer MP - Chairman
Ms Carole Tongue MEP - Resigned 10.7.95

Auditors

Gane Jackson Scott merged their London practice with Kingston Smith with effect from 1st July 1996, and now practice in the name of Kingston Smith. Accordingly, they have signed the Auditors' Report in their new name. They have expressed their willingness to continue in office; and a resolution proposing their reappointment will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

S Chudleigh
Secretary



Responsibilities of the Governors of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Limited

In accordance with Company Law and with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Governors of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Limited are responsible for the administration and management of the affairs of the Foundation and are required to present audited financial statements for each financial year.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Foundation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the Accounts Direction given by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and other relevant accounting standards.

In addition, within the terms and conditions of a Financial Memorandum agreed between the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Governors of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Limited, the Governors, through the Chief Executive, are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Foundation and of the surplus deficit and cash flows for that year.

In causing the financial statements to be prepared, the Governors have to ensure that:

- suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
- judgements and estimates are made that are reasonable and prudent;
- applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Foundation will continue in operation.

The Governors have taken reasonable steps to:

- ensure that funds from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office are used only for the purposes for which they have been given and in accordance with the Financial Memorandum;
- ensure that there are sound financial systems and management controls in place to safeguard public funds;
- safeguard the assets of the Foundation and prevent and detect fraud;
- secure the economical, efficient and effective management of the Foundation's resources.



Auditors Report to the Members of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Limited

We have audited the financial statements on page 15 to 17 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 16.

Respective responsibilities of the Governors and Auditors

As described on page 13 the Governors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion based on our audit on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted an audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Governors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Foundation's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity of error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Foundation's affairs as at 31st March 1996 and of its surplus for the year 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;
- grant-in-aid received from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has been applied only for the purposes intended;
- in all material respects, the Foundation has complied with the requirements laid down in the Financial Memorandum with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office dated 9th March 1992 and other appropriate Government guidance and with the requirements of regularity and propriety, and has operated effective systems of internal control and internal audit.

Kingston Smith
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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1996



Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	£	1996 £	1995 £
INCOME - Continuing Activities				
H M Government Grants	2		2,500,000	2,200,000
Corporate Funding and Donations			30,995	12,770
			<u>2,530,995</u>	<u>2,212,770</u>
DIRECT EXPENDITURE				
Projects	3		2,160,999	1,908,487
			<u>369,996</u>	<u>304,283</u>
OTHER EXPENDITURE				
Staff costs	5	149,852		155,208
Depreciation		16,567		19,189
Other Operating Charges		166,238		131,200
			<u>332,657</u>	<u>305,617</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	4		37,339	(1,334)
Interest receivable			4,339	1,364
SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION				
			41,678	30
Corporation Tax	6		(1,085)	(436)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR				
			<u>40,593</u>	<u>(406)</u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year of £40,593 (1995 deficit of £406).

The attached notes form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet

	Note	£	1996 £	1995 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	7		14,840	26,763
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	8	15,466		10,918
Cash at bank and in hand:				
- core funding		42,373		29,782
- corporate funding		96,575		62,120
			<u>154,414</u>	<u>102,820</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	2,885		3,807
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>151,529</u>	<u>99,013</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>166,369</u>	<u>125,776</u>
FINANCED BY:				
Income and Expenditure Account	10		<u>166,369</u>	<u>125,776</u>

The Accounts were approved by the Board on 1 July 1996.

Sir James Spicer

The attached notes form part of these accounts


Chairman



Cash Flow Statement

	Note	1996		1995	
		£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities (a)		47,787		17,855	
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest received		4,339		1,745	
Taxation					
Corporation tax paid		(436)		(1,388)	
Investing Activities					
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets	(4,644)		(18,998)		
Proceeds of sales of Tangible Fixed Assets	-		1,000		
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(4,644)		(17,998)	
Increase in cash and cash equivalents (b)		<u>47,046</u>		<u>214</u>	

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

	1996	1995
	£	£
Operation Surplus/(Deficit)	37,339	(1,334)
Depreciation	16,567	19,189
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(4,548)	450
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(1,571)	(2,138)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	1,688
	<u>47,787</u>	<u>17,855</u>

(b) Analysis of change in Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Core	Corporate	Total
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand			
Balance at 1st April 1995	29,782	62,120	91,902
Net Cash Inflow	12,591	34,455	47,046
Balance at 31st March 1996	<u>42,373</u>	<u>96,575</u>	<u>138,948</u>

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

- The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.
- 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
- Rentals payable under operation leases are taken to Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.
- 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.
- The Foundation is not liable to Corporation Tax on grants received, but is liable to tax on investment income.

	1996	1995
	£	£
2. Government Grants		
Grant-in-Aid 1995/96	2,500,000	-
1994/95	-	2,200,000
	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,200,000</u>
3. Direct Expenditure on Grants		
Foundation projects	1,146,906	1,016,064
Conservative Party sponsored projects	451,191	405,904
Labour Party sponsored projects	461,373	405,641
Liberal Democrat sponsored projects	94,922	80,878
Other	6,607	-
	<u>2,160,999</u>	<u>1,908,487</u>



Notes to the Accounts *continued*

	1996	1995	
	£	£	
4. Operating (Deficit)/Surplus			
This is stated after charging:			
Staff costs (see note 5 below)	149,852	155,208	
Travel subsistence and hospitality:			
Chairman and other board members	-	400	
Employees (including seconded staff)	18,451	29,814	
Auditors Remuneration - Audit	1,800	1,700	
Other	352	340	
Hire of Plant and machinery	<u>2,950</u>	<u>1,430</u>	
5. Staff Costs	£	£	
Wages and salaries	123,596	115,977	
Seconded staff	-	3,023	
Temporary staff	4,172	2,553	
Social Security costs	10,808	11,627	
Other Pension costs	11,276	22,028	
	<u>149,852</u>	<u>155,208</u>	
The average number of employees during the year was:	5	5	
The number of senior staff by salary band was:			
30,000 - 39,999	-	-	
40,000 - 49,999	-	-	
50,000 - 59,999	1	1	
The Foundation contributes to individual personal pension plans for all eligible employees.			
6. Corporation tax	£	£	
Corporation tax at 25% on Interest Received	<u>1,085</u>	<u>436</u>	
7. Tangible Fixed Assets			
	Computer	Fixtures &	Total
	Equipment	Fittings	£
Cost	£	£	£
At 1st April 1995	48,046	15,871	63,917
Additions	3,746	898	4,644
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 1996	<u>51,792</u>	<u>16,769</u>	<u>68,561</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 1995	31,390	5,764	37,154
On disposals	-	-	-
Charge for Year	13,213	3,354	16,567
At 31st March 1996	<u>44,603</u>	<u>9,118</u>	<u>53,721</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31st March 1996	<u>7,189</u>	<u>7,651</u>	<u>14,840</u>
At 31st March 1995	<u>16,656</u>	<u>10,107</u>	<u>26,763</u>
8. Debtors	£	£	
Prepayments and accrued income	14,289	9,768	
Other debtors	1,177	1,150	
	<u>15,466</u>	<u>10,918</u>	
9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	£	£	
Corporation tax	1,085	436	
Other creditors	-	1,671	
Accruals	1,800	1,700	
	<u>2,885</u>	<u>3,807</u>	
10. Reconciliation of movements in funds	£	£	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	40,593	(406)	
Income and Expenditure account brought forward	125,776	126,182	
Income and Expenditure account carried forward	<u>166,369</u>	<u>125,776</u>	
11. Operating Leases			
At 31st March 1996 the Foundation had annual commitments under non-cancellable operation leases as follows:			
	Land & Buildings	Office Equipment	
	£	£	
Expiry date:			
Between two and five years	-	3,064	
After five years	18,800	-	
	<u>18,800</u>	<u>3,064</u>	



LIST OF PROJECTS

Managed between 1 April 1995 and 31 March 1996

ANGLOPHONE AFRICA

GHANA

Women's Participation in Democratic Processes

The Foundation funded the costs of two pilot workshops organised by the Active Learning Centre in March 1995, for 30 women in both Ghana and Sierra Leone, to provide them with new skills in participation in democratic decision making, public speaking, negotiation, use of the media, organising for campaigns and lobbying techniques.

Budget: £19,600

Human Rights Training Seminar

The Foundation funded a two day workshop organised by the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, in Ghana, in early 1996, to train its key staff and representatives from appropriate NGOs and civic organisations in Accra, on basic human rights issues to enable them to undertake more effective work and to train others through human rights education programmes.

Budget: £5,000

Organisation, Campaigns and Media Training

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to send three trainers (dealing with party organisation, election campaigning and the media) to Ghana to advise and lead training workshops with the People's Convention Party and the National Convention Party.

Budget: £9,627

Political Party Training Workshop

The Foundation funded a week long political party training course for all parties in Ghana, under the auspices of the National Electoral Commission, to improve their basic organisation and campaigning effectiveness, held in early 1996.

Budget: £15,000

Rent for Journalists Association

The Foundation funded the rent costs for six months of the offices of the Ghana Journalists Association, the main professional association in Ghana with a membership of 600 journalists.

Budget: £5,000

Support for Human Rights Commission

The Foundation funded the purchase of books and journals for the Library of the Ghanaian Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, in Autumn 1995, to enable it to become better equipped and more effective.

Budget: £5,000

Support for Visit by MPs

The Foundation part-funded a visit by Tony Worthington MP and Mark Robinson MP to Ghana in August 1995 to hold meetings with the political parties and hold a seminar on 'Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy' being arranged by the British Council.

Budget: £500

Training Workshops for Community Leaders

The Foundation funded the Ghana Committee on Human and Peoples' Rights to run workshops for community leaders in five regions of Ghana during early 1996, to introduce them to principles and practices that promote and protect democracy and human rights, to enable them to act as trainers in their local communities, to educate people about their basic rights.

Budget: £6,585

Women in Democratic Decision Making

The Foundation part-funded, with the British Council, the Centre for Sustainable Development Initiatives in Accra, Ghana, to hold a workshop in November 1995 for women from all the political parties, the NGOs and in other leadership positions, to enable them to become more effective in their organisations.

Budget: £5,800

Production of the Governance Newsletter

The Foundation funded the production of six bi-monthly newsletters commencing late 1994, produced by the Institute of Economic Affairs, Ghana, providing non-partisan analysis of government policies.

Budget: £9,120

KENYA

Assistance to Women's Organisation

The Foundation funded the Kenya Women Workers Organisation to provide some basic office equipment and to hold a leadership workshop in June 1995 in order to train women who will be able to train others about participation in civic society.

Budget: £10,000

Good Governance Seminars

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support three seminars in the Central Province of Kenya in September 1995, organised by Lawrence Kariuki of FORD-Kenya, to bring together members of opposition parties and different ethnic groups to discuss issues of good governance.

Budget: £14,518

Institute of Economic Affairs

The Foundation funded the Institute of Economic Affairs, Kenya, to enable them to continue to research the political and economic reform process in Kenya, to hold discussion meetings and produce publications on policy issues.

Budget: £3,000



Legislation Analysis Journal

The Foundation funded the Centre for Governance and Development in Kenya to publish nine issues of a publication entitled 'Bills Digest', to provide analysis of the main items of legislation during 1996, for parliamentarians, civil society leaders, journalists, lawyers and other key groups.

Budget: £9,378

Parliamentary Opposition Study Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a study programme from 3-8 December 1995 for ten Kenyan opposition MPs to look at how the Labour Party organises in Parliament.

Budget: £13,900

Seminar on a 'Peaceful Democratic Transition'

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a two day seminar for 100 participants in Kenya on 'Peaceful Democratic Transition', organised by the Public Affairs Council of Kenya in early 1996, and to send one Labour Party participant.

Budget: £12,330

Visit by Delegation of MPs to UK

The Foundation funded a cross party delegation of MPs from Kenya to visit London for one week in November 1995 to study the duties and responsibilities of a British Member of Parliament, and to experience parliamentary procedures.

Budget: £4,200

MALAWI

Legal Resources Centre

The Foundation provided funding for the Legal Resources Centre, Blantyre to enable them to develop the provision of free legal services to low income clients and to increase training in human rights law to practitioners, with a seminar to train lawyers as human rights trainers.

Budget: £15,000

Report on Constitution Workshop

The Foundation funded the African Studies Centre University of Cambridge, to publish the report of a workshop on constitution making in Malawi, Uganda and Kenya, in June 1995, for distribution in those three countries free of charge.

Budget: £1,504

Support for National Union of Commercial and Industrial Workers

The Foundation funded the National Union of Commercial and Industrial Workers, in Malawi, to enable them to pay rent for one year from March 1995, purchase office equipment, and run three seminars throughout the country advising members on how the union will operate and what their responsibilities are in the local community.

Budget: £10,316

Visit by Government and Opposition Whips to UK

The Foundation funded the visit of three Government and three Opposition Whips from the Parliament in Malawi to visit the UK for one week in July 1995, to study the role of the whip and to see the British Parliamentary system in operation.

Budget: £12,000

Seminar on Party Building

The Foundation funded a workshop in Malawi from 20-23 February 1995, organised by the Liberal Democrats, focusing on party building for members of the Organisation of African Liberal Parties.

Budget: £14,476

Women and Democratisation Workshop

The Foundation funded the Society for the Advancement of Women, an independent, non-partisan NGO in Malawi to hold a four rural workshops on women and the democratisation process, during June and July 1995.

Budget: £5,000

NAMIBIA

Legal Representation Training for National Union

The Foundation funded the Trades Union Congress to enable them to undertake training for the National Union of Namibian Workers by sending a UK solicitor and barrister to Namibia for two weeks in March 1996, to provide trade union officials with training on all aspects of the preparation and presentation of cases before the District Labour Courts.

Budget: £8,155

NIGERIA

Journal for Women's Rights

The Foundation funded the Women Justice Program, an NGO in Nigeria, to publish the Women's Rights Monitor, a quarterly journal campaigning about and publicising the rights of women and children in Nigeria.

Budget: £12,850

Support for Regional Human Rights Organisation

The Foundation funded the Human Rights Monitor, an NGO in Nigeria, to run legal aid clinics held by trained volunteer lawyers, for six months from July 1995, for cases that fall within their human rights remit, and the filing of requests to re-try juvenile offenders in a juvenile court.

Budget: £2,647

Monthly Bulletin for Campaign for Democracy

The Foundation funded the printing and distribution of a monthly bulletin for Campaign for Democracy, the major Nigerian pro-democracy NGO, which will be distributed throughout Nigeria and overseas to publicise and analyse current political events.

Budget: £10,000



Publication of Human Rights Report

The Foundation funded the Civil Liberties Organisation, one of the main pro-democracy and human rights organisations in Nigeria, to enable it to publish and distribute its annual report on the state of human rights in Nigeria, to the local and international community, in early 1996.

Budget: £16,321

Human Rights and Legal Assistance Office

The Foundation funded the Constitutional Rights Project regional office in Owerri for one year, starting June 1994, to cover personnel and fixed costs. The CRP office will monitor human rights developments and provide legal services for victims of human rights abuses in Eastern Nigeria.

Budget: £18,230

Public Complaints Commission

The Foundation funded Community Action for Popular Participation from January 1995, to enable them to undertake a one year project aimed at raising awareness of the activities of Nigeria's Public Complaints Commission, particularly in rural areas, by campaigning for efficient methods of work by the Commission and the adoption of international human rights standards, and encouraging the Commission to develop educational and promotional programmes for the general public.

Budget: £9,032

SOUTH AFRICA

Training Workshops for Women in Leadership

The Foundation part-funded Abantu for Development, an NGO working towards the training and empowerment of women in Africa, to undertake training workshops in South Africa, Uganda and Ghana during 1995 and 1996.

Budget: £8,400

Assessing Voters' Perceptions

The Foundation funded a project being undertaken by the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy in South Africa, to generate data on public opinion about parties and policies region by region in the lead up to the elections; to identify major problems which could undermine effective democracy in the period following the elections; and make recommendations which will equip appropriate institutions in civil society to focus attention on these problems.

Budget: £60,000

Assistance to Democracy Task Force

The Foundation funded Mr Thomas Riley, an expert on information and privacy laws, to spend two weeks in South Africa in July 1995 to provide advice to the Task Force on Open Democracy, established by the South African Government, to help them prepare legislation on these issues.

Budget: £3,877

Assistance to Free Market Foundation

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a member of their Research Department to spend three weeks in South Africa in January 1995, assisting the Free Market Foundation in the production of briefing material and research on economic policy, which will be issued to all parties.

Budget: £3,195

Black Sash Human Rights Initiative

The Foundation funded a staff training workshop for the Advice Office Trust Black Sash organisation which provides free paralegal advice to the disadvantaged. The yearly training and development workshop was run for one week in July in Johannesburg.

Budget: £15,000

Establishment of African Dialogue Group

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to enable them to support the attendance of representatives from five southern African countries at a meeting in Cape Town in May 1995, to launch the African Dialogue Group between Western and African political parties, as part of the International Young Democratic Union.

Budget: £8,575

Fundraising Study Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a week-long study programme in the Autumn of 1995, in the UK, for three members of the ANC to study fundraising methods.

Budget: £4,395

Further Support for the Free Market Foundation

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a member of their Research Department to spend three weeks in South Africa in January 1996, for a second project assisting the Free Market Foundation in the production of briefing material on a range of topics of importance to the current political and constitutional debate.

Budget: £3,300

Local Government Election Campaigning Advice

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a team of party officials and councillors to participate in a seminar for the National Party in South Africa in January 1996, on local government election campaigning and organisation.

Budget: £11,670

Local Government Election Leaflets

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to pay the costs of voter information leaflets for the Democratic Party of South Africa to assist them with their local government election campaign in May 1996.

Budget: £6,645



Meeting of African Liberal Group

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to pay the airfares of 13 participants, representing African Liberal parties from eight countries, to attend a meeting of the African Liberal Group in February 1996, hosted by the Democratic Party of South Africa, and to cover the airfare and subsistence costs of Sir David Steel MP and the International Officer of the Liberal Democrats.

Budget: £12,920

Parliamentary Monitoring Service

The Foundation funded the Public Information Centre, part of the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), to establish a database of information about parliament and parliamentarians, and to disseminate information through a series of radio programmes to the widest audience possible, starting in January 1996.

Budget: £30,490

South African Institute of Race Relations

The Foundation funded a project run by the South African Institute of Race Relations to monitor the behaviour of political organisations in the run-up to the general election, and subsequently to monitor how civil liberties fare under a new government.

Budget: £17,500

Southern Africa Journalism Review

The Foundation part-funded, with the National Endowment for Democracy, a quarterly publication entitled the Southern African Journalism Review, to be published by the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism using African trained journalists, to cover media issues affecting Africa and particularly South Africa.

Budget: £12,625

Support to Free Market Foundation

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a member of their Research Department to spend three weeks in South Africa in the Autumn of 1995, to assist the Free Market Foundation in the production of briefing material on economic policy, constitutional reform and the organisation of local government.

Budget: £3,300

Training Seminar for African Women

The Foundation provided part-funding for Abantu for Development, an NGO working towards the training and empowerment of women in Africa, to undertake a training and leadership workshop for women from African NGOs, in South Africa, in November 1995.

Budget: £14,650

Training Video for Local Government Elections

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide assistance to the ANC in South Africa, to produce a training video for candidates in the local government elections, taking place in November 1995.

Budget: £35,636

Visit by National Party Representatives

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to bring three senior representatives to the UK from the National Party in South Africa, to examine party organisation and political campaigning.

Budget: £5,150

Visit of Multi Party Group of MPs

The Foundation provided administrative assistance to the National Democratic Institute in organising the visit of a multi-party delegation of parliamentarians from South Africa, to London and Dublin to consider ethics legislation and the role of committees in developing legislation on parliamentary standards, in November 1995.

Budget: £0.00

Women's Involvement in Local Government

The Foundation part-funded One World Action and the Institute for Democracy in South Africa for a six month programme of training to increase women's involvement in the democratic process leading up to the local elections in November 1995.

Budget: £7,000

Adult Education for Reconstruction and Development Conference

The Foundation funded four, two day workshops, run by the Centre for Adult and Continuing Education in the Western Cape by August 1995, for 40 representatives of civic organisations, focusing on increasing their influence in South African education.

Budget: £15,514

Community Law Centre Local Election Training

The Foundation funded the first part of the Community Law Centre's Local Government Election and Democracy Training Programme in March and April 1995 for two million South Africans in 24 rural communities in the Kwazulu-Natal and Eastern Cape Provinces in South Africa. The first set of courses was to train community leaders to educate their communities on the forthcoming local elections.

Budget: £16,442

Free Society Project

The Foundation funded the continued support for a further six months, commencing April 1995, of the South African Institute of Race Relations to enable them to produce two issues of the Frontiers of Freedom publication and meet distribution costs.

Budget: £7,400

Legal Resources Centre

The Foundation funded the Legal Resources Centre, Johannesburg, to support its ongoing work amongst the rural communities in South Africa, providing legal services without charge to those in need, as part of the development of a stable democratic society.

Budget: £10,000



Seminars on Human Rights Litigation

The Foundation part-funded three training seminars, jointly run by the Legal Resources Centre and Interights over the period of one year starting in March 1995. The seminars are designed for lawyers who are undertaking human rights litigation under the new South African Constitution and Bill of Rights but who have previously been denied access to international and comparative human rights law.

Budget: £17,356

Support for the Democratic Party

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to provide equipment to help the Democratic Party of South Africa head office and local offices in the Western Cape prepare for the local elections in October 1995.

Budget: £14,395

Training Seminar for the Democratic Party

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to run a two week campaign training course in April 1995, to advise and assist the Democratic Party of South Africa prepare for local elections.

Budget: £10,126

Training for Parliamentarians

The Foundation funded the Southern African Advanced Education Project to organise a programme of visits for three new South African MPs to visit Parliaments in Southern Africa and Europe, to receive comparative training on their responsibilities and roles.

Budget: £14,164

TANZANIA

Voter Education Training

The Foundation funded the Eastern and Southern African Universities Research Programme to undertake voter education training workshops for groups of national trainers in Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, in advance of the elections taking place in each of those countries in 1995/96.

Budget: £17,069

Training for Free and Fair Election Coverage

The Foundation funded three days of workshops for local radio and print journalists in Tanzania to encourage free and fair coverage of the elections due to take place in late 1995, and the placement of a former BBC World Service trainer as a part-time election adviser and in-house trainer with Radio Tanzania during the elections.

Budget: £1,100

Visit by Director of Broadcasting

The Foundation funded a visit to the UK by the Director of Broadcasting, Radio Tanzania, in February 1995, to enable him to receive advice about drawing up guidelines for free and fair election coverage in advance of the elections in Tanzania.

Budget: £1,617

Voter Education Newspaper

The Foundation funded PORIS, an NGO in Tanzania, to produce a civic education newspaper in the lead up to the General Elections in the Autumn of 1995, to provide information about the party and presidential campaigns and voter education.

Budget: £19,772

THE GAMBIA

Assistance for the Civic Education Programme of the 'Forayaa' Newspaper

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide a four wheel drive vehicle and audio-visual equipment to assist the civic education programme of the 'Forayaa' newspaper in late 1995, and the election campaign by PDOIS in early 1996.

Budget: £31,218

UGANDA

Paralegal Training and Evaluation Workshops

The Foundation funded the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative in Uganda to hold two further paralegal training workshops for community leaders in the Tororo and Masaka regions in September and November 1995, to be followed by two evaluation workshops, and to produce two poster campaigns providing civic education.

Budget: £13,987

ZAMBIA

Joint Programme for Strengthening Political Parties

The Foundation funded travel and subsistence costs for trainers to attend three seminars in Zambia in February, March and April 1995 as part of the WFD's continuing cooperation with the National Democratic Institute's programme of political party training with all the major parties in Zambia.

Budget: £8,325

Continued Training for Political Parties

The Foundation funded the costs of three trainers from the UK to participate in the political party training programme being undertaken by the National Democratic Institute in Zambia throughout 1995, a youth and student voter education conference and a political party organisers manual.

Budget: £16,370

Symposium on Women in Political Parties

The Foundation funded the travel and subsistence costs of two regional trainers to run a one day symposium in March 1995 run by the National Democratic Institute in Zambia, for current and prospective women party members of political parties in Zambia.

Budget: £1,356



Printing Press for 'The Weekly Post'

The Foundation funded the purchase of a printing press for the independent weekly newspaper 'The Weekly Post', currently dependent on the Government controlled printing facilities.

Budget: £25,000

Civic Education Association

The Foundation funded the Zambian Civic Education Association to equip an office in Lusaka to enable them to provide a free legal advice service to parliamentarians and the general public in Zambia, to include computers and a software training package.

Budget: £11,368

ZIMBABWE

Training Seminar on Parliamentary Reporting

The Foundation part-funded, with the British Council Harare and the Thomson Foundation, a one week training workshop in parliamentary reporting techniques for newspaper, news agency and broadcasting journalists in Southern Africa, held in Zimbabwe in early 1995.

Budget: £3,909

Support for Independent Political Journal

The Foundation funded the independent political journal 'Horizon' for one month in Spring 1995, to enable it to gain full business benefit from new equipment.

Budget: £9,800

ANGLOPHONE AFRICA: REGIONAL PROJECTS

Launch of African Dialogue Group

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to launch an African Young Democrat Union at a meeting in January 1996, which, like the Democrat Unions in Europe or the Pacific, will bring together representatives from African centre-right parties.

Budget: £7,374

Labour Party Annual Conference Study Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to invite ten representatives of sister parties in Anglophone Africa to participate in a 12 day study programme on policy making and party management organised around the Labour Party Annual Conference in September 1995.

Budget: £19,038

UK Study Tour

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a one week study tour in the UK in Spring 1995 for up to 16 representatives of parties in Anglophone Africa, looking at various aspects of the operation of a political party.

Budget: £24,277

CENTRAL EUROPE

ALBANIA

Media Inspection Visit

The Foundation funded a broadcast media expert to undertake a media inspection visit of Albania and Macedonia in November 1995. The purpose of the visit was to consider the operational restrictions under which the media is working in Albania and Macedonia, together with the level of professionalism of those currently in the media.

Budget: £3,000

Equipment for Democratic Party

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to provide a computer, printer, scanner and photocopier for the ruling Democratic Party of Albania, to enable them to more effectively manage the operation of the party on a day to day basis.

Budget: £5,017

Media Advice and Training

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send their media advisor to continue work in Albania on the Central Office of Information and to conduct a training course for journalists on the 'Relindje Demokratike' newspaper, during January/February 1995.

Budget: £1,695

Trade Union Training Seminar

The Foundation funded Northern College to provide a week of visits and training for five officers from the Trade Union Federation of Health Employees of Albania, in March 1995, to enable them to gain a wider knowledge of public sector trade union practice in Europe.

Budget: £4,530

Albanian Social Democratic Party

The Foundation funded the final costs of a Labour Party project to send a representative to participate in two training seminars. The visit included additional time in Albania for the representative to look at the results of previous Labour Party projects.

Budget: £3,623

Equipment for Social Democratic Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide the Albanian SDP with equipment to assist in their plans for campaigning and central planning. Three vehicles were purchased in order to assist with this.

Budget: £17,353



Printing Machine for Albanian Consumers Association

The Foundation funded the purchase of a small printing machine in December 1995 for the Albanian Consumers Association to assist the formalising of their informal advice centre for the general public on safety, health and hygiene. Due to the lack of private, independent printers in Albania, it is seen as vital that this largest of NGOs in Albania can produce reliable and consistent information in the face of the large volume of protective legislation that has recently been produced.

Budget: £10,000

Seminar on the Due Process of Law for Human Rights NGOs

The Foundation funded the cost of running the principle seminar in a series of three, entitled 'Due Process of Law' in April 1996 by the Aire Centre which forms a large part of their training programme for human rights in Albania. It is intended that those involved in legal fields will become familiar with current international standards on the protection of human rights.

Budget: £26,544

Social Democratic Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to print 10,000 copies of the Albanian Social Democratic Party's membership card, in anticipation of their increased membership in 1995.

Budget: £661

Social Democratic Party Study Tour

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a series of exchange visits with the Albanian Social Democratic Party (ASDP). Six members of the ASDP visited the UK to look at party organisation and local government.

Budget: £9,641

Social Democratic Party Women's Conference

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist the Albanian Social Democratic Party (ASDP) to hold a two-day conference for 60 women in Albania in Autumn 1994 on 'Women and Social Democracy'.

Budget: £4,395

Training for Promotion of Freedom of Expression

The Foundation funded a major programme of cooperation between Article 19 and partner organisations in Albania, providing exchanges of personnel for training advice, seminars on media freedom and legal reforms, and translation of resource materials to enable partner organisations to campaign more effectively for freedom of expression and discourage the adoption of laws which are likely to impede such freedom.

Budget: £11,200

Young Conservative Leadership School for Sister Parties

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to organise a seminar in Tirana in January 1996 for the Youth Forum of the Democratic Party and the Republican Youth of Albania. Because of the difficulties in communication with Albania, the youth wings of the Conservative Party's sister organisations in Albania had not been able to attend any of the national training sessions in Central and Eastern Europe.

Budget: £600.00

BOSNIA

Equipment for 'Zetel' TV Station, Zenica

The Foundation funded the independent television station 'Zetel' in Zenica to purchase a transmitter at the end of March 1995.

Budget: £9,900

Computer Equipment for Liberal Party

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrat Party to purchase computer and communications equipment for the Liberal Party of Bosnia Herzegovina, to be used primarily at their headquarters in Sarajevo, but also at other locations.

Budget: £5,276

Democracy Building Study Tour

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to cover the costs of organising a programme in the UK for five representatives of non-nationalist and social democratic organisations from Bosnia Herzegovina in August 1995 to study 'good governance', campaigning and lobbying techniques and the politics of opposition.

Budget: £5,909

Visit to UK by Members of the Liberal Party

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to invite two members of the Liberal Party of Bosnia Herzegovina to attend the Liberal Democrat Annual Conference in September 1995 in Glasgow.

Budget: £1,800

Equipment for RTV Mostar/Studio MM

The Foundation funded the Mostar radio and television studios to purchase transmitters and antenna systems at the end of March 1995 to increase their broadcasting capacity.

Budget: £15,000

Funding for the Liberal Party of Bosnia

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to support the Liberal Party of Bosnia Herzegovina by contributing to rent, stationery, heating and the salary of the Secretary General of the Party for one year commencing December 1994.

Budget: £4,574



Media Plan

The Foundation funded Media Plan to purchase radio and television equipment to assist with its training courses in April 1996 for young journalists. Media Plan, a Bosnian based society is devoted to the reconstruction and development of the media in the region. It acts as a trade association for the media, providing information on implementation of new techniques and the ways of the modern market for media productions.

Budget: £6,771

Provision of FM Radios and Radio Programming Training for Refugee Communities

The Foundation funded International Humanitarian Aid Concern (IHAC) to provide both FM/AM radios and manual radios for the refugee communities in Bosnia and to provide training for eventual radio programming in the region.

Budget: £10,000

Provision of Printing and Computer Equipment for the Sarajevo Newspaper 'B H Dani'

The Foundation funded the purchase of zinc plates, printing and computer equipment and paper for the Sarajevo newspaper 'B H Dani', in March 1995.

Budget: £44,500

Radio Kameleon

The Foundation part-funded with the British Embassy in Sarajevo, the purchase of a sock making machine to provide cross-funding for Radio Kameleon to meet its overheads during a period of low economic activity and revenues in Tuzla.

Budget: £11,211

Support for Independent Radio Station 'Radio Zid'

The Foundation funded the independent 'Radio Zid', one of Sarajevo's most lively and influential radio stations, commencing March 1995.

Budget: £12,000

Support for the Independent Newspaper 'Tuzla List'

The Foundation provided part-funding for the independent newspaper 'Tuzla List' to purchase a printer at the end of March 1995 in order to maintain its non-political, multi-ethnic news coverage; with remaining funding provided by Press Now.

Budget: £8,000

Support for the Liberal Party of Bosnia

The Foundation funded, through the Liberal Democrats, continued assistance to the Liberal Party of Bosnia Herzegovina to meet the running costs of their headquarters and salary costs for the Secretary General for 12 months starting January 1996.

Budget: £13,400

BULGARIA

Media Advice to 'Democracia'

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send their media advisor to provide ten days intensive training for the centre-right newspaper 'Democracia' in Bulgaria, in May 1995.

Budget: £3,205

Party Organisation Training Seminars

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two teams of trainers to Bulgaria to hold seminars for party workers and volunteers from the Union of Democratic Forces in September 1994 and February 1995, to enable them to improve their party organisation, extend their support base, and develop their campaigning skills.

Budget: £38,883

Preliminary Visit for UDF Public Opinion Survey

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to organise a preliminary three day visit by a senior researcher of a public opinion survey firm to Bulgaria, in March 1996. The visit will assess the research required to assist the United Democrat Forum (a coalition of 15 centre-right parties) to test public opinion on their planned use of US-style presidential primaries and whether they should back the incumbent President as the sole UDF candidate in the November elections.

Budget: £1,940

Support for UDF from Adam Smith Institute

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to enable them to organise the visit of the International Director of the Adam Smith Institute and a colleague, to spend five weeks with the UDF in Bulgaria, providing policy and presentation advice to the party leadership.

Budget: £11,000

Visit by UDF Activists

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to bring four activists from the Bulgarian Union of Democratic Forces to Britain to observe the local government elections to learn about campaign management, in April 1995.

Budget: £3,845

Civic Centres Programme

A continuation of support for a further year for the Bulgarian Association for Free and Fair Elections and Civil Rights to enable them to maintain the six regional offices established in 1993 and conduct three regional public opinion polls concerned with citizenship and local democracy.

Budget: £12,725

Equipment for the Radical Democrat Party

The Foundation funded a Liberal Democrat proposal to purchase computer equipment and a photocopier during March 1995 for the Radical Democrat Party of Bulgaria.

Budget: £5,440



Follow-on Support for Regional Civic Centres

The Foundation part-funded with NED, for a further year from January 1996, the civic centres which have been developed by the Bulgarian Association for Free Elections and Civil Rights (BAFECR) since 1993. Already the largest non-partisan grassroots organisation in Bulgaria, its regional office structure affords maximum civic participation.

Budget: £30,000

Local Government Research Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support a research programme by the Yanko Sakasov Foundation over five months, starting August 1995, into the new possibilities and problems facing local authorities in Bulgaria and to make proposals for the strategies which local authorities could pursue.

Budget: £8,612

Production of a series 'ABC of Human Rights'

The Foundation part-funded the production and broadcast of the final seven in a series of 12 documentary programmes in Bulgaria, entitled 'ABC of Human Rights'. They will be shown during the summer months of 1996 and are to be broadcast at peak periods.

Budget: £12,820

Social Democratic Party Training Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to run a four day training seminar in May 1995 in Brankia, Bulgaria for 40 members of the Bulgarian Social Democratic Party focusing on media skills.

Budget: £6,207

Support for the Bulgarian Women's Association

The Foundation funded the provision of equipment to the Bulgarian Women's Association and the salary for 12 months of an administrator and secretary from May 1995.

Budget: £10,973

CROATIA

Support for Political Magazine 'Bumerang' in Osijek

The Foundation part-funded the political fortnightly magazine 'Bumerang' for three months, starting in March 1995, with matching funds to be granted by the Soros Foundation in Zagreb, while it prepares to become a weekly.

Budget: £10,385

Support for Journal 'Arkzin'

The Foundation funded computer and office equipment and rent for one year from March 1995 for 'Arkzin', a magazine published by the Anti-War Campaign in Croatia, which seeks to present alternatives to nationalism, promote international peace activities and campaign for non-violent conflict resolution.

Budget: £18,710

Purchase of Equipment and Training for Designers on 'Arkzin'

The Foundation funded the purchase of computer equipment in March 1996 by the Zagreb based, youthful socio-political magazine 'Arkzin', in order to train two young designers to use basic computer graphics. This will improve the current published standard of the magazine and allow 'Arkzin' to establish a 'World-Wide-Web' site.

Budget: £18,000

Centre for Non-Government Development

The Foundation funded part of the start-up costs for a new centre in Zagreb which it is intended should act as a focal point for training and information for all Croatian NGOs.

Budget: £4,500

DAN School of Journalists, Dalmatia

The Foundation part-funded, with the Soros Foundation, Croatia, the Dalmatian newspaper DAN to found a School of Journalists, starting March 1995.

Budget: £19,230

Support for Political Magazine, 'Erasmus'

The Foundation part-funded, during 1995/96, under the auspices of Erasmus Gilda, the publication costs of six issues of 'Erasmus' magazine which focuses on political and cultural activities in Croatia.

Budget: £19,230

Support for Independent Weekly 'Feral Tribune' in Split

The Foundation funded the political and satirical weekly magazine 'Feral Tribune' to enable it to continue publishing in 1995 while it campaigns to have a crippling government tax lifted.

Budget: £16,000

Assistance to 'Feral Tribune' Newspaper

The Foundation funded the purchase of desktop publishing equipment to allow 'Feral Tribune', the satirical weekly with a distribution of 50-60,000 copies to Croatia, to become fully independent from the state owned printing facilities and reduce the time taken to print each edition and to allow other similar publications to share access.

Budget: £6,410

Legal Assistance to Independent Media

The Foundation funded Article 19 to provide legal support for the independent media in Croatia during 1995, by holding a workshop for media freedom lawyers, and by sending three trial observers for court actions involving the media in Croatia.

Budget: £15,000



Support for 'Radio Ozalj'

The Foundation funded radio equipment purchases for one of the few remaining electronic media organisations in Croatia, to break the information blockade which provides general information, culture and entertainment from a variety of sources. It is hoped that by supporting 'Radio Ozalj', other similar units will be encouraged to continue operating in the face of very restrictive legislation on the operation of independent radio and TV.

Budget: £14,651

Round Table Workshop on the Croatian Judicial System

The Foundation funded a two day workshop in April 1995, to examine the current state of the Croatian judicial system, in the light of the resignation of the Croatian Justice Minister in protest at recent actions by the State Council of Judges.

Budget: £10,000

Social Democratic Union of Croatia Election Campaign Assistance

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Union of Croatia with general election campaign expenses. The party was identified by the Labour Party as the most appropriate sister organisation in Croatia to support and assistance was provided to help its campaign preparations for national elections in October 1995.

Budget: £5,000

Training in Membership and Fundraising

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to organise a one week course in February 1995 at Liberal Democrat Headquarters, for five members of the Croatian Social Liberal Party, focusing in membership and fundraising.

Budget: £7,017

CZECH REPUBLIC

Assessment Visit to Smaller Parties

The Foundation funded a short visit by Ieuan Wyn Jones MP, to Prague in October 1995, to hold meetings with representatives from the smaller parties in the Czech Republic.

Budget: £556

Assistance for Electoral Campaign of the Czech SDP

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist the election campaign of the Czech SDP during the first half of 1996, with the provision of equipment for their national election campaign team and headquarters, camera tests, and a media seminar for the candidates and assistance with production of publicity materials.

Budget: £45,415

Deregulation Seminar for Centre Right Parties

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a group of three experts to hold a seminar on deregulation for representatives from the centre-right parties, businessmen and the media in the Czech Republic, in April 1995.

Budget: £3,914

Evaluation and Assessment Trip

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a visit to the Czech Republic for three days in April 1996 to carry out an evaluation of the assistance the Labour Party has provided to its sister party, the Czech SDP, and to assess how it can best help in the future.

Budget: £1,249

Media Advice to Newspapers

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send their media adviser to the Czech Republic for two visits during early 1995, to provide advice to the centre-right weekly newspaper 'Hlas', in order to enable it to become a daily newspaper.

Budget: £3,257

Policy Centre on Democracy

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist the Czech Republic Social Democratic Party to establish a Policy Centre for the Promotion of Democracy to cover activities with education and training and research.

Budget: £15,000

Seminar on Criminal Proceedings

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to support a seminar, being held with the Czech Ministry of Justice in June 1995, on the recodification of criminal proceedings, by sending two expert speakers from the UK.

Budget: £1,361

Seminar on Policy Implications of Organised Crime

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send three experts to take part in a seminar in the Czech Republic in May 1995, for government officials and parliamentarians from the centre-right parties, senior police and customs officers, and journalists, on the implications of the growth of organised crime.

Budget: £1,984

Seminar on Law and Order for KDU-CSL

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to hold a weekend seminar in Prague, in January 1995, for 50-60 representatives of the Christian Democrat Union-Czechoslovak People's Party to discuss the fight against crime, a key policy issue for parties in the Czech Republic.

Budget: £3,088

Weekend Seminar on Urban Regeneration

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to hold a weekend seminar with the Civic Democratic Party in February 1995, to discuss urban regeneration programmes and the role of parties and local authorities, in order to enable them to introduce a programme of reform into their current policy, and to enable them to understand their responsibilities in such areas.

Budget: £2,438



Assistance to the Free Democrats

The Foundation funded a Liberal Democrat project commencing May 1995, of 16 months duration, aimed at developing a campaign strategy for the Free Democrats of the Czech Republic in time for parliamentary elections scheduled for 1996.

Budget: £27,461

Parliamentary Internship Initiative

The Foundation funded the Parliamentary Internship Programme for young Czech political science graduates, providing valuable experience in parliamentary practice for future parliamentarians, assisting MPs by providing them with access to accurate research material, and increasing contact between parliamentarians and their constituents. The PHARE Democracy Programme provided the majority of funding.

Budget: £5,000

Reducing the Burden of Regulation

Regional Seminar

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two British specialists to the Czech Republic in March 1996 to conduct a two day seminar on deregulation, its implementation, the regulatory environment, assessment systems and the role of business input into policy making.

Budget: £1,434

Regional Civic Centres

The Foundation part-funded, under the auspices of the Citizen's Solidarity and Tolerance Movement, the establishment of five regional civic advice centres in the Czech Republic, and the salaries of five local co-ordinators for a six month period commencing November 1995.

Budget: £2,280

Seminar on the Role of the Judge in a Democratic Society

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send three British judges to the Czech Republic from 28 February to 2 March 1996 to conduct a roundtable discussion with 40 Czech judges on the exercise of judicial power and the status of the judge in civil and criminal proceedings.

Budget: £2,152

Symposium on the Relationship between Trade Unions and Political Parties

The Foundation funded the Policy Centre for the Promotion of Democracy, Prague to hold a two day symposium on 'Trade Unions and Political Parties'.

Budget: £6,615

Training Workshops for Non-Governmental Organisations

The Foundation funded a series of training courses, from September 1995 to March 1996, run by the Information Centre for Foundations and other non-profitmaking organisations, designed to improve the effectiveness of NGOs in the Czech Republic.

Budget: £18,058

Journalists Placement Scheme

The Foundation funded two placements during summer 1995 for Czech and Slovak journalists with local newspapers in the UK, and covered the costs of a British media expert to brief participants. This was part of a training scheme for journalists organised by the Jan Hus Educational Foundation.

Budget: £2,597

ESTONIA

Fact Finding Visit

The Foundation funded a Liberal Democrat fact finding visit to Estonia and Lithuania, in July 1995, to meet respective sister parties with a view to discussing future areas of work.

Budget: £1,603

Campaigning Assistance to Pro Patria

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to carry out a programme of assistance to Pro Patria, in Estonia, to enable them to plan and prepare for the General Election in March 1995, by holding a campaigning seminar for candidates, arranging an exchange of visits by UK and Estonian campaign organisers, and providing funding for the production of posters.

Budget: £4,738

Fact Finding Visit

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to undertake a fact finding visit to Estonia in March 1996 to assess the situation after the elections and devise a programme of joint activity with the centre-right parties, in cooperation with the Jaan Tonnison Institute.

Budget: £2,048

Public Opinion Research Through Focus Groups

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to conduct five focus groups in January 1996 for the Estonian National Coalition Party Isaama in preparation for the local government election campaign in the autumn of 1996.

Budget: £3,250

Seminars for Public Service Television Broadcasters

The Foundation funded travel and honorarium costs of a week long visit to Estonia at the end of January 1995 by the Director of Network Programme Development at Yorkshire Tyne-Tees Television to present a series of three seminars for up to 24 public service broadcasters from the Baltic States.

Budget: £2,380

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Support for Kosova-based Albanian Language Newspaper

The Foundation funded the purchase of equipment and the costs of a round table, bringing together Albanian and Serbian representatives for an independent Albanian-language weekly, published in Pristina, Kosova.

Budget: £10,978



FORMER YUGOSLAVIA: REGIONAL PROJECTS

Equipment for Independent Journalists

The Foundation part-funded the purchase of a computer, modem and printer for six of the journalists who form the AIM Network across former Yugoslavia.

Budget: £8,400

Exchange Visit

The Foundation funded a ten day pilot visit in January 1995 under the auspices of the co-ordinating Committee for Conflict Resolution Training in Europe, involving members of peace and reconciliation organisations from the former Yugoslavia to Northern Ireland as the first part of an initiative to seek alternatives to inter-community conflict.

Budget: £5,343

Independent Media Coverage

The Foundation funded the continued production of 'War Report' for one year commencing January 1995, the only independent bulletin of news, analysis, opinions and proposals for conflict resolution in the Balkans.

Budget: £48,000

HUNGARY

Third 'Survival in a Democracy' Workshop

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two speakers with extensive local campaigning experience to participate in the third workshop in May 1995 being run with the International Republican Institute and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, on 'Survival in a Democracy', to assist the centre right parties in Hungary.

Budget: £3,425

Fourth 'Survival in a Democracy' Workshop

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to hold a fourth training seminar in Budapest in September 1995 to develop the centre-right opposition parties ability to challenge the government's unpopular policies effectively and present their own political programme as a more workable and useful option.

Budget: £3,430

Training for Community Development College

The Foundation funded Northern College, an adult education college in Barnsley, to run a two week training seminar in November 1995 for ten workers and potential users of Civil College in Hungary, a training centre for groups working towards the rebuilding of an active and democratic civil society in Hungary.

Budget: £10,000

Visit to UK by MDF Representatives

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to bring four representatives from the Hungarian Democratic Forum (MDF) to the UK in March 1995 to gain insight into the Conservative Party's candidate selection process and the daily work of Conservative MPs in Westminster and their constituencies.

Budget: £5,397

Building Cooperation Capacity of Hungarian Municipalities

The Foundation part-funded, during the Spring of 1996, a series of skills-building training programmes, run by Partners for Democratic Change, for Hungarian local government officials to enable them to effectively deal with the conflicts and concerns of their communities and encourage civic participation.

Budget: £14,806

Conservative Public Policy Papers Publication

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to provide the translation, printing and distribution of four public policy review publications, during March 1996. Each collection included two summarised public policy papers from leading British conservative think tanks, as well as one Hungarian contribution.

Budget: £6,808

Economic Policy Advice for Hungarian Socialist Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to run a two day round-table discussion in February 1995 with the Hungarian Socialist Party on key aspects of economic policy.

Budget: £3,036

Environmental Policy Advice for Hungarian Socialist Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to run a two-day round table discussion with the Hungarian Socialist Party in April 1995 on environment policy.

Budget: £3,692

Evaluation and Assessment Visit

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a visit to Hungary for three days in December 1995 to carry out an evaluation of the assistance the Labour Party has provided to its sister party and an assessment of how it can best help in the future.

Budget: £1,063

Hungarian Socialist Party Environmental Conference

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist the Hungarian Socialist Party to organise a three day conference on environmental issues for 150 local government representatives, in October 1995.

Budget: £8,474

Re-print of 'Westminster Model' Training Book

The Foundation funded the re-print, in April 1996, of 2,000 copies of 'Westminster Model' written by a highly regarded political commentator, at a reduced rate to meet demand from the general public in Hungary, libraries, the Hungarian parliament, local councils and universities.

Budget: £2,250



Seminar on Local Government

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to support a weekend seminar on local government in cooperation with the Windsor Klub, the Hungarian branch of the Windsor Group in Budapest on 20-22 October 1995. Funds covered costs for two speakers and some of the organisational costs.
Budget: £2,250

Socialist Party Equipment for Regional and Local Offices

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to purchase eight photocopying machines, for use at the local and regional offices of the Hungarian Socialist Party.
Budget: £19,891

Socialist Party Training Seminar for Women Councillors

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support the costs of a three day training seminar for women councillors of the Hungarian Socialist Party held in June 1995.
Budget: £4,608

Socialist Party Training Seminar for Women in Public Life

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist with the running costs of a three day seminar in July 1995 for Hungarian women in public life focusing on confidence building and training skills.
Budget: £5,605

Trade Union Training Seminar

The Foundation funded a three day training seminar, organised by UNISON, during the Autumn 1995 for a number of Hungarian Public Sector Trade Unions.
Budget: £5,731

Training Seminar for Budapest Regional Association of Hungarian Socialist Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to hold a three day seminar in March 1996 dealing with party building and communication with the Budapest Regional Association of the Hungarian Socialist Party and to send two Labour Party trainers to lead training workshops.
Budget: £4,496

Training Seminar for Miskolc City Organisation of the Hungarian Socialist Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to hold a three day training seminar in March 1996 for members of the Miskolc City Organisation of the Hungarian Socialist Party and to send two Labour Party trainers to lead training workshops.
Budget: £5,696

Training Seminar for Women's Section of Hungarian Socialist Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to hold a three day training seminar in March 1996 for the women's section of the Hungarian Socialist Party, and to send two Labour Party trainers.
Budget: £4,406

Visit to UK by three MPs

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to organise a visit to the UK in September 1995 by three Hungarian MPs, two from the Hungarian Democratic Forum and one from the Alliance of Young Democrats to learn about the British Parliamentary system and individual responsibilities and daily work of MPs; also to discuss with specialists and academics the current Western perspectives on the Central European region.
Budget: £3,558

Visit by Members of the Union of Chemical Workers of Hungary

The Foundation funded the costs of a five person delegation from the Union of Chemical Workers in Hungary to attend a one week training workshop, run by the Union for Skilled and Professional People, in March 1996.
Budget: £2,064

LATVIA

Equipment for Latvian National Independence Movement

The Foundation funded the purchase of basic office equipment for the Latvian National Independence Movement (LNNK) for its weekly newspaper, to enable it to have regular and effective communication with the party and electorate.
Budget: £5,034

Assistance to Social Democratic Workers Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support seminars run by the Azpazija Foundation for the Latvian Social Democratic and Workers Party and like organisations, who wished to receive assistance with political education and development programmes. The workshops covered politics, economics and labour legislation to raise morale after their poor showing at the last elections.
Budget: £800

Independent Research Centre

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist an independent research centre set up by the Latvian Free Trade Union Confederation and the Latvian Social Democratic Workers Party to provide basic social and economic data.
Budget: £2,117

Publication of Publicity Material for Latvian Way

The Foundation funded a Liberal Democrat project to assist the publication of Latvian Way's Policy Programme during the autumn of 1995. This was a special version of the Party newspaper, and included a promotional leaflet, both of which were used in the election campaign.
Budget: £6,302

Social Democratic and Workers Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to purchase equipment early in 1995 and to set up further regional offices to provide assistance with party organisational development for the Latvian Social Democratic and Workers Party.
Budget: £8,792



LITHUANIA

Equipment to Conservative Party

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to provide basic office equipment for the Lithuanian Conservative Party to ensure a more efficient running of the party headquarters and branches.

Budget: £7,647

Social Democratic Women's Union

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to establish a network of regional co-ordinating centres and local clubs during 1994 to increase membership of the Lithuanian Social Democratic Women's Union.

Budget: £6,550

Campaigning Assistance to the Conservative Party of Lithuania

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send three campaign activists to Lithuania to advise the Lithuanian Conservative Party on the management of the general election campaign set for March 1996. The focus was on communication with the electorate both directly and through the media and other publicity material.

Budget: £1,897

Legislation on Local Government Reform

The Foundation funded the drafting of new legislation for local government in Lithuania to be implemented following local elections in March 1995.

Budget: £5,000

Prisoner's Advocacy Project

The Foundation funded, under the auspices of Penal Reform International, for a period of 12 months, the Lithuanian Prisoner's Advocacy Project which seeks to provide advocacy assistance and information on human rights to prisoners and their families.

Budget: £13,846

MACEDONIA

Training for Members of the Liberal Party

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to run a six day training course in the UK for the Liberal Party of Macedonia, to cover general party organisation issues at the beginning of October 1995.

Budget: £4,935

Translation of 'Media and Elections' Book

The Foundation funded the European Institute of the Media to undertake the translation into Macedonian and distribution in Macedonia of a handbook entitled 'Media and Elections', in early 1996.

Budget: £2,460

POLAND

Visit to the UK by Women Activists from European Union of Women

The Foundation funded a visit to the UK by one Polish and Hungarian woman activist to gain familiarity with the Conservative Party's women's organisations and the British Section of the European Union of Women, their organisation, programmes for women in politics and fundraising activities. The visit took place in January 1996.

Budget: £898

Equipment for Training NGO

The Foundation funded the Warsaw-based Foundation for Education for Democracy to purchase computer equipment for their office to allow them present training programmes and publications, starting early 1995 for NGOs in Poland.

Budget: £4,200

Media Advice to Newspapers

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send their media advisor to Poland to provide training for the journalists on the newspaper 'Czas Krakowski', an independent daily produced in Krakow, in March 1995.

Budget: £2,277

Policy Seminar for Centre-Right Parties

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two experts to hold a seminar on social welfare policy for the centre-right parties in Poland, and on the presentation of policy to the electorate, in March 1995.

Budget: £3,698

Political Advancement for Women

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to carry out two visits, in May and November 1995, to work with women in centre-right groups in Poland, in order to provide training advice and an evaluation of previous work undertaken in 1994.

Budget: £3,725

Three Weekend Training Seminars

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party, as part of their continuing programme in Poland, to hold three weekend seminars during Spring 1995, focusing on local government, European integration and economic reform.

Budget: £11,730

Visit by Party Organisers from the Freedom Union

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to host a visit in May 1995 by four representatives from the Freedom Union, the main opposition party in Poland, to learn about the Conservative Party's structure and organisation.

Budget: £5,477

Visiting Speakers to Polish Workshops

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a total of ten visiting speakers from the UK to participate in four workshops, organised by the Jagiellonian Foundation and the International Republican Institute, held during 1995, focusing on the Centre Right and Central Europe, the independent media, business ethics and media training.

Budget: £3,615



Campaign Training for Presidential Elections

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to organise two week long visits to Poland by four campaign organisers in the run up to the presidential elections in September 1995. The campaign team included members/activists of five right wing parties and non-party supporters of the centre-right Adam Strzembosz.

Budget: £5,500

Course on Press Law for Journalists

The Foundation funded the Central and Eastern European Media Centre Foundation in Warsaw to hold a seminar on Press Law in a Democratic Society for journalists and managers of press centres throughout Central and Eastern Europe in September 1995.

Budget: £7,750

Establishment of Trade Union Office

The Foundation part-funded a 12 month pilot project, starting March 1996, to establish an office in Krakow, under the auspices of the Jim Conway Foundation, which will seek to develop links and strengthen existing relationships with employee representative organisations across Central and Eastern Europe.

Budget: £14,000

Fact Finding Visit

The Foundation funded a Liberal Democrat fact finding visit to Poland to meet respective sister parties in October 1995.

Budget: £536

Internship Programme for Journalists from the Former Soviet Union

The Foundation funded the Polish newspaper 'Paluki', in conjunction with the Warsaw based Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe to run an internship programme in Poland for journalists from across the former Soviet Union, in spring 1996.

Budget: £4,600

Jagiellonian Human Rights Centre

The Foundation funded training programmes to allow educators in Poland to learn about basic human rights and to incorporate them into their teaching as a contribution to the democratic development of civil society in Poland.

Budget: £8,350

Policy Advice for Unia Pracy

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a two day round table discussion in Poland in April 1995 with Unia Pracy (Union of Labour) Party on key aspects of economic policy.

Budget: £4,434

Polish Integration with the European Union

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to hold a three day seminar in February 1996 in Warsaw to provide an opportunity for input for Polish NGOs to the debate on reform of European Union institutions, with a view to encouraging EU expansion.

Budget: £3,133

Polish Labour Foundation Social Democratic Bookshop

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to enable the Polish Labour Foundation to establish a bookshop in Warsaw for the distribution of social democratic books and documents.

Budget: £5,684

Social Advice Project

The Foundation provided funding to purchase equipment during 1995 to enable a consortium of Polish NGOs to establish four pilot Social Advice Centres in Poland which will provide information and support in the field of civil rights, legal affairs and benefits.

Budget: £15,000

Summer School for Young Political Leaders

The Foundation funded the accommodation costs of a summer school, organised by the Soros Foundation, held in Warsaw from 1-28 July 1995 for 50 young political leaders from all parties, focusing on Western models of democratic political activity.

Budget: £16,195

Support for Presidential Campaign

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to support the campaign of the presidential candidate backed by five centre-right parties with costs for rent for the campaign headquarters, basic office equipment and production costs of publicity material.

Budget: £9,305

Symposium for Members of the Polish Sejm

The Foundation funded a two week symposium run by Thames Valley University during September 1995, for 12 Deputies of the Polish Sejm focusing on the British Parliamentary system.

Budget: £15,858

Trade Union Training Seminars, Katowice

The Foundation funded two seminars in Katowice for activists from the Piatowice Regional Trade Union 'Solidarnosc', which were led by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, and focused on the direction of Polish trade unions.

Budget: £4,125

Training for Campaigning, Party Organisation and Media

The Foundation funded a Labour Party project to send three experts to Poland to lead seminars and workshops with Unia Pracy (Union of Labour) and the Polish Socialist Party on campaigning, party organisation and the media.

Budget: £4,879

Training for Civic Education in Democratic Systems

The Foundation funded five training workshops for trainers from the Opole Centre for Local Democracy commencing December 1995, designed to educate trainers in Western training methods to enable them to implement the Centre's Civic Education Training Programme.

Budget: £14,026



Training for Women's Organisations

The Foundation funded three training workshops run by the Polish Feminist's Association from November 1994 to October 1995 focusing on organisational management and development and designed for representatives of Polish women's organisations.

Budget: £11,696

Twinning of Party Branches with the Union of Labour

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise the twinning of party organisations in Manchester and Newcastle upon Tyne with Union of Labour branches in Lodz and Szczecin in order to facilitate exchanges around the themes of party organisation, campaigning, the role of local authorities, and urban regeneration. The project started in September 1995.

Budget: £17,693

UK Visit by Activists from Christian National Union

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to support a visit by four CNU party managers in December 1995, to learn about the British parliamentary system and the structure and management of the Conservative Party.

Budget: £4,638

Youth School

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide financial assistance to the Polish Labour Foundation to organise a one week training school for 40 young political activists in Poland at the end of February 1995. Participants were drawn from the Union of Labour, the Polish Socialist Party and the Union of Freedom.

£6,307

Second Youth School

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support a one week study school in Poland in September 1995 for 50 young people from left of centre political parties.

Budget: £6,712

Winter Youth School

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to hold a third two week study school in Poland in February 1996, in conjunction with the Polish Labour Foundation, for 70 young people from left of centre political parties.

Budget: £9,280

Women's Seminar

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a seminar in May 1995 in Poland for women from left of centre political parties and women's organisations on organisational development, political skills training and confidence building.

Budget: £5,316

ROMANIA

Human Rights Training

The Foundation part-funded two human rights training courses run in Romania (April 1995) and Hungary (November 1995), by the Federation International des Ligues des Droits de L'Homme, a French NGO, for human rights trainers from the national NGO leagues in each country. These were funded in partnership with the EU PHARE Democracy Programme.

Budget: £22,222

Campaigning Assistance

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send three campaign organisers to hold a seminar in Romania during September 1994 to provide assistance with the selection of leaders for teams of activists who will spearhead the General Election campaign in 1995, to provide training for them on campaign management, and to plan the production of a campaign manual.

Budget: £3,874

Campaigning Assistance

The Foundation funded the Ulster Unionist Party to send two local government campaigners to work alongside four Conservative Party trainers who will be visiting Romania towards the end of February for two weeks, to train the National Peasants Christian Democratic Party in the run-up to the 1996 elections.

Budget: £4,410

Campaigning Assistance to PNTCD

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to provide campaign training for the National Peasants Christian Democratic Party of Romania (PNTCD) in early 1996, and to provide equipment for use in further training.

Budget: £33,181

Media Assistance to 'Dreptatea' Newspaper

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send their media advisor to provide further advice to the centre-right newspaper 'Dreptatea' in Romania, during a ten day visit in May 1995.

Budget: £2,860

Publishing Equipment for Pro-Democracy Association

The Foundation provided publishing equipment for the production of a monthly publication about Parliament, new legal structures, and articles about democratic development, by the Pro-Democracy Association, Bucharest.

Budget: £5,730

Seminar on Local Government

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to conduct a workshop on local government for fifty mayors and councillors from the National Peasants Christian Democratic Party focusing on the basic organisation, structure and role of local councils.

Budget: £4,655



Training Tour

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to run two 12 day tours of Romanian regions in late 1994 and early 1995 providing advice to the headquarters and local party organisers of the National Peasants Christian Democratic Party, on party organisation, the role of senators/deputies, public relations and use of the media, and other party management issues.

Budget: £35,000

Candidate Training for Social Democratic Women

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to run a training seminar in Romania in January 1996 for approximately 25 Social Democratic women candidates in Romania, in preparation for the forthcoming local elections.

Budget: £6,229

Citizens' Information and Action Group

The Foundation funded for 12 months, from March 1996, the two principal activities of the Citizens Information and Action Group (CIAG), part of the Princess Margarita of Romania Foundation's Senior Citizens Project. CIAG wishes to encourage its 80,000 associate members to participate in the debate, design and establishment of new laws and structures set up by the government which relate to retired people in Romania.

Budget: £14,298

Equipment for Romanian Social Democratic Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to supply the Romanian Social Democratic Party with a range of computer and communications equipment for the election co-ordination centres it is establishing in late 1995, in preparation for local and national elections in 1996.

Budget: £10,040

Political Strategy Seminar

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to send one trainer to take part in a seminar on political and electoral strategy with its two sister parties in Romania in October 1995, organised by the Alfred Moser Foundation of the Netherlands.

Budget: £774

Training Programme for Local Government Elections

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to send three trainers to Romania for one week to carry out seminars in election campaigning, party organisation and media presentation in five regional centres in November 1995.

Budget: £5,782

Young Leadership School for National Peasant Christian Democrat Youth

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to enable the Young Conservative International Council to hold a Young Conservative Leadership School for the National Peasant Christian Democrat Youth of Romania in February 1996, in Romania, to assist with their preparations to campaign in the local and national elections.

Budget: £1,455

Young Political Leaders School

The Foundation provided part-funding for a series of training courses for young party activists and aspiring politicians from all parties in Romania in autumn 1995 and spring 1996. The Foundation funded the costs of trainers and advice on programme content for this PHARE funded programme.

Budget: £12,191

SERBIA & MONTENEGRO

Centre for Human Rights Seminars

The Foundation part-funded the Centre for Human Rights to run a second set of seminars for 40 young jurists in Macedonia on humanitarian law, to enable them to better undertake their daily work.

Budget: £11,068

Equipment for 'Radio Bajina Basta'

The Foundation funded the independent radio station in Bajina Basta (60 miles from Belgrade) to purchase equipment to set up a transmitter at the end of March 1995.

Budget: £13,880

Support for Radio 'Boom 93', Pozarevac

The Foundation funded community Radio 'Boom 93' in Pozarevac to maintain output of impartial information through provision of equipment and salaries, commencing end of March 1995.

Budget: £10,200

Graphics Centre for 'Vreme' Magazine

The Foundation funded the purchase of equipment at the end of March 1995 for a graphics centre for 'Vreme', one of the most respected newspapers in former Yugoslavia.

Budget: £25,000

NGO Management Seminar

The Foundation funded the Centre for Antiwar Action in Belgrade to hold a five day management seminar in June 1995 for 20 NGOs active in peace work and the protection of human rights in Serbia and Montenegro.

Budget: £2,900

Newsprint for 'Ekonomaska Politika'

The Foundation funded the purchase of newsprint for the independent economic and political weekly news magazine 'Ekonomaska Politika' which is distributed to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Macedonia, Slovenia, Germany, France, Italy, Russia, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Romania.

Budget: £13,453

Office Equipment for 'Radio Bajina Basta'

The Foundation funded the initial stage of reconstruction and refurbishment of the radio station's production offices, in February 1996, which had been seriously damaged during the war in the region and drastically reduced the station's capacity to produce reliable information to both the Serbian and Bosnian refugee populations in the area.

Budget: £13,953



Seminar on the Rebuilding of Ties between Ethnic Communities

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to cover the travel and accommodation costs of East European delegates to attend a weekend seminar organised by the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, in April 1996. The seminar examined the methods of rebuilding friendly relations and mutual understanding among the mixed communities divided by the civil war in Croatia and Belgrade.

Budget: £21,388

Support for Independent Radio Station

The Foundation funded the independent Radio station 'B92' in Belgrade to purchase equipment which enabled it to link into the internet at the end of March 1995.

Budget: £20,000

Support for 'Nasa Borba' Newspaper

The Foundation funded the purchase of an A3 laser printer at the end of March 1995 for the independent newspaper 'Nasa Borba' to strengthen the role of the independent media in Serbia.

Budget: £7,900

Support for the Independent Weekly 'Koha' in Pristina, Kosova

The Foundation funded the independent news weekly magazine 'Koha', based in Pristina, Kosova, to purchase equipment and paper at the end of March 1995.

Budget: £18,000

SLOVAKIA

Equipment for Foreign Affairs Think Tank

The Foundation funded the provision of some basic office equipment for an independent institute of foreign affairs in Bratislava, Slovakia, to enable them to increase public awareness of foreign policy issues and to increase the involvement of other organisations in the formulation of foreign policy.

Budget: £10,000

Social Democratic Party Election Campaign Assistance

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist the Slovakian SDP, to help them gain parliamentary representation and increase their size in local and regional assemblies.

Budget: £16,350

Visit to UK by Party Expert on Economic Policy

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to host a visit by a party researcher from the Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) in Slovakia to spend two weeks in the UK in June 1995, to examine current policy areas on economic reform and political development.

Budget: £1,743

Visit to UK by Party Expert on Security Policy

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to bring a senior researcher from the Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) in Slovakia to the UK to study policy issues on European security and criminal policy, in June 1995.

Budget: £1,781

Women's Social Democratic Community

The Foundation funded a Labour Party project to assist the Slovak Women's Democratic Community during 1994 by purchasing a fax and photocopier in order to produce publications to publicise the group and increase its membership.

Budget: £5,000

Assistance to Regional Media

The Foundation funded the Milan Simecka Foundation to purchase and distribute equipment for the regional media in Slovakia in the Autumn of 1995, comprising a computer, fax, camera, enlarger, typewriter and printer for each of 14 regional newspapers.

Budget: £17,300

Assistance to the Hungarian Civic Party

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to provide assistance to its sister party in Slovakia, the Hungarian Civic Party (MPP) to prepare for Parliamentary elections and municipal elections, by covering costs associated with employment of a campaign staff leader and five regional campaign staff, the purchase of office equipment and maintenance of a car.

Budget: £13,148

Equipment for the Party of the Democratic Left

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide four personal computers and one laser printer for the Headquarters of the Party of the Democratic Left in Bratislava in May 1996.

Budget: £4,600

Evaluation and Assessment Visit

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to visit Slovakia for three days in July 1995 to carry out an evaluation of past Labour Party assistance to its two sister parties, and an assessment of future needs.

Budget: £1,102

Independent Political Monitoring

The Foundation funded the publication of a book in January 1996, which included the results of a comprehensive and independent year-long monitoring of all aspects of political life in Slovakia by the Sandor Marai Foundation.

Budget: £3,210

Leaflets for the Party of the Democratic Left

The Foundation funded the Labour Party, over a 12 month period commencing April 1996, to assist the Party of the Democratic Left in Slovakia to produce 100,000 copies of 14 public information leaflets.

Budget: £2,241



Support for Left Forum

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to meet costs for one year, commencing April 1996, of plenary sessions, working group meetings, publicity activities, public meetings and one staff member for the Left Forum, an organisation which brings together left of centre political parties and trade union organisations in Slovakia.

Budget: £10,500

Partnership Building

The Foundation funded the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum (PWBLF) to invite 30 people from government, business, voluntary and community groups to a three day consultation in January 1995 to produce an action plan to build local partnerships for the regeneration of the country's new capital, Bratislava.

Budget: £5,000

Permanent Civic Institute Conference

The Foundation part-funded and provided training assistance for a network of civic clubs and regional Democracy Seminars throughout Slovakia which aim to promote public involvement in, and awareness of, civic and democratic issues at regional and national level. The project was part-funded by the PHARE Democracy Programme.

Budget: £13,440

Seminar on Local Government Campaigning

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to send a local government expert to present a paper on decision-making in Liberal Democrat run Councils, at a seminar on the development of democratic local government systems in Central and Eastern Europe, in November 1995 in Bratislava. The seminar was co-organised by Civitas Foundation, Institute of Liberal Studies and the Hungarian Civic Party.

Budget: £704

Shadow Cabinet Programme for Slovak Parties

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to run a three day programme in May 1995, for the Party of the Democratic Left and the Social Democratic Party of Slovakia, on the role of the shadow cabinet to help strengthen their parliamentary standing in opposition.

Budget: £2,464

Social Democratic Women's Community

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to help improve the organisational development of the Slovak Social Democratic Women's Community by covering its running costs for one year, starting mid 1994, publication of a questionnaire, 12 editions of a monthly newsletter and upgrading the office's photocopier.

Budget: £11,495

Trade Union Management Training

The Foundation funded a 12 month pilot programme in Slovakia run by Ruskin College, Oxford and Cranfield School of Management, focusing on effective trade union management, starting late 1994.

Budget: £24,000

Visit by Dr Josef Kosta, Democratic Union of Slovakia

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to bring Dr Josef Kosta of the Democratic Union of Slovakia to the UK during the Autumn of 1996 for a four day visit to study the structure and organisation of the Liberal Democrats.

Budget: £650

Social Democratic Women's Community

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide the costs of a monthly newsletter for the Slovak Social Democratic Women's Community for 12 months from November 1995.

Budget: £14,500

SLOVENIA

Fact Finding Visit

The Foundation funded Plaid Cymru to send their Party's Chief Executive to visit Slovenia in April 1996 to meet with political parties, Members of Parliament and other organisations. The visit's objective was to identify whether Plaid Cymru can assist with Slovenia's bid for membership of the European Community.

Budget: £1,553

Party Management Visits

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to hold an exchange visit by Slovenian MPs from the Slovene Christian Democrats and two Conservative MPs to advise on the operation of a parliamentary party and its relationship with the national party, local party and individual constituents, to take place in early 1995.

Budget: £2,717

Party Media and Presentation Training

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to provide advice and training on media presentation and public appearances to four leaders of the Slovene Christian Democrats, through a training course in the UK in June 1995.

Budget: £5,220

Assessment Visit

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to carry out an assessment visit to Slovenia in October 1995 to study the political situation and discuss the potential for democracy building assistance with sister parties.

Budget: £1,299

British Slovenian Parliamentary Visit

The Foundation funded a group of three Slovenian MPs, part of a new group in the Slovenian Parliament established to develop ties with Britain, to visit the UK for five days in May 1995 to hold meetings with parliamentarians.

Budget: £4,000



CENTRAL EUROPE: REGIONAL PROJECTS

Seminar on Student Campaigning

The Foundation funded the Conservative Students to hold a weekend seminar on student political groups, student unions and campaigning in London in November 1995 for ten delegates from eight post-communist countries.

Budget: £5,395

European Forum for Democracy 'Country Updates'

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to make a contribution to the administration costs of the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity as a condition of retaining their place on the Forum's Steering Committee during 1994, by part-funding the production of a series of twice yearly updated summaries of the political situation in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union called 'Country Updates'.

Budget: £9,000

Further Support for European Forum Country Updates

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support another 12 months production and distribution costs to left-of-centre political parties and organisations, commencing April 1996, for the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity's 'Country Update' summaries of the political situation in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Budget: £15,000

European Forum Steering Committee Meeting, Brussels

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to send a representative to attend the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity's Steering Committee Meeting in Brussels at the end of January 1995. The meeting analysed the current political developments in Russia and made recommendations for joint activities to strengthen social democratic forces in the future.

Budget: £464

European Forum for Democracy Meetings

The Foundation funded the Labour Party's attendance at three Steering Committee meetings of the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity during 1995.

Budget: £1,500

European Forum for Democracy Newsletter and Pamphlet

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to cover the final costs of producing the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity's pamphlet and newsletter that was started in the previous financial year. This was distributed to the European Forum's member parties in Western and Eastern Europe in order to circulate news about events and developments with parties.

Budget: £1,749

European Forum, Economic Transformation Programme

The Foundation funded a Labour Party project to contribute to the administrative costs of the economic transformation programme, run by the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity.

Budget: £16,000

European Forum, Women in the New Civil Society

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support a workshop in Bucharest for two days at the end of February 1995 for 25 women from across Central and Eastern Europe to discuss the empowerment of women in the political process.

Budget: £12,063

European Forum, Women's Perspectives on Economic and Social Development

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support a workshop in Ljubljana for two days at the end of March 1995 for 27 women across Central and Eastern Europe to discuss the impact of economic policy on their respective social problems.

Budget: £12,400

Labour Party Annual Conference Study Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to invite ten representatives of sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to participate in a 12 day study programme focusing on policy making and party organisation held in the autumn of 1995 in conjunction with the Labour Party Annual Conference.

Budget: £14,185

Campaign for Local Elections Training Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to invite ten women representatives from its sister party organisations in Central and Eastern Europe to participate in a training programme which was arranged around the Labour Party's final campaigning for the May 1995 local elections.

Budget: £13,750

Local Government Conference

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support the participation of ten representatives from sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe in a one week study tour programme looking at local government issues and election campaigning, organised around the Labour Party Local Government Conference at the beginning of February 1995.

Budget: £11,803

Labour Party European Conference Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to run a week-long training seminar for ten members from sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe, on local government and election campaigning, organised around the Labour Party European Conference Programme in Birmingham in February 1996.

Budget: £13,419



Local Government Study Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a study programme in the North West from 6-12 November 1995 for ten participants from Central and Eastern Europe, looking at local government issues with a special emphasis on education and provisions for minority groups.

Budget: £11,370

North West Policy Forum and Policy Making Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to invite sister parties from Central and Eastern Europe to send ten participants to take part in one week's study programme to examine the policy-making process in the Labour Party. The programme was based in Manchester and took place at the end of January 1995, organised around a Policy Forum of the North West Region of the Labour Party in Blackpool.

Budget: £12,400

Policy Study Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a study programme in North West England in January 1996 for ten participants from Central and Eastern Europe linking the development of policy with party campaigning.

Budget: £12,470

Training at Labour Party National Women's Conference

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to invite ten women representatives from five Labour Party sister associations in Central and Eastern Europe to attend the Labour Party's National Women's Conference in April 1995. The women were able to experience at close hand the workings of such a conference and to assess their own future training needs.

Budget: £13,610

Conference on Citizenship

The Foundation funded three academics from Central and Eastern Europe to attend a two day international conference in London in June 1995 to discuss the changing significance of nationality and citizenship status in Europe, and the policy implications for free movement, equal rights, peace and security.

Budget: £2,460

IYDU Conference

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to support the travel costs of 12 young political leaders from new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and Africa to enable them to attend the IYDU Leadership Conference taking place in Seoul in August 1995.

Budget: £12,000

EDU Seminar on Elections

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two campaign managers to a meeting in Norway in July 1995 with representatives from sister parties from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union to discuss forthcoming elections.

Budget: £935

Expert Advice for Opinion Polls

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a polling expert to each of the four Visegrad states in February 1995 to provide advice on holding an opinion poll in each capital city, and subsequently to return to each country in May to assist with the analysis of the information, and its presentation to centre-right party leaders.

Budget: £6,060

Party Conference Training Visit

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to enable them to invite participants from Central and Eastern Europe to participate in the Party conference in Blackpool in October 1995 and then in the sixth Wiston House conference, which looked at the strengths and weaknesses of the centre-right parties throughout the region.

Budget: £24,847

Seminar on Communication and Privatisation

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to hold a weekend seminar in Slovenia, in June 1995, for representatives of the centre-right parties in Central and Eastern Europe, to assess and analyse the success of the privatisation process in Eastern Europe and examine the implications for the centre parties and their policies.

Budget: £17,578

Seminar on Political Leadership

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to support a leadership training workshop being organised by the European Young Conservatives organisation, for 25 delegates from Central and Eastern Europe, from 27 June - 2 July 1995.

Budget: £19,307

Winning Elections Seminar

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to pay the airfares and subsistence costs for 11 participants from parties in Central and Eastern Europe to attend an election training weekend in Reykjavik in April 1995, being run by the Independence Party Youth of Iceland, and to send three trainers from the UK.

Budget: £6,086

Attendance at Windsor Group Meeting

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to fund the attendance of their Co-ordinator for Central and Eastern Europe at the Windsor Group regional meeting on 14-16 September 1995, to develop existing cooperation with centre-right sister parties in Eastern Europe.

Budget: £587

Building Democracy Seminar

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to participate in a training seminar in December 1995 for Young Conservatives from fifteen Eastern European countries.

Budget: £515



Cross Sector Partnerships and Capacity Building Programme

The Foundation funded the evaluation and research element of an 18 month education and training programme, from April 1995, for people from business, government and NGO sectors in Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria and Russia. The Programme, run by the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, aims to promote cross sector partnership approaches.

Budget: £15,000

Democracy in Action Training Programme

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to pay the airfares of two participants from Eastern Europe and three members of the Young Conservatives, and subsistence costs of ten East European delegates attending a Democracy in Action training seminar held in Lisbon from 27 September - 1 October 1995.

Budget: £2,870

Developing Centres for Democracy

The Foundation funded the Michael Harrington Centre which specialises in the provision of training workshops for NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe, to run three one week training workshops, starting March 1996 focusing on new information technology and economic problems in Romania, Slovakia and Hungary, for national union leaders and branch officials from regions experiencing high unemployment.

Budget: £17,100

Grassroots Youth and Women's Seminars

The Foundation funded a Labour Party project to run a series of seminars organised by the Active Learning Centre for women and youth and Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union to combat the absence of party development at grassroots level.

Budget: £21,480

Training of Trainers in Human Rights

The Foundation funded Amnesty International to run a programme over 24 months commencing in the autumn of 1994 in Slovakia, Poland, Russia, Slovenia and Ukraine, designed to create the means whereby human rights education may become systematic, coherent and self sustaining through the production of a comprehensive pack of suitable education materials, and the training of educators in their use.

Budget: £41,000

Inner Cities Seminar

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to invite ten people from Central and Eastern Europe in early 1995, to attend a weekend school in Manchester for activists in the inner cities, followed by five days looking at Labour Party organisation and campaigning in the North-West.

Budget: £11,780

Local Organisers Course

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist with the participation costs of one representative each from the Czech Social Democratic Party and the Unia Pracy (Union of Labour) Party in Poland to enable them to attend the Labour Party's three day training course for local organisers in the UK in January 1995.

Budget: £1,970

Trade Union Resources Centres

The Foundation funded a workshop in Budapest in May 1995 to review and plan future activities of the 'Democracy Centres', trade union resource centres in Hungary, Romania and Slovakia, which were set up by the Michael Harrington Centre.

Budget: £6,588

Conference for Women in Politics

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to cover the cost of airfares, accommodation and subsistence to enable them to invite 14 participants from Liberal parties in Central and South Eastern Europe, to a three day conference on Women in Politics, in London, organised by Women Liberal Democrats.

Budget: £9,083

FORMER SOVIET UNION

AZERBAIJAN

Party Training for the National Independence Party

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to run a training seminar in the UK in May 1995, for 12 regional campaign managers from the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan to provide advice about party organisation and to include visits to local constituencies.

Budget: £22,021

Training Assessment Visit

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two party officials to examine the work of the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan at the end of April 1995, in order to provide some training but also prepare for a visit of regional campaign managers to the UK in May 1995.

Budget: £3,470

Advice on Party Presentation and Research

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two specialists in research and presentation matters to assist the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan during August 1995 in its preparation of the election campaign.

Budget: £2,866

Assistance on Election Campaign Organisation

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two specialists in election campaigning in September 1995, to assist the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan to prepare for its General Election Campaign.

Budget: £2,866



Attendance at IDU Meeting

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a senior member of the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan as an observer to the International Democrat Union Leaders Conference in August 1995.

Budget: £1,918

Equipment for National Independence Party

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to provide desktop publishing equipment and election leaflets for the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan's November 1995 General Election campaign.

Budget: £20,144

UK Visit by Civil Servants and Bankers

The Foundation assisted with the organisation of a UK visit in July 1995 for three Azerbaijani public servants, two from central ministries and one from the Azer National Bank, with the financial sponsorship of BP, to experience UK political and business systems.

Budget: £0.00

BELARUS

Support for League of Human Rights

The Foundation provided funding for one year from June 1994 for the Belarus League of Human Rights to administer and equip an office, establish a prisoners advice service and produce a monthly newsletter.

Budget: £6,000

Public Relations Training for Parties

The Foundation funded the Belarus Public Relations Centre to provide some educational literature, video materials and publications, together with some equipment and salaries to enable them to undertake training for representatives from the political parties involved in the elections taking place in May 1995.

Budget: £8,620

Trade Union Education

The Foundation funded members of the Department of Adult Education, University of Hull to travel to the Minsk based International Institute of Labour and Social Relations to run a series of six training courses on developing democratic trade unions. This was followed by a study tour in the UK of union institutions in June 1995.

Budget: £5,770

Legal Supplement for Independent Journal

The Foundation funded the publication in early 1996, of a new supplement, 'Femida Nova', dealing with legal issues, by 'Femida', a Belarusian political newspaper.

Budget: £5,587

Parliamentarians Visit to UK

The Foundation funded the travel and accommodation costs of a cross-party group of six parliamentarians from Belarus who visited the UK in January 1995. The programme allowed them to see how political parties are run, the relationships between parties and the relationships between the parties and parliamentary structure in which they work.

Budget: £6,500

Study Visit to UK by Journalists

The Foundation funded a visit to the UK in summer 1995 for four journalists from a range of Belarusian independent newspapers and journals, to demonstrate how the UK press works.

Budget: £4,532

GEORGIA

Fact Finding Visit

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to enable them to send two people to Georgia in June 1995 to examine the work of the Union of Georgian Traditionalists and determine possible future projects with them.

Budget: £2,740

Support for Human Rights Research and Information Centre

The Foundation funded the newly established Caucasian Research and Information Centre for Human Rights and Conflict Studies, based in Tbilisi to purchase computer and communications equipment to enhance the capabilities of its headquarters, in Autumn 1995.

Budget: £5,000

KAZAKHSTAN

Trade Union Feasibility Study

The Foundation provided funding to support a two week feasibility study to Kazakhstan by the Manchester Department of Trade Union Education during Spring 1995, to consider future assistance required to develop democratic trade unions.

Budget: £2,548

RUSSIA

Women's and Children's Rights Workshops

The Foundation funded the Active Learning Centre to run six workshops in Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, Czech & Slovak Republics, Romania and Poland to encourage the informed participation by women in the civic life of those countries.

Budget: £37,040

Campaigning Visit to Russia's Choice

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send a team of four campaign managers to Russia to advise Russia's Choice on ways of building a network of local party organisations, in May 1995.

Budget: £13,945

Campaign Managers Training for Russia's Choice

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to bring two national campaign managers from Russia's Choice to the UK to participate in the courses run for Conservative Party agents, in June 1995, covering a wide range of campaign and party management issues.

Budget: £7,990



Exchange Visits with Moscow Council

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to organise an exchange visit of councillors from Britain and the Moscow Council, to share experiences of local government organisation, financial management and provision of services, and to enable the Moscow councillors to see how British councils are run.

Budget: £6,000

Conflict Resolution Fact Finding Mission to Dagestan

The Foundation funded a fact finding visit to Dagestan by representatives of International Alert, held in Spring 1995 in response to requests by governmental and non-governmental groups in Moscow and locally, to develop plans for a programme of conflict resolution for the region, to ensure stable democratic development in the future.

Budget: £5,710

Judicial Review Seminar

The Foundation funded the Bar Human Rights Committee to run a three day seminar in Moscow, involving senior members of the Russian and English judiciary and policy makers focusing on effective judicial review of administrative action and commercial regulation, promoting human rights and the rule of law; and to fund the publication of the results of the workshop.

Budget: £7,150

Party Management Training for Russia's Choice

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to organise a weekend seminar in July 1995 on political party management to cover the main principles of day to day operation during an election campaign and between elections, but also other aspects of general party management, budgets and personnel issues, and to combine this with a visit to CCO and London constituency offices.

Budget: £36,840

Problem Solving Seminar in Dagestan

The Foundation funded International Alert to hold a four day problem solving seminar in Dagestan in March 1996 to assist local governmental and non-governmental organisations in developing pluralistic structures of governance which meet the needs of Dagestan's multi-ethnic population in a period of rapid political, economic and social change.

Budget: £10,250

Training for Journalists in Election Coverage

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to invite five journalists from Russian regional newspapers to visit British national and regional newspapers and broadcasting houses in August and September 1995, in order to help to train them in general election coverage.

Budget: £10,700

Twinning of Local Party Organisation

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to organise an exchange visit for Russian and UK local party organisations, in twinned towns, during Autumn 1995. The objective was to provide advice and training about party organisation and campaign management, and to strengthen links.

Budget: £57,040

Visit by MPs to Russia's Choice

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send three MPs to Moscow to hold discussions with Russia's Choice on the implementation of strategy and policy in the State Duma, in Spring 1995.

Budget: £3,500

Visit to Russia's Choice Party Congress

The Foundation funded a visit by the Conservative Party's Co-ordinator for Central and Eastern Europe to attend the Party Congress of Russia's Choice, from 11-13 June 1995, to plan and make arrangements for the projects to be undertaken with them, and to meet and brief those selected to participate in training courses during the year.

Budget: £834

Assisting Voluntary Sector Development in Provincial Russia

The Foundation funded a series of training workshops designed to strengthen the role of voluntary and civil rights organisations in the process of democratisation at regional and city level, involving leaders of key social organisations in Ekaterinburg, Irkutsk and Makhachkala, which took place in December 1994 and May 1995 followed by a study visit to the UK.

Budget: £20,925

Campaign Support for Russian Social Democratic Union Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to pay the production costs of 100,000 A3 size full colour posters for the Russian Social Democratic Union Party in the parliamentary elections in December 1995.

Budget: £10,323

Election Assistance to Russia's Democratic Choice

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send two representatives to help Russia's Democratic Choice during the December 1995 parliamentary election campaign and to design future projects.

Budget: £4,502

Federation Council Visit to the House of Lords

The Foundation funded a visit to the UK in early 1996 by senior members of the Secretariat of the Chairman of the Russian Council of the Federation, to demonstrate parliamentary processes in the UK.

Budget: £5,730



Helsinki Citizens Assembly Civic Platform

The Foundation is part-funding the Russian branch of the Helsinki Citizens Assembly to produce and publish during the course of 1996, a civic alternative to Russia's policy toward the newly independent states and to formulate a civic platform for the Commonwealth of Independent States. This is part of a larger TACIS-funded democracy building programme.

Budget: £12,800

Information Centre for Coal Mining Trade Unions

The Foundation funded research costs for one year from October 1995 for a new independent Information Analytical Centre for the Russian coal-mining industry centred on the Kuzbass and Vorkuta mining regions.

Budget: £12,000

Legal Consultations for NGOs in Russia

The Foundation funded, under the auspices of Charities Aid Foundation Russia, legal services for NGOs and non commercial legal training for lawyers working with the voluntary sector in Russia, over a 12 month period starting in January 1995.

Budget: £40,200

Legal Laboratories

The Foundation funded the establishment of legal laboratories in Rostov, Moscow and Saratov during the first half of 1995, to assist the effectiveness and aid the evaluation of jury trials following their introduction in November 1993.

Budget: £52,710

Local Government and Party Training

The Foundation funded the University of Northumbria to provide training in May 1996 on political party management and local government issues, to a range of parties, political groups, and local administration officials in the Irkutsk and Khabarovsk regions of Russia.

Budget: £29,280

Moscow Human Rights Network Programme

The Foundation funded a 12 month programme, commencing December 1994, to continue the work of the Moscow Helsinki Group in establishing Human Rights NGOs in Western/Eastern Siberia the Crimea and Ukraine, the Trans-Dniester Region and the north of Kazakhstan.

Budget: £22,275

Moscow School of Political Studies Seminar Programme

The Foundation funded three permanent staff members to enable the MSPS to develop its programme of seminars, throughout 1995, including the 'British Programme'.

Budget: £13,846

Moscow School of Political Studies

To continue funding during 1996 of salary costs for three permanent staff members at the Moscow School of Political Studies, to enable it to run its programme of international seminars.

Budget: £15,484

Political Party Development in Voronezh

The Foundation funded cross-party development work in Voronezh by a small team of all party MPs and constituency workers from the UK, from November 1994 to June 1995 focusing on political development in the region.

Budget: £13,090

Provision of Directories and Books for NGOs in Russia

The Foundation funded the provision of books and literature on NGO management, human rights and legal issues for NGOs working in seven regions of Russia.

Budget: £19,270

Seminar on Prison Law

The Foundation funded the Bar Human Rights Committee and the British-Russian Law Association to hold a seminar in May 1996 in Moscow, for leading Russian lawyers, led by eminent British experts and dealing with aspects of British and European prison law.

Budget: £21,604

Study Visit for Trade Unionists

The Foundation funded a study visit to the UK in March 1996 for eight trade unionists from six Russian independent unions affiliated to the International Chemical Energy and General Workers' Union (ICEF) to examine the UK trade union education system.

Budget: £11,125

Studying Democracy Programme

The Foundation part-funded the 'Studying Democracy' programme, run by 'Uchitelskaya Gazeta' with the aim of improving education for democracy in Russia, by funding The Citizen, a supplement to the newspaper dealing with the problems of civic education.

Budget: £10,968

Support for Human Rights Pressure Group

The Foundation funded the production of four issues, from March 1996, of a four-monthly newsletter published by the Right to Life and Human Dignity Association, which campaigns against the death penalty in Russia.

Budget: £5,160

Trade Union Placement

The Foundation part-funded, under the auspices of the TUC and the TACIS Democracy Programme, a three month placement of a trade union tutor in Russia, commencing January 1995, to contribute to the Trade Unions in a Market Economy programme.

Budget: £5,000

Trade Union Study Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a study programme in Britain, held in autumn 1995, for eight representatives of social democratic and left-of-centre political parties in Russia, to look at the trade union movement and its relationship with the Labour Party.

Budget: £5,500



Training Seminar for Russian Health Workers Union Officials

The Foundation funded the Education and International Departments of UNISON to organise a week-long training seminar on collective bargaining, educational methods and branch organisation, for officials from the Russian Health Workers Union, which took place in September 1995.

Budget: £12,927

Training for Trade Unions and Employers

The Foundation funded Northern College to send three experts to Russia in May 1995 to develop past training and provide advice about a new training centre for the trade union federation Yedineniye; also to develop contacts with employers in St Petersburg who are involved in negotiations and collaborative ventures with Yedineniye, and to run a training course for them in September 1995.

Budget: £20,604

Training in Opposition

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to send two experts to Russia to talk to Russian parties and organisations about the role and nature of the opposition in a democratic system.

Budget: £5,751

UKRAINE

Party Training

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrats to bring five participants from aligned political parties in Ukraine and Bulgaria to spend a week at Liberal Democrat headquarters learning about the running of a political party in opposition.

Budget: £6,237

Campaigning Training Course for RUKH

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to enable them to send a team of four trainers to Ukraine in March 1996 to conduct a training course on party organisation and campaigning for national and local party organisers of RUKH.

Budget: £9,258

Center for Democratic Reform Journal

The Foundation funded the Center for Democratic Reform in Kiev to publish a bi-monthly journal entitled DEMOS, from May 1995, providing objective, non-partisan analysis and information of the current political and economic situation, legislation and political party policies.

Budget: £10,192

Equipment for Independent Election Press Service

The Foundation funded the provision of equipment for a press centre set up by journalists and broadcasters in Kiev to provide information and analysis of the election campaign in March 1994, and followed by work to monitor the introduction of new legislation.

Budget: £7,800

International Media Centre Bulletin

The Foundation funded the Nova Mova International Mass Media Center in Kiev to enable it to publish for six months from May 1995 a bulletin entitled 'ZRIZ', concentrating on economic reform in Ukraine.

Budget: £16,468

Kiev Centre for Political Studies

The Foundation funded the Kiev Centre for Political Studies, an independent, non-profit research organisation, to undertake a programme of publications and workshops on constitutional reform in the system of power division in Ukraine, from January 1994 to May 1995.

Budget: £12,660

Media Advice to RUKH

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to send their media advisor to participate in a party management training seminar held by the Popular Movement of Ukraine (RUKH), in Kiev, in May 1995, and to provide training to the newspaper 'CHAS TIME'.

Budget: £2,243

Media Assistance to Parties

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to enable them to send their media advisor to provide assistance to the printed media in Lvov, to the Christian Democratic Party in Ukraine, and to Ukrainian journalists, during a visit in April 1995.

Budget: £1,834

Bulletin on the Media

The Foundation funded the European Institute of the Media to publish a trade publication for the Ukrainian media for nine months from May 1995, published in Kiev as a forum for communication and education for journalists and others involved with the media.

Budget: £10,569

Support for Independent Political Publication

The Foundation funded a further year's support for the weekly bulletin 'Sposterihach', to enable its circulation to increase with a view to introducing a subscription and making it commercially viable during 1995.

Budget: £32,906

Training for RUKH Party Organisers

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to provide a training workshop in the UK for 20 party organisers from RUKH, the Popular Movement of Ukraine, to provide training in campaign and party management, in March 1995.

Budget: £27,363

Conference on Constitutional Reform

The Foundation funded the participation of a leading constitutional lawyer from the UK in a conference on Reform of the Ukrainian Constitution held in Kiev from 23-26 March 1995, and the costs of internal travel and accommodation of 47 Ukrainian participants together with the expenses associated with conference publications, rent of conference premises, and advertising the event in the mass media.

Budget: £4,255



Local Government Training Programme

The Foundation is part-funding a two year programme set up by the US-Ukraine Foundation, to provide training, advice professional assistance and information to local government officials across Ukraine, which started in September 1995.

Budget: £31,250

Party Organisation and Campaign Training

The Foundation funded the Conservative Party to train 20 regional RUKH party organisers in party organisation and management and election campaigning, in UK central and local Conservative party offices, in August and September 1995.

Budget: £27,209

Support for Constitutional Process

The Foundation funded the Centre of Political Studies and Conflictology in Kiev to analyse, publicise and influence the process of drafting the new Ukrainian Constitution until its completion in May 1996.

Budget: £1,356

Support for Independent Television Station

The Foundation funded the purchase of equipment in the first quarter of 1996 to enable 'People for People News TV', an independent television station to increase its output.

Budget: £20,000

Training for Young Journalists

The Foundation funded Youth Clubs UK to send two trainers to Ukraine to provide two weeks training in March and April 1995, to young English-speaking journalists in Donetsk, to enable them to make use of a new independent radio station which is being established with support from the Soros Foundation in Ukraine.

Budget: £5,104

UZBEKISTAN

Women in the Democratic Process

The Foundation funded the training of trainers from a leading women's NGO in Tashkent, in a six month programme planned for the first half of 1996 aimed at increasing women's involvement in the democratic process.

Budget: £16,341

OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD

BHUTAN

Human Rights Training for Refugees in India

The Foundation funded the People's Forum for Human Rights to run three three day training seminars in July 1995 for Bhutanese refugees exiled in India. The training will focus on their rights as refugees and their right to return to their homeland.

Budget: £3,700

Provision of Books to Bhutanese Institutions

The Foundation funded the purchase and distribution of two compilations of papers about Bhutan during the summer of 1995 and sent them to 20 selected institutions, including government departments, in Bhutan.

Budget: £1,238

BURMA

Support for Burma Action Group

The Foundation funded the publication in Burmese of the speeches of Aung San Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize and the most prominent leader of Burma's movement for democracy. The text for the collected speeches will be collated from video footage taken throughout the period and produced in book form in summer 1995.

Budget: £8,500

CAMEROON

The Herald Newspaper

The Foundation funded the purchase of a second hand printing press for the Herald Newspaper in June 1995 to provide the paper with its own printing facility in the light of a 200% increase in general printing costs in Cameroon.

Budget: £23,565

Computer and Office Equipment for Union of the People of Cameroon

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to supply the Union of the People of Cameroon with a personal computer, printer, photocopier and fax machine for its Douala and Bamenda offices.

Budget: £4,640

Duplicating Machines for Social Democratic Front

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide the Social Democratic Front in Cameroon with ten duplicating machines for its regional offices so that it can produce a variety of printed materials, in early 1996.

Budget: £22,500

Human Rights Monitoring Network

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to establish a network of independent human rights monitors in Cameroon who will use the latest communications technology to alert the international community to human rights violations being committed in Cameroon.

Budget: £14,314



CENTRAL AMERICA

Indigenous Advocacy Programme

The Foundation funded the Central American Human Rights Committee to provide training during 1996 in four stages, on human rights issues, for trained lawyers from Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

Budget: £8,225

CHILE

Local Government Study Programme

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to organise a study programme looking at local government issues in London and Birmingham for six representatives of its three Chilean sister parties, in February 1996.

Budget: £11,098

Parliamentary Visit to UK

The Foundation funded a two week visit to the UK by a cross party group of MPs from Chile in the summer of 1995 to look at Parliament and its functions.

Budget: £13,148

CHINA

Production of Human Rights Manual in Chinese

The Foundation funded Human Rights in China, a US based NGO working to support those involved in human rights campaigning activities in China, to produce 500 copies of a human rights manual in Chinese to provide basic teaching material on human rights issues.

Budget: £12,820

DOMINICA

Dominica Labour Party Training and Advice Visit

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide top-up funding for a flight and accommodation for the second member of a two-man training team to assist the Dominica Labour Party's campaigning strategy for two weeks in May 1995, prior to elections in June 1995.

Budget: £479

Labour Party Equipment

The Foundation funded provision of equipment by the Labour Party to the Dominica Labour Party in November 1994 to up-grade the existing publicity equipment in preparation for elections in June 1995.

Budget: £15,517

Labour Party Training Courses

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to run training courses in party organisation and election campaigning for the Dominica Labour Party in January 1995, to assist with preparations for the Dominica elections in 1995.

Budget: £18,970

FIJI

Fiji Citizens Constitutional Forum

The Foundation funded the establishment of a non-partisan multi-ethnic Citizen's Forum in Summer 1995 to serve as a focal point for the generation, analysis, refinement and promotion of constructive models for constitutional change.

Budget: £15,000

Fiji Constitutional Review Commission

The Foundation provided administrative support to two meetings held in London on 6 & 7 November 1995 with experts on power sharing and voting systems in multi-ethnic societies. The Fiji Constitution Review Commission is undertaking a tour of countries including Australia, Malaysia, Mauritius and concluding their visit in Britain and the States to present a paper in June 1996 on the reform of the Fiji Constitution to the President.

Budget: £0.00

Salary for Organising Secretary of Fiji Labour Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide a salary for the Fiji Labour Party Secretary for the year, starting July 1994.

Budget: £5,000

Organising Secretary for Fiji Labour Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide a third year's salary costs, starting July 1995 for the Fiji Labour Party's Organising Secretary.

Budget: £5,000

GUYANA

Support for Headquarters of Working People's Alliance

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to cover for one year, starting January 1996, the salary costs of four members of the headquarters staff of the Working People's Alliance of Guyana while the WPA seeks to resolve its financial crisis.

Budget: £8,533

Working People's Alliance Youth Seminar

The Foundation funded a Labour Party project to assist the Working People's Alliance (WPA) to organise a seminar in April 1995, for young people in Guyana's Region 4 in order to bring together 100 young people and a number of experts for two days to discuss problems young people face under the banner title "Youth and Leadership".

Budget: £1,270

INDIA

Seminar on Processes of Democratisation and the Empowerment of Youth

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support the costs of a four day seminar in New Delhi in June 1995 which was organised by the International Union of Socialist Youth to discuss aspects of democratic processes in the region.

Budget: £9,406



Seminar on Democracy

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to contribute to the costs of a conference on 'Social Democracy in the Newly Emerging Global Order' in New Delhi in November 1995, which representatives of the Indian Democratic Socialist and Social Democratic parties attended. The conference was run by the India Centre for Democratic Socialism and the School of International Studies at the Jawaharlal Nehru University.
Budget: £6,359

Society for Women's Education and Economic Development

The Foundation funded, over a three year period commencing January 1995, a training programme organised by Womankind Worldwide to educate rural women about their rights in one of the poorest regions of Southern India.
Budget: £16,951

Support for the Committee of Legal Aid to the Poor

The Foundation funded the Committee for Legal Aid to the Poor in the State of Orissa in Eastern India by funding the salaries of a full time co-ordinator and a full time project officer for 12 months from October 1995. The project will be administered by Womankind Worldwide.
Budget: £8,663

LATIN AMERICA

Fact Finding Visit

The Foundation funded the Liberal Democrat's International Officer to undertake a fact finding visit to Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay in February 1996 to meet sister parties to discuss future areas of work.
Budget: £2,209

MONGOLIA

Parliamentarians Visit

The Foundation funded a visit by a cross-party delegation of Mongolian Parliamentarians to spend up to two weeks in the UK in February 1995 to study the workings of democracy and the British Parliamentary system.
Budget: £15,000

Support for Mongolian Information, Training and Research Centre

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to continue a programme of assistance to the MITRC during 1996, which will include publication of a report into recent elections, a seminar on the freedom of the press and support for radio and television broadcasting.
Budget: £15,175

MOZAMBIQUE

Parliamentary Study Tour to the UK

The Foundation funded a visit to the UK by six parliamentarians representing the three parliamentary parties in Mozambique in the summer of 1995 for five days. The visit, organised by the Foreign Office Overseas Visitors Section, covered the work of the Houses of Parliament and political party organisation.
Budget: £8,670

NEPAL

Centre for Consolidation of Democracy

The Foundation funded a Labour Party project to purchase equipment to enable the Nepalese Congress Party establish a centre which will engage in activities aimed at strengthening democratic attitudes and institutions in Nepal and the South East Asia region.
Budget: £5,800

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Foundation funded a visit by the Head of the Conservative Party International Office to Northern Ireland in July 1995, to meet and inform senior Ulster Unionist Party officials about the Westminster Foundation for Democracy's programme and to discuss specific projects for cooperation.
Budget: £167

PALESTINE

Production of Handbook for Former Political Prisoners

The Foundation funded the production and distribution of 50,000 copies of a 'Handbook for former political prisoners and their families' to residents in Palestine in autumn 1995.
Budget: £9,450

Training Programme for Palestinian Women Candidates

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to run a training programme in February 1995 for Palestinian women candidates in preparation for the forthcoming elections in the West Bank and Gaza, with training provided by Labour Party and ANC election experts.
Budget: £16,398

SENEGAL

Training Workshop for African NGOs

The Foundation funded a training workshop in Senegal, plus the production of a Basic Training Package by the Goree Institute, designed to develop a simple, well structured training programme. It is aimed at increasing the capacity of individuals and institutions throughout Africa to be both democratic and efficient.
Budget: £13,333

SOUTH PACIFIC

Community Conflict Resolution Workshop

To part-fund the cost of airfares to allow the UK Foundation for the South Pacific to invite 12 participants from South Pacific based conflict resolution organisations to attend a Community Conflict Resolution Workshop in Tonga, in mid March 1996.
Budget: £4,000



SRI LANKA

Constitutional Reform Seminars

The Foundation funded the Council for Liberal Democracy in Sri Lanka to hold ten workshops during 1995 for politicians, journalists, academics, lawyers and opinion formers on the current constitutional reform process, to be held in different languages, around the country, to facilitate non-partisan expert discussion of the issues concerned.

Budget: £17,951

ST KITTS-NEVIS

Equipment for Labour Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to purchase computer equipment and a photocopier for the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party to help match the resources available to the ruling party, in preparation for forthcoming elections.

Budget: £5,968

ST LUCIA

St Lucia Labour Party Re-Organisation

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to help reorganise and develop the St Lucia Labour Party to provide an effective political challenge to the ruling party in preparation for the forthcoming elections. This took the form of workshops, a review of their party structure, research and documentation and the provision of briefing material for parliamentarians and St Lucia Labour Party spokespersons.

Budget: £14,824

Support for Labour Party

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to assist the St. Lucia Labour Party during 1995 with the re-organisation and development programme that has been continuing for the last two years and is part of a three year programme in preparation for the general election.

Budget: £14,581

SUDAN

Support for 'Sudan Democratic Gazette'

The Foundation funded the publication costs for 12 months, commencing January 1995, of the 'Sudan Democratic Gazette', the only politically independent journal available about Sudanese political affairs.

Budget: £24,000

Further Support for 'Sudan Democratic Gazette'

The Foundation funded, in conjunction with the National Endowment for Democracy, the publication costs of the 'Sudan Democratic Gazette' for 12 months commencing January 1996.

Budget: £24,000

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Assembly of Caribbean People

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide newspapers and audio visual equipment to give advance publicity for the Assembly, which is run by the Oilfield Workers Trade Union.

Budget: £7,390

Assembly of Caribbean People

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to support the continuing activities of the Assembly of Caribbean People in 1995, following the holding of their Assembly in July 1994. Funds are requested for the production of a documentary video of the Assembly, a series of radio programmes to be produced by the Caribbean News Agency and a textual report of the Assembly in booklet form.

Budget: £9,375

WESTERN SAHARA

Support for Polisario Front

The Foundation funded a Labour Party project to assist the Polisario Front with their voter education programmes and campaigns in preparation for the referendum in Morocco in 1995.

Budget: £15,000

ZAIRE

Assistance to Union for Democracy and Social Progress

The Foundation funded the Labour Party to provide support to the Union for Democracy and Social Progress, the largest opposition party in Zaire, with equipment and materials for five regional offices during the second half of 1995, to enable them to enhance their organisation and prepare for possible elections.

Budget: £27,043



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