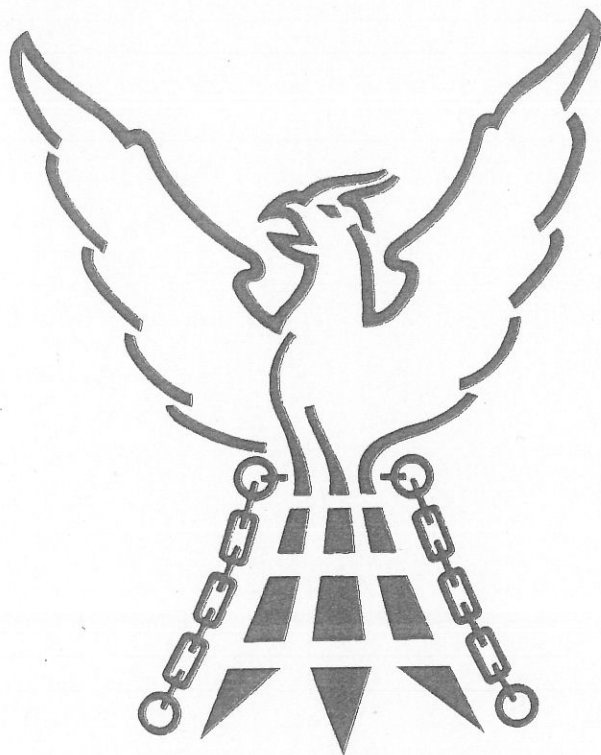

**Westminster
Foundation
for Democracy**



**Annual Report
1996-97**

Patrons

The Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd MP The Speaker of the House of Commons
Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Rt Hon John Major MP,
Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP
Mrs Margaret Ewing MP, John Hulme MP, Dr Ian Paisley MP MEP
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purpose

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy exists to promote democratic development world-wide. It is an independent, grant-making body which was set up in 1992 and receives an annual grant of £2.5 million (1996/97) from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. It directs most of its funds to supporting democratic institutions in Central and Eastern 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, trades unions, human rights groups, women's groups and other non-governmental organisations involved in political development.

The Foundation 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: Central TV

It has been a great pleasure for me as Patron of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy to see how its work has become increasingly important, highly regarded and influential around the world. I am therefore delighted to present the Annual Report of the fifth year of the Foundation's activity.

During the year we have seen effective programmes from the political parties, who undertake over half the projects, working in countries ranging from Belarus and Kenya to Serbia and Sri Lanka. Sharing the professionalism and expertise of our politicians and political party staff with parties overseas continues to be a unique strength of the Foundation. Party representatives from headquarters offices and all over the UK have participated in projects providing training to parties overseas during the year.

The General Election in the UK demonstrates the strength of our electoral processes and the Parliamentary system. We have a responsibility to share the experience and knowledge which we have with others around the world, and the increasing demands on the Foundation demonstrate the needs which exist. Support for institutions such as the independent media, trades unions, human rights organisations, women's groups and the non-governmental sector, has brought the strengthening of many new organisations in developing democratic countries.

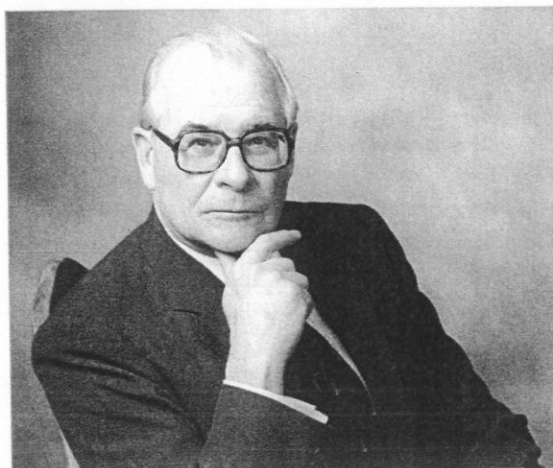
I am pleased to recommend this Report to you, and I wish the Foundation every success in the coming year.

Betty Boothroyd
Speaker

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



introduction



I imagine that most Chairmen, in introducing the Annual Report, claim that the past year has been highly successful. I can state this with absolute certainty about the Westminster Foundation, not least because (against a very tough budget for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as a whole) we were awarded an 8.5% increase in our grant-in-aid.

For this we have to thank the former Foreign Secretary, the Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind, who has always taken a close personal interest in our work. We also owe a great debt of gratitude to Mariot Leslie, as the FCO Advisor to the Board. She is always available with help and advice and we value her input.

Now we look forward to working with a new Foreign Secretary who will soon come to know and, I hope, admire just how much we achieve with the invaluable help of our small but dedicated team. In that particular context we are all sad to lose our Chief Executive, Stephen Cox, but equally we are pleased that his excellent qualities have been recognised elsewhere. We look forward to welcoming his successor, Alexandra Jones.

July will bring many changes to our Governing body and I for one will be sad to leave such a first class dedicated and worthwhile organisation. It has been a great privilege to serve as Chairman of the Foundation during the first five years of its existence. I only hope that my successor will enjoy it as much as I have.

Sir James Spicer
Chairman of the Governors



Chief Executive's Review

Supporting Democracies Overseas

The magnitude of the change produced by the recent British general election surprised winners, losers, commentators and the voters alike. That it could happen so peacefully and smoothly is testament to the strength of multi-party democracy as a system and a signal of Britain's responsibility to support the development of democracy worldwide. The obstacles that young democracies face are enormous. Many voters are disillusioned as hopes of prosperity vanish along with the perceived security of the old regimes. The Foundation's support for groups working to rekindle the enthusiasm for democracy of the early '90s is therefore even more vital.

I am pleased to report that our work is increasingly recognised as a key part of Britain's overseas effort with our grant increased by 8.5%, giving us £2.713m for 1997/98, despite severe constraints on public expenditure. Moreover both stages of the fundamental review of the Foundation undertaken by Foreign and Commonwealth Office inspectors who reported in July commended our work and found that the Foundation was well run, well respected and carried out work which was recognised and welcomed by all those in the field.

Operating independently from government, yet with its support, gives us enormous advantage in our work overseas. Our close contacts with UK political parties, our ability to make grants to partisan, cross-party and a wide range of non-partisan projects, our ability to respond quickly to urgent need, the efficiency of our operation handling a large number of small grants and the commitment of our Board and small staff, are all unique strengths.

Progress towards sustainable multi-party democracy has been patchy with some countries rapidly approaching NATO and EU membership, with others suffering setbacks, as events in Albania demonstrate.

The Foundation needs to use its resources to greatest possible effect. Our comprehensive corporate plan charts our course for the next three years and envisages more resources being channelled to the Balkan and Baltic countries and to the former Soviet Union, especially Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

Our work expands in Africa and although South Africa, Kenya and Nigeria remain the highest priorities, we are also expanding programmes in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Namibia and Ghana.



"ABC of Human Rights": shot from a series of documentary films made for television in Bulgaria about human rights.

"The Westminster Foundation plays a crucial role in the United Kingdom's support for the promotion of human rights, civil liberties and democracy overseas. Its achievements since it was set up in 1992 are remarkable"

. The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, The Prime Minister



The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Prime Minister, with African and East European party visitors to the Labour Party Annual Conference Training Programme, October 1996.

The British general election, the first since we were fully established, has provided an excellent opportunity for major projects to be developed by the UK political parties, providing first hand training and experience in the UK for their sister parties overseas.

The Foundation has also funded several effective cross-party projects including a visit by activists from Polish parties, and a party management workshop in Ghana with trainers from all three main UK parties.

The following reports give more details of the Foundation's programmes.

"I am delighted to congratulate the Foundation on its continued success in supporting the development of democratic institutions around the world as other countries seek the stability and freedom we enjoy in Great Britain."

The Rt Hon John Major MP, former Prime Minister

Political Party Projects

The Conservative Party

The main thrust of Conservative Party activity during 1996-97 was in Central and Eastern Europe followed by the former Soviet Union and Anglophone Africa: during the year 67 projects have been completed with partners from 20 countries. Training programmes such as those aimed at encouraging grassroots activism and helping the parties to develop their political programmes and work together with coalitions, fully achieved their objectives.

1996 was a successful year for centre-right parties in Central and Eastern Europe who won parliamentary elections in the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Romania, and presidential elections in Bulgaria and Romania. The Conservative Party emphasis on coalition building and joint election campaigns among like-minded groups has encouraged the parties to overcome their differences. The show of solidarity among the members of centre-right coalitions in Bulgaria and Romania made a critical contribution to their electoral success.

The development of regional party organisations was particularly relevant in countries of the size of Russia and Ukraine. The Conservative Party worked closely with Russia's Democratic Choice and the Popular Movement of Ukraine, helping them to develop organisational, communication and campaigning skills at the local level.



President F W de Klerk with members of the African Dialogue Group, political party representatives from Africa, at a meeting organised by the Conservative Party in Stellenbosch, South Africa.



Policy advice was provided to some opposition parties in Central Europe to help them present the electorate with a clear alternative to their socialist opponents in government. European integration, agriculture, education and environment were the policy issues of primary interest to the region.

The focus of Conservative Party work in Africa is the African Dialogue Group, which brought together representatives of political parties and the independent media from thirteen countries at a meeting in South Africa.

The Labour Party

During the year, the Labour Party organised a diverse range of activities to help sister parties. Experts in party organisation, election campaigning and media presentation met sister parties and led seminars and workshops in many different countries.

Work with partner parties in Central and Eastern Europe varied from support for national election campaigns and advice on specific organisational matters, to a range of detailed policy questions. As the emphasis has shifted from basic party management training to policy issues, a larger number of seminars have been organised.



Participants from Central and Eastern European parties who attended a training programme organised by the Labour Party on the links between the development of policy and political campaigning.

Two particularly successful projects were a seminar on economic policy in Poland and a seminar on reforming the welfare system in Slovenia. The Party also completed fundraising training for sister parties in Slovakia and for the ANC in South Africa. Study visits were organised focusing on local government training, party youth issues and training for women in politics.

Ongoing cooperation with the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity has meant that projects have been coordinated with other West European sister parties, and this has enabled the Labour Party to work in areas where they would otherwise be unable to do so.

A major aspect of the Labour Party's work has been the three general election projects for representatives from Central and Eastern Europe, Anglophone Africa and the former Soviet Union. Press officers and campaigners from sister parties spent five days in the UK in June 1996 being introduced to the Labour Party's strategy and preparations for the general election and each of these groups returned to the UK in May 1997 to observe the election taking place, both in London and in constituencies, and to examine the implementation of the campaign strategy during its closing stages.



War-torn Bosnia

The Liberal Democrats

During 1996-97, the Liberal Democrats have undertaken projects in three countries in Central and Eastern Europe, four in sub-Saharan Africa, and two in Latin America. Part of the success of their work has been undertaking joint projects with Liberal International and with liberal parties in other EU member states. In South Africa, work with the Dutch VVC, and in Senegal and Paraguay with the Swedish liberals has enabled the party to stretch its smaller allocation of WFD resources.

Nearly 30% of the party's allocation has been used to fund projects in Bosnia, where work with the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina has been a success resulting in the survival of a secular, multi-ethnic party in post-Dayton Bosnia. Support has taken the form of materials, equipment and running costs for their headquarters.

Trainers were sent to host countries wherever possible. Projects included local government and campaign training in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay; preliminary media training in Malawi, and advice on party organisation to African parties through initial meetings of a newly formed Organisation of African Liberal Parties which met in Senegal. Support has also been provided to an opposition party in Tanzania to help their campaigning efforts.

Training in the UK consisted of inviting observers to the Federal Conference to learn from a deliberative policy-making forum, which was followed with seminars focusing on regional cooperation among liberal parties. The UK general election also provided an opportunity for party representatives from overseas to see Liberal Democrat campaigning at first hand during May 1997.

Smaller Parties

Two of the smaller parties in Parliament made use of the allocation provided for them. Plaid Cymru undertook a fact-finding visit to Slovenia in April 1996, to make contact with like-minded parties, and the Ulster Unionist Party sent representatives to participate in the seminar on 'Building Democracy' in Slovakia in December 1996, run by the Young Conservatives, for representatives of centre-right East European parties.

"It is vital that Britain continues to provide support to countries overseas, whether former Yugoslavia or Southern Africa, where societies need strong political parties, stable institutions and peaceful political development. The Westminster Foundation continues to provide this assistance in a most effective way"

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



Equipment provided for Radio Student, an independent radio station in Slovenia, providing the NGO community with the opportunity to produce programmes about their activities.

Foundation Projects

Central and Eastern Europe

Almost 50% of the Foundation's work is undertaken in Central and Eastern Europe. The countries of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic look forward to full membership of the European Union and NATO by the end of the century, and much remains to be done to ensure fully democratic institutions in these countries. Projects have included training for the Polish civil service and local government officials, the development of an independent press free from local authority restrictions and influence, help for the Hungarian media with the new Broadcasting Act, support for a legal advice centre in Budapest, and training for the non-governmental sector to ensure self sustainability.

Slovakia continues to face considerable problems caused by repressive legislation. The Foundation has supported the main civil society organisation in Bratislava by providing media training for its activists to increase public support.

Work in the Baltic countries increased with more support for NGO development in Estonia and Lithuania, and ongoing support for the prisoners' advocacy project.

The countries of former Yugoslavia have remained a priority for the Foundation, and will continue to be so. In Bosnia, there has been support for the independent media including the purchase of transmitters for RTV Mostar, training for young independent journalists, the purchase of printing equipment for the Sarajevo based B H Dani, and core funding for Radio Zid. The Foundation has worked to develop trades unions, and to provide trained lawyers specialising in human rights work for Albania; and has continued support for the Bulgarian Association of Fair Elections and Civil Rights and regional civic centres outside Sofia; and human rights training courses and support for the Pro Democracy Association in Romania.





Former Soviet Union

During 1996-97 there has been an emphasis on support to the independent media and other publishing operations in a number of former Soviet Union countries, where on the whole, the state-sponsored media retains its stronghold.



Young political leaders at a seminar on democracy run by the Centre for Pluralism 'Inam' in Azerbaijan, in September 1996.

In Azerbaijan, the Foundation part-funded a new TV transmitter for the Azerbaijan News Service and supported the non-state '525 Newspaper'; a network of local journalists is being developed in Chechnya, Ingushetia and North Ossetia by the Institute for War and Peace Reporting; in Ukraine, the weekly newspaper 'MIG' in Zaporozhye received equipment, as did the Democracy Fund to enhance their publishing capacity for free trades unions, and support was given to the Ukrainian Media Bulletin.

Cross-party political projects included ten seminars in Baku on democracy and civic education for 40 young Azerbaijani political activists, journalists and academics, and salary support for administrative staff at the Moscow School of Political Studies.

Human rights projects are a priority in the region: in Russia, a legal support centre has been set up in Nizhny Novgorod; in Ukraine, the Kharkov Human Rights Protecting Group is receiving support for its monthly bulletin, and in Belarus, a report on freedom of expression is being jointly compiled by the Belarus League for Human Rights and Article 19.

Women's projects included a course run by Bilston Community College to increase the administrative skills of eight women NGO leaders from Russia, Crimea and Uzbekistan, and the establishment of an innovative Information House for Ukrainian Women in Politics in Kharkov, Ukraine.

A joint Russian-Chechen election monitoring operation by local observers during the Chechen presidential and parliamentary elections on 27 January was part-funded by the Foundation, as a valuable means of involving the population in democratic processes in Chechnya.



Journalists from Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania and Belarus received training from journalists on Polish independent newspapers, in May 1996.



Anglophone Africa

During 1996-97, the Foundation played an important role in the region as one of the few donors supporting the development of democratic institutions, compared to other regions in the world. As ethnic strife continues to rage in the Great Lakes area, the strengthening of peaceful democratic societies around the continent is increasingly important and the Foundation has been able to identify strategic individuals and organisations to fund.

South Africa has remained a priority for the region with a project sending researchers for two year placements to the National Assembly. Experienced staff from the House of Commons are making an important difference to the operation of the South African system. Our thanks go to our corporate friends, British Aerospace, Powergen, Nortel and Rolls Royce who have generously contributed directly to the project, and without whose support the scheme would not have been as ambitious. Projects such as 'The Whip', a vital newsletter analysing the activities of MPs published by IDASA, and a policy skills workshop run by the Centre for Development and Enterprise have also been extremely successful.

In Kenya support has been provided for women in politics by the Education Centre for Women in Democracy and the Active Learning Centre, and the Foundation has provided funding for the National Constitutional Convention Planning Committee, a new umbrella organisation of NGOs, political parties and churches, campaigning for constitutional change.

The Foundation has continued to support the key pro-democracy organisations in Nigeria, as well as the Human Rights Monitor (in Northern Nigeria), the Womens Rights Program, the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights, and the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People, all campaigning for human rights and providing free legal advice to victims of human rights abuses.



Participants at a Policy Skills Workshop in South Africa, organised by the Centre for Development and Enterprise, in February 1997, for policy-makers from government, political parties and non-governmental organisations.

In Malawi, support has been channelled to political NGOs, human rights groups, trades unions, and the independent media; the trades unions in Namibia have been supported by a grant to the Namibia Institute of Democracy to provide training; and smaller programmes, focusing on support for the media and human rights continue in Ghana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Uganda. New programmes have been established in Sierra Leone and Eritrea.



A public transport bus displaying messages about basic human rights in Malawi, part of a civic education programme by the Malawi Centre for Advice, Research and Education on Rights.



Other areas of the world

Approximately 10% of the Foundation's resources are channelled to projects outside the main priority areas. The Indian sub-continent has increasingly featured in the Foundation's work, with projects in India and Sri Lanka; and both the Conservative and the Labour Party have supported political parties in the Caribbean.

The West Bank has also received increased attention, where the Foundation has supported training on human rights issues for law enforcement officials, trade union training, and the Labour Party have supported the Women's Affairs Technical Committee in preparations for local elections.

New projects have been approved in the Yemen, Western Sahara, Nicaragua, Mongolia and Thailand. Although these countries will inevitably receive less support than those in priority regions, it remains important that the Foundation is able to support occasional good projects further afield.

Administration

The Foundation recently underwent a fundamental review by the FCO's Management Consultancy and Inspection Department in accordance with Treasury guidelines. The inspector reported that: 'WFD does important work which is recognised and welcomed by all those in the field'. As a result he concluded that the Foundation should remain as it is and continue to undertake the work for which it was established in 1992. He then moved on to Stage Two where he found the organisation was well run, thorough and careful in its financial and project procedures and was working up to its financial and human resource capacity. The Board welcomed the review as a strong endorsement of the Foundation's work.

During the year the Board discussed and agreed a new corporate plan for the next three years, continuing to concentrate resources on Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and Anglophone Africa, with an increased emphasis on the countries of the Baltics and the Balkans. It also adopted a code of conduct for Board members, formed an Audit Committee, agreed to establish a register of Board members' interests and established a set of performance indicators.

The Foundation now has a regular evaluation visit programme and this year I have visited Kenya, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Croatia; Sue Chudleigh has visited Poland, Tracy Tickle has been to Malawi and Tanzania and Ann Yazikov Brown has been to Russia and Belarus. I have represented the Foundation at various meetings, including the European Foundation Centre's annual conference in Paris, the Baltic Funder's Forum in Estonia, the Democratic Leadership Programme's Steering Group meeting in Strasbourg, and election monitoring in Croatia. In addition I visited the major US democracy-building organisations and the State Department and other federal agencies in Washington DC.



The Electoral Commission in Chechnya praying before starting the voting at a polling station, January 1997.



Staff

I am personally particularly grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Foundation's small staff. We recently said goodbye to Siobhain O'Beirne who had been at the Foundation for five years, joining soon after it was established. We wish her well in her new job and welcome her successor, Jadranka Porter, to manage projects in Southern Europe.

We are all very sad that Sir James Spicer, our first ever Chairman, is stepping down on his retirement from the House of Commons. Sir James was one of the inspirations and founding governors of the Foundation, has worked tirelessly to promote its interests and demonstrated keen interest in the work. I know we, and our many friends, will miss him greatly. It is with much regret that I am also leaving the Foundation this summer to take up the post of Executive Secretary of the Royal Society. Although I am looking forward to new challenges, I will miss the Foundation having enjoyed my time here immensely. It has been a privilege to promote the democratic ideal around the world, and I wish my successor, Alexandra Jones, well in the future.

Stephen Cox
Chief Executive



These statistics relate to projects managed in 1996-97

Projects managed during 1996-97: 278

Countries worked in: 58

Size of grants:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----|---------|
| under £5,999 | 87 | (31.3%) |
| between £6,000 and £10,999 | 90 | (32.4%) |
| between £11,000 and £20,999 | 74 | (26.6%) |
| between £21,000 and £40,999 | 20 | (7.2%) |
| over £40,000 | 7 | (2.5%) |

Types of projects:

| | Party | Foundation |
|------------------------|-------|------------|
| party training | 117 | 9 |
| women | 7 | 9 |
| legal reform | 0 | 3 |
| media | 3 | 36 |
| building civil society | 4 | 77 |
| trades unions | 0 | 13 |
| Totals | 131 | 147 |

Numbers of projects by region:

| | F | C | L | LD | S | Total |
|---------------------|-----|----|----|----|---|-----------|
| Central Europe | 56 | 45 | 32 | 8 | 1 | 142 (51%) |
| Former Soviet Union | 37 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 50 (18%) |
| Anglophone Africa | 43 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 57 (21%) |
| Other countries | 11 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 29 (10%) |
| Totals | 147 | 69 | 48 | 13 | 1 | 278 |

Percentage of Expenditure by region:

| | F | C | L | LD | S |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Central Europe | 41.9 | 61.5 | 48 | 52.6 | 100 |
| Former Soviet Union | 22.7 | 23.1 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Anglophone Africa | 28.6 | 7.3 | 31.7 | 31.5 | 0 |
| Other countries | 6.8 | 8.1 | 19 | 15.9 | 0 |

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



Annual Performance Indicators 1996-97

The Foundation has introduced a new set of performance indicators related to the projects approved during each financial year at its four Board meetings. These appear this year for the first time and in future years will appear with the previous year's figures for comparison.

Total Number of Proposals submitted to WFD Board: 439

Board Meeting decisions:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Projects approved: | 61% |
| Projects placed on reserve+: | 13.5% |
| Projects deferred++: | 1% |
| Projects declined: | 24.5% |

+ Projects are placed on reserve when they meet all the approval criteria but the Board does not have the funds available to commit.

++ Projects are deferred when further information is required.

Regional Distribution of Funding for Approved Projects:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Central and Eastern Europe: | 49.5% |
| Former Soviet Union: | 18.5% |
| Anglophone Africa: | 21% |
| Other countries: | 11% |

Completed Projects Success Rate:

| | |
|---|-----|
| Projects which achieved all objectives: | 73% |
| Projects which achieved some of their objectives: | 17% |
| Projects which were unsuccessful: | 5% |
| Projects cancelled: | 5% |

WFD Administration Costs: 12.4%
(as percentage of total grant)

Partnership Funding attracted to projects: 28.9%



Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 1997

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 1997.

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 18 of the financial statements and show a surplus of £54,345. (1996: £40,593).

A full review of the Foundation's activities is contained in the Annual Report laid before Parliament.

The Foundation has developed well and an increased level of funding is anticipated for 1997/98.

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 - Reappointed 17.3.97
Sir Russell Johnston MP - Vice Chairman
Mr Ralph Land OBE
Dr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky
Mr Ernie Ross MP
Sir Timothy Sainsbury MP
Sir James Spicer MP - Chairman
Mr Nik Gowing - Appointed 25.6.96
Ms Lesley Abdela - Appointed 25.6.96 - Resigned 27.1.97

Auditors

Gane Jackson Scott merged their London practice with Kingston Smith with effect from 1st July 1996, and now practise in the name of Kingston Smith who have expressed their willingness to continue in office. A resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

S Chudleigh
Secretary

7 July 1997



Responsibilities of the Governors of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Ltd

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.



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

We have audited the financial statements on page 18 to 23 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 21.

Respective responsibilities of the Governors and Auditors

As described on page 16 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 1997 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
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors

Devonshire House
60 Goswell Road
London EC1M 7AD

8 July 1997



Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st March 1997

| | Note | 1997 | 1997 | 1996 | 1996 |
|---------------------------------------|------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income - Continuing Activities | | | | | |
| H M Government Grants | 2 | 2,500,000 | | 2,500,000 | |
| Corporate Funding and Donations | | | 80,061 | | 30,995 |
| | | 2,580,061 | | 2,530,995 | |
| Direct Expenditure | | | | | |
| Projects | 3 | 2,179,699 | | 2,160,999 | |
| | | 400,362 | | 369,996 | |
| Other Expenditure | | | | | |
| Staff costs | 5 | 195,978 | | 149,852 | |
| Depreciation | | 9,828 | | 16,567 | |
| Other Operating Charges | | 153,271 | | 166,238 | |
| | | 359,077 | | 332,657 | |
| Operating Surplus | 4 | 41,285 | | 37,339 | |
| Interest receivable | | 17,185 | | 4,339 | |
| Surplus on Ordinary Activities | | | | | |
| before taxation | | 58,470 | | 41,678 | |
| Corporation Tax | 6 | (4,125) | | (1,085) | |
| Surplus for the Financial Year | | 54,345 | | 40,593 | |

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year of £54,345 (1996: surplus of £40,593).

The attached notes form part of these accounts.



Balance Sheet at 31st March 1997

| | Note | 1997 £ | 1997 £ | 1996 £ | 1996 £ |
|--|------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 7 | | 7,683 | | 14,840 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 13,118 | | 15,466 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand: | | | | | |
| - core funding | | 11,141 | | 42,373 | |
| - corporate funding | 12 | 194,697 | | 96,575 | |
| | | <u>218,956</u> | | <u>154,414</u> | |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due | | | | | |
| within one year | 9 | 5,925 | | 2,885 | |
| Net Current Assets | | | <u>213,031</u> | | <u>151,529</u> |
| Total Assets Less Current Liabilities | | | <u><u>220,714</u></u> | | <u><u>166,369</u></u> |
| Financed by: | | | | | |
| Income and Expenditure Account | 10 | | <u>220,714</u> | | <u>166,369</u> |

The Accounts were approved by the Board on 7 July 1997.

Sir James Spicer
Chairman

Ms Alexandra Jones
Chief Executive

The attached notes form part of these accounts



Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31st March 1997

For the year ended 31st March 1997

Accounting Policies

| | Note | 1997 | 1997 | 1996 | 1996 |
|--|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | (a) | 53,461 | | 47,787 | |
| Returns on investments and servicing of finance | | | | | |
| Interest received | | 17,185 | | 4,339 | |
| Taxation | | | | | |
| Corporation tax paid | | (1,085) | | (436) | |
| Investing Activities | | | | | |
| Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets | | (2,671) | | (4,644) | |
| Net cash outflow from investing activities | | | (2,671) | | (4,644) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | (b) | | 68,890 | | 47,046 |

Notes to the Cash Flow statement

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

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Operating Surplus | 41,285 | 37,339 |
| Depreciation | 9,828 | 16,567 |
| Decrease/(Increase) in debtors | 2,348 | (4,548) |
| (Decrease) in creditors | - | (1,571) |
| | 53,461 | 47,787 |

(b) Analysis of change in Cash and Cash Equivalents

| Cash at bank and in hand | Core | Corporate | Total |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Balance at 1st April 1996 | 42,373 | 96,575 | 138,948 |
| Net Cash Inflow | (31,232) | 98,122 | 66,890 |
| Balance at 31st March 1997 | 11,141 | 194,697 | 205,838 |



Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 1997

1 Accounting Policies

- (a) The Accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The format of the Income and Expenditure Account has been adapted from that prescribed by the Companies Act to better reflect the nature of the Foundation's activities.
- (b) Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value over the anticipated useful lives of the assets, at the following rates:
- Fixtures and Fittings 20% straight line basis
- Computer Equipment 33 1/3 % straight line basis
- (c) Rentals payable under operation leases are taken to Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.
- (d) Grants are credited to income in the year to which they relate. Expenditure on projects is charged to Income and Expenditure Account on a cash basis. Other expenditure is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account on an accruals basis inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.
- (e) The Foundation is not liable to Corporation Tax on grants received, but is liable to tax on investment income.

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 2 Government Grants | | |
| Grant-in-Aid | | |
| 1996/97 | 2,500,000 | - |
| 1995/96 | - | 2,500,000 |
| | <u>2,500,000</u> | <u>2,500,000</u> |

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 3 Direct Expenditure on Grants | | |
| Foundation projects | 1,141,611 | 1,146,906 |
| Conservative Party sponsored projects | 468,439 | 451,191 |
| Labour Party sponsored projects | 494,089 | 461,373 |
| Liberal Democrat sponsored projects | 75,560 | 94,922 |
| Other | - | 6,607 |
| | <u>2,179,699</u> | <u>2,160,999</u> |

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 4 Operating Surplus | | |
| This is stated after charging: | | |
| Staff costs (see note 5 below) | 195,978 | 149,852 |
| Travel subsistence and hospitality: | | |
| - Employees | 19,499 | 18,451 |
| Auditors Remuneration | | |
| - Audit | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| - Other | 88 | 352 |
| Hire of Plant and machinery | 3,064 | 2,950 |
| | <u>3,064</u> | <u>2,950</u> |



Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

| | | | |
|----------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5 | Staff Costs | 1997 | 1996 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Wages and salaries | 154,240 | 123,596 |
| | Temporary staff | 1,694 | 4,172 |
| | Social Security costs | 14,956 | 10,808 |
| | Other Pension costs | 25,088 | 11,276 |
| | | 195,978 | 149,852 |
| | | 195,978 | 149,852 |
| | | No | No |
| | The average number of employees during the year was: | 6 | 5 |
| | The number of senior staff by salary band was: | | |
| | 50,001 - 60,000 | 1 | 1 |
| | The Foundation contributes to individual personal pension plans for all eligible employees. | | |
| 6 | Corporation tax | 1997 | 1996 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Corporation tax at 24% (1996: 25%) | 4,125 | 1,085 |
| | | 4,125 | 1,085 |
| | | 4,125 | 1,085 |
| 7 | Tangible Fixed Assets | Computer Equipment | Fixtures & Fittings |
| | | £ | £ |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Cost | | Total |
| | At 1st April 1996 | 51,792 | 16,769 |
| | Additions | - | 2,671 |
| | At 31st March 1997 | 51,792 | 19,440 |
| | | 51,792 | 19,440 |
| | Depreciation | | Total |
| | At 1st April 1996 | 44,603 | 9,118 |
| | Charge for the year | 5,940 | 3,888 |
| | At 31st March 1997 | 50,543 | 13,006 |
| | | 50,543 | 13,006 |
| | Net Book Value | | Total |
| | At 31st March 1997 | 1,249 | 6,434 |
| | | 1,249 | 6,434 |
| | At 31st March 1996 | 7,189 | 7,651 |
| | | 7,189 | 7,651 |
| 8 | Debtors | £ | £ |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | 12,222 | 14,289 |
| | Other debtors | 896 | 1,177 |
| | | 13,118 | 15,466 |
| | | 13,118 | 15,466 |



Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

| | | | |
|----------|---|--------------|-------------|
| 9 | Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 1997 | 1996 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Corporation tax | 4,125 | 1,085 |
| | Accruals | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| | | <u>5,925</u> | 2,885 |

| | | | |
|-----------|--|----------------|-------------|
| 10 | Reconciliation of movements in funds | 1997 | 1996 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Surplus for the year | 54,345 | 40,593 |
| | Income and Expenditure account brought forward | 166,369 | 125,776 |
| | Income and Expenditure account carried forward | <u>220,714</u> | 166,369 |

11 Operating Leases

At 31st March 1997 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 | 18,806 | - |
| | <u>18,806</u> | <u>3,064</u> |

12 Corporate Funding

Some £60,000 of corporate funding is committed to a specific project and the Foundation is preparing a programme of projects to be funded from this source.



LIST OF PROJECTS

Managed between 1 April 1996
and 31 March 1997

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

ALBANIA

Institutional Sustainability Programme

Joint funding with the US National Democratic Institute to run a two part training programme in Albania from December 1996 for Albanian and Macedonian NGOs, entitled 'Institutional Sustainability', in order to build on lessons learned at a previously organised NDI Civic Summit.
Budget: £14,706

Democratic Party Local Elections Preparation

Funding for the Conservative Party to send a backbench MP to Albania to discuss the development of the political situation in Albania with members of the Democratic Party, in the run-up to the local elections.
Budget: £612

SDP Campaign Training Seminars

Part-funding by the Labour Party, in conjunction with the Alfred Moser Foundation of the Netherlands, for training seminars for the Albanian Social Democratic Party, in preparation for the general election.
Budget: £2,617

Seminar on the Due Process of Law

Funding for the principle seminar in a series of three, entitled 'Due Process of Law' in April 1996 which forms a larger part of a training programme for human rights NGOs in Albania run by the Aire Centre.
Budget: £19,093

BOSNIA

Pilot Seminar for Young Civil Society Activists

Part-funding for the International Institute for Democracy to hold a seminar for young civil society leaders from all ethnic communities in Bosnia, at the European Youth Centre in Budapest in December 1996, in order to strengthen political leadership skills of young civic society leaders committed to human rights.
Budget: £4,872

Support for TV Hayat Programmes on Bosnian Elections

Funding for TV Hayat in Bosnia to purchase camera equipment to run a series of programmes during Summer 1996 to educate the general public about the elections in Bosnia in September 1996.
Budget: £13,339

Coalition To Build Pluralist Democratic Opposition

Funding for 12 months from July 1996 for a recently formed coalition of five non-nationalist parties in Bosnia to provide the necessary institutional support required for them to prepare for the September 1996 parliamentary elections and thereafter.
Budget: £16,720

Equipment for Forum for Democratic Alternative of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the Peruga based Forum for Democratic Alternative of Bosnia-Herzegovina by purchasing equipment to allow them to undertake the second phase of their 'Dialogue of the Democratic Alternative of Bosnia-Herzegovina' project.
Budget: £17,497

Equipment for Oslobodjenje

Funding for further equipment purchases in 1996 for one of the most influential independent newspapers in Bosnia, Oslobodjenje, to allow the paper to continue its own in-house production.
Budget: £6,388

Legal Advice to Displaced Persons

Part-funding for the annual running costs of the legal advice service, Job 22 which is made available to all people in Bosnia as well as Bosnian refugees, from January 1997.
Budget: £17,250

Local Elections Assistance for Social Democratic Party of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Party of Bosnia-Herzegovina to raise its profile in the local elections in 1997, by the preparation of leaflets and other promotional material for the election campaign.
Budget: £10,080

Pluralism and Democratic Practice Workshops

Part-funding, with the Know How Fund, for five workshops in June 1996, co-ordinated by the Future of Europe Trust and the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly, for representatives from 14 non-sectarian parties across the political and geographical spectrum in Bosnia, to assist further multi-ethnic, democratic and pluralist development amongst opposition political parties in Bosnia.
Budget: £10,246

*"We remember with gratitude what you did to promote the spirit
of democracy in our country"*

George Chakalov, Union of Democratic Forces, Bulgaria.



Pre-election Fact-Finding Visit

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to send their party leader, the Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP and a member of staff to Bosnia in July 1996, to identify the campaigning and electoral needs of the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina and the Social-Liberal Party of the Republika Srpska in the run-up to the national elections.

Budget: £1,498

Provision of FM Radios and Radio Programming Training for Refugee Communities

Funding for International Humanitarian Aid Concern to provide both FM/AM radios and manual radios for the refugee communities in Bosnia and to provide training for radio programming in the region.

Budget: £14,997

Publication of Electoral Literature for the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina

Funding for the Liberal Democrats for the costs of promotional literature for the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina to campaign in the Bosnian municipal elections.

Budget: £5,430

Purchase of Campaigning Equipment for the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to support the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina by purchasing public address equipment to improve their effectiveness in campaigning in the Bosnian elections.

Budget: £2,372

Refugee Registration and Voting System

Funding for the purchase of a stand-alone database system by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe Department of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to input 1991 census information to facilitate voter registration for Bosnian refugees in the UK and to send postal votes for the September 1996 elections.

Budget: £3,000

Seminar on Reconciliation

Part-funding for a conference in London, organised by the British Association for Central and Eastern Europe in November 1996, for eight leaders of each of the three ethnic groups in Bosnia to discuss reconciliation.

Budget: £2,000

Support for the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to provide 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

Support for the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to support the Liberal Party of Bosnia & Herzegovina for another year from December 1996, to cover the running costs of the headquarters and part of a salary of one member of staff.

Budget: £14,006

BULGARIA

Assistance to Newly Elected Municipal Officials

Funding for the Committee for the Defence of Minority Rights and the Foundation for Local Government Reform, from February 1997 to run a series of one and a half day seminars for up to 400 local government officials, throughout Bulgaria, to enable them to better perform their tasks in office.

Budget: £9,754

Project for Community Change

Part-funding for a 12 month regional training programme from May 1996 by the Sofia based NGO Creating Effective Grassroots Alternatives, to promote citizens' participation in the democratisation process at community level in Bulgaria.

Budget: £11,608

Promotion of Ethnic and Religious Tolerance

Funding for a project entitled 'Laughing Together', organised by the weekly satirical newspaper Starshel to promote ethnic and religious tolerance in Bulgaria. 12 visits to cities, a two-page free supplement in Starshel newspaper and a book, all to feature the positive aspects of cultural diversity in Bulgaria are to be undertaken in the 12 month project.

Budget: £14,058

Support for the Presidential Primary Election

Funding for the Conservative Party to support the centre-right opposition parties in the Bulgarian presidential primary election in June 1996, the first in Central and Eastern Europe, by providing polling station rooms, district offices, telephones and faxes, and two months part remuneration for staff. This will enable the centre-right opposition parties to select one candidate for the presidential elections scheduled for November 1996.

Budget: £50,086

Production of Human Rights Documentaries

Funding for the production and broadcast of a series of documentary programmes in Bulgaria, entitled 'ABC of Human Rights', which were shown during the Summer of 1996 at peak broadcasting periods.

Budget: £12,820



CROATIA

Dalmatia Action Publication

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the political party Dalmatia Action to publish 12 issues of a monthly newsletter on its activities, human rights issues and information on trade unions, for distribution to members and supporters, from March 1997.

Budget: £22,932

Political Awareness Seminars

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the political party Dalmatia Action to run 12 seminars on political awareness for local communities in Split and other major towns in Croatia, with a maximum of 50 participants at each, from March 1997 for 12 months.

Budget: £15,108

Support for Stina Press Agency

Funding for the purchase of computer equipment in Summer 1996 for Stina Press Agency in order to expand their news coverage facility from the Balkan region to the remainder of Central and Eastern Europe.

Budget: £12,888

CZECH REPUBLIC

Assistance for Electoral Campaign of the Czech SDP

Funding for 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 offices, camera tests and a media seminar for the candidates, training for campaign managers, and assistance with production of publicity materials.

Budget: £46,647

Evaluation and Assessment Trip

Funding for 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: £1,316

Assistance to the Free Democrats

Funding for a Liberal Democrat project, from May 1995 for sixteen months, aimed at developing a campaign strategy for the Free Democrats of the Czech Republic in time for parliamentary elections.

Budget: £24,776

Candidate Training for Senate Elections Seminar

Funding for the Conservative Party to send two trainers to the Czech Republic in June 1996 to conduct a seminar for 80 candidates of the ruling Civic Democratic Party who would contest the elections to the Senate in November 1996.

Budget: £1,733

NGO Training Programme

Funding for a series of 11 training workshops for non-governmental organisations in the Czech Republic, run by the Information Centre for Foundations and other Not for Profit Organisations over a six month period from April 1996.

Budget: £9,419

Parliamentary Internship Initiative

To part-fund, with the PHARE Democracy Programme, a 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 increase contact between parliamentarians and their constituents.

Budget: £5,000

Regional Civic Advice Centres

Funding for the establishment of five regional civic advice centres in the Czech Republic, under the auspices of the Citizens Solidarity and Tolerance Movement, and the salaries of five local co-ordinators for a six month period from November 1995.

Budget: £2,756

Seminar on European Integration

Funding for the Conservative Party to send two British European Policy specialists to the Czech Republic to conduct a seminar for 30 policy makers and researchers of the Civic Democratic Party on the implications of European Union membership.

Budget: £791

Seminar on the Role of the Judge in a Democratic Society

Funding for the Conservative Party to send three British judges to the Czech Republic 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: £1,994

Support for Social Democratic Party

Funding for the Labour Party to cover the cost of printing 5,000 copies of translated excerpts taken from selected Labour Party policy documents, which had been used to train senior members of the Czech Republic Social Democratic Party in a training session in November 1994.

Budget: £2,875

Training Courses to Strengthen the Voluntary Sector

Funding for a series of training seminars over a nine month period from October 1996 designed to strengthen the Czech voluntary sector, run by the Information Centre for Foundations and other Not for Profit Organisations, Prague.

Budget: £13,445



ESTONIA

Advanced Training for Estonian NGOs

Funding for a training workshop in May 1997 in Roosta, Estonia focusing on advanced skills for 15 leaders of Estonian NGOs, organised by the Jaan Tonnisson Institute.
Budget: £7,136

Developing the Non Profit Sector in Estonia

Funding for a training programme to be held in Tallinn in April 1996, run by the Jaan Tonnisson Institute and the Estonian Foundation Centre, focusing on basic administrative skills and finance for managers and leaders from the voluntary sector in Estonia.
Budget: £6,223

Local Government Campaigning Seminar

Funding for the Conservative Party to hold a campaigning seminar for the youth organisation Isamaalitt/Pro Patria in Spring 1996 in preparation for the local government elections in Estonia in Autumn 1996.
Budget: £3,765

Local Government Training Programme

Funding for the Arnold Harrington Consultancy to run a training seminar in January 1997 for 15 Estonian local government politicians and officials to provide an overview of British local government following the Estonian local elections.
Budget: £13,615

Public Opinion Research Through Focus Groups

Funding for the Conservative Party to conduct five focus groups in January 1996 for the Isamaalitt/Pro Patria in preparation for the local government election campaign in Autumn 1996.
Budget: £3,250

Public Opinion Research Through Focus Groups

Funding for the Conservative Party to conduct three more sets of five focus groups in April 1996 for Isamaalitt/Pro Patria party in preparation for the local government election campaign in Autumn 1996.
Budget: £9,750

Visit to the UK by Four Party Leaders of Isamaalitt/Pro Patria

Funding for the Conservative Party to organise and run a visit to the UK during Summer 1996 by Estonia's MPs and party managers from their sister party Isamaalitt/Pro Patria, to gain familiarity with the British parliamentary system and Conservative Party structure and organisation.
Budget: £4,460

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Support for NGO Information Centre

Funding for a fax, telephone line and mobile phone for the NGO Information Centre, established in Belgrade in December 1996, to monitor and report on the human rights situation in Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
Budget: £1,578

Reporting on Human Rights Abuses

Funding for the Council for the Defence of Human Rights and Freedoms, Pristine to continue to produce its Weekly Report on the human rights violations currently perpetrated by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia government on residents in Albanian-speaking Kosovo, for another 12 months from January 1997.
Budget: £18,159

HUNGARY

Building Co-operation Capacity of Hungarian Municipalities

Part-funding for 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: £9,824

Central and East European NGO Workshop

Part-funding for a workshop in Budapest under the auspices of the Civil Society Development Programme to strengthen the capacity of NGOs to become self sustaining.
Budget: £8,565

Centre for the Defence of Human Rights

Funding for staff costs of lawyers providing legal representation employed by MEJOK, the Centre for Defence of Human Rights in Hungary for a period of 12 months from June 1996.
Budget: £20,500

Public Policy Papers Publication

Funding for the Conservative Party to work with the Democracy after Communism Foundation in Hungary to translate, print and distribute four monthly public policy review documents which will include two summarised public policy papers from British conservative think tanks and one Hungarian contribution.
Budget: £6,808

“Without your assistance, we could not reach any success in our intention to create a democratic society, or to begin the realization of our aims for pluralism, democracy, human rights and before all, peace”

United Bosnian Social Democrats, Bosnia.



Media Monitoring Project

Funding for the Conservative Party to support research and analysis of Hungarian television's coverage of current affairs and political programmes by the Windsor Klub, focusing on TV portrayal of political parties and personalities, leading to public debate once the results of the project have been published.

Budget: £13,067

Pilot Training Course for the Hungarian Media

Funding for the European Institute for the Media, Dusseldorf, to hold a pilot course in Budapest in February 1997 for the Hungarian media to help them benefit from the 1996 Broadcasting Act.

Budget: £7,380

Re-Print of 'Westminster Model' Training Book

Funding for the re-print, at a reduced rate, of 2,000 copies of the publication 'Westminster Model', to meet the demand from the general public, libraries, the Hungarian parliament, local councils and universities.

Budget: £2,267

Training Seminar for Budapest Regional Association of the Hungarian Socialist Party

Part-funding for the Labour Party to hold a seminar in June 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: £4,191

Training Seminar for Miskolc City Organisation of Hungarian Socialist Party

Funding for the Labour Party to hold a training seminar in September 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: £4,997

Training Seminar for Women's Section of Hungarian Socialist Party

Funding for the Labour Party to hold a training seminar in April 1996 for the women's section of the Hungarian Socialist Party, and to send two Labour Party trainers.

Budget: £4,248

Visit to the UK by Members of the Union of Chemical Workers of Hungary

Funding for 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: £1,481

LITHUANIA

Training for Lithuanian and Polish Women

Funding for the Conservative Party to provide training in political and organisational skills for Lithuanian and Polish women activists which will coincide with the Conservative Party conference in October 1996.

Budget: £2,828

Campaigning Assistance to the Conservative Party of Lithuania

Funding for the Conservative Party to send three campaign activists to Lithuania to advise the Lithuanian Conservative Party on the management of the general election campaign, with a focus on communication with the electorate both direct and through the media and other publicity material.

Budget: £1,863

Election Posters for the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party to produce posters for their election campaign during the Summer of 1996 in preparation for elections in November.

Budget: £6,283

Equipment for Lithuanian Conservative Party

Funding for the Conservative Party to provide equipment and general office goods for the Lithuanian Conservative Party in preparation for the parliamentary elections in November 1996.

Budget: £5,736

Evaluation Visit to Lithuania

Funding for the Conservative Party to send two representatives to Lithuania in February 1997 to assess project activity carried out over the last three years and to discuss future projects following the success of its sister party, the Homeland Union, in the November 1996 election.

Budget: £1,121

International Leadership School

Funding for the Conservative Party to run a political training course in May 1996 for 30 youth representatives from 21 Central and East European countries, organised jointly with the European Young Conservatives and the Young Conservative League of Lithuania. The programme will focus on challenges facing young political leaders.

Budget: £8,961

Prisoners Advocacy Project

Funding for the Lithuanian Prisoners Advocacy Project which seeks to provide advocacy assistance and information on human rights to prisoners and their families, for a period of 12 months, under the auspices of Penal Reform International.

Budget: £13,863

"With your help, the representatives of various movements and national activists who have never met together before have now met"

Participants at a Regional Problem Solving Workshop, Dagestan.



Training Workshop for Local NGOs

Funding for a training seminar organised by the Vilnius 1996, based NGO Information and Support Centre during the Spring of 1997 for 20 Lithuanian NGO leaders and activists from Vilnius and five other regions focusing on developing essential skills, to enable them to plan and provide training programmes themselves without reliance on expertise from countries outside Lithuania.

Budget: £4,800

Local Elections Assistance

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party with the production of leaflets and posters for local elections in March 1997.

Budget: £2,950

MACEDONIA

Independent Daily Newspaper, Dnevnik

Part-funding for the launch of the first independent daily newspaper in Macedonia, to be published six times a week with a weekend issue on Saturday, and a planned daily circulation of 10,000 copies.

Budget: £4,966

POLAND

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

Funding for a visit by one Polish and one Hungarian woman activist to gain familiarity with the Conservative Party's women's organisation, and the British Section of the European Union of Women, their organisation, programmes for women in politics and fundraising activities.

Budget: £1,002

1996 Union of Labour

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the 1996 Union of Labour party with organising three training sessions on canvassing, local fundraising and the organisation of volunteers.

Budget: £20,048

Campaigning Seminar for Youth Organisations

Funding for two campaigning seminars organised by the Conservative Party in early 1997 in Wroclaw and Warsaw for 35 and 50 members of centre-right youth organisations to provide training to enable them to play an active role in the 1997 general election campaign.

Budget: £3,914

Economic Reform and Social Resistance Seminar

Funding for the Conservative Party in cooperation with the Windsor Group to hold a two day seminar for Polish centre-right parties on economic reform and social resistance to free market reform, and for a visiting speaker from the UK.

Budget: £2,676

Establishment of a Trade Union Office

Part-funding for a 12 month pilot project, from March 1996, to establish an office in Krakow under the auspices of the Jim Conway Foundation, to develop links and strengthen existing relationships with employee representative organisations across Central and Eastern Europe.

Budget: £14,000

Evaluation Visit to Poland

Funding for the Conservative Party to undertake an assessment visit to Poland to evaluate project activity carried out in the past, and to discuss expansion of the scope of their work in Poland.

Budget: £672

Foreign Policy and Electoral Politics Seminar

Funding for the Conservative Party, in cooperation with the Windsor Group to hold a seminar in Poland for centre right policy makers and campaigners on 'Foreign Policy and Electoral Politics' focusing on Poland's movement towards Western institutions such as NATO and the European Union, and funding for one visiting speaker.

Budget: £3,146

Help for Regional Press

Part-funding for an eight month programme from May 1996, to assist the development of the regional press in Poland, to be run under the auspices of the Warsaw based Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe, aimed at creating a strong and economically stable regional press in Poland.

Budget: £9,419

Internship Programme for Journalists from the Former Soviet Union

Funding for 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: £3,712

Leadership Training for the Leader of the Freedom Union Party

Funding for a visit to the UK in January 1997 by Professor L Balcerowicz, President of the Freedom Union, the main opposition party represented in the Sejm, to undertake a political skills leadership programme provided by the Conservative Party.

Budget: £800

Polish Integration with the European Union

Funding for the Conservative Party to hold a seminar in February 1996 in Warsaw to provide an opportunity for input from Polish NGOs to the debate on reform of European Union institutions, with a view to encouraging EU membership.

Budget: £3,133



Polish Labour Foundation Bookshop

Funding for the Labour Party to continue assistance to the Polish Labour Foundation with running a bookshop in Warsaw which distributes social democratic books and documents, from January 1997.

Budget: £1,810

School for Young Political Leaders

Funding for the accommodation costs of 50 young political leaders from Poland participating in a training course in September 1996, organised by Dr Zbigniew Pelczynski, Stefan Batory Trust, Oxford.

Budget: £15,000

Training Seminar for Officials of the Polish Sejm

Funding for a two week symposium in June 1996 organised by Thames Valley University for officials and administrators of the Polish Sejm, focusing on parliamentary systems and key economic problems facing the European Union.

Budget: £13,697

Training for Local Government Officials and Politicians

Funding for two seminars to be held in Katowice for Polish local government officials and politicians, focusing on the principles and techniques for effective local government. The seminars will be organised by the Union of Municipalities of Upper Silesia.

Budget: £3,230

Training for Trainers in Voluntary Sector

Funding for a series of training programmes for trainers working in the voluntary sector being run by the Warsaw based Civil Society Development Foundation during the latter part of 1996 and the first half of 1997.

Budget: £10,000

Training for Trainers of Civic Education in Democratic Systems

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

Budget: £14,046

Visit to the UK by Solidarity Electoral Action Campaign Managers

Funding for the Conservative Party to bring two campaign managers from Solidarity Electoral Action to the UK in February 1997 to help prepare them to plan and manage the campaign in the Polish general election scheduled for the Autumn of 1997.

Budget: £2,453

Visit to the UK by Activists from the Christian National Union

Funding for the Conservative Party to bring four Polish Christian National Union party managers to the UK in July 1996 to learn about the structure of the Conservative Party, the relationship between Central Office and local organisations, planning and management of local and parliamentary election campaigns and the British parliamentary system.

Budget: £5,105

Visit to the UK by Activists from the Freedom Union of Poland

Funding for the Conservative Party to bring four managers from the Polish Freedom Party to the UK to learn about the organisation and structure of Central Office and local organisations, planning and management of local and parliamentary election campaigns and the British parliamentary system.

Budget: £5,657

Winter Youth School

Funding for the Labour Party to hold a two week study school in Poland, from 26 February 1996, and run in conjunction with the Polish Labour Foundation, for 70 young people from left of centre political parties.

Budget: £9,175

Second Winter Youth School

Funding for the Labour Party to run a political awareness youth school in Poland in March 1997 for 60 young people from left of centre political parties.

Budget: £10,310

ROMANIA

Campaign Training for NPCD Youth

Funding for the Conservative Party to invite ten members of the Youth Wing of the National Peasant Christian Democrat Party to the UK in Summer 1996 for six days campaign training, in preparation for the Romanian general elections in November 1996.

Budget: £6,556

Campaign Training for the National Peasant Christian Democrat Party of Romania

Funding for a 14-day campaign training visit by four Conservative Party personnel to Romania in August 1996, which forms the final phase of the assistance programme which has been designed to prepare the NPCD for the national election in November 1996.

Budget: £10,667

Citizens Information and Action Group

Funding for 12 months, from April 1996, for 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: £10,131



Rural Human Rights Education and Promotion

Funding for the League for the Defence of Human Rights to run a series of 'Get To Know Your Rights!' one day human rights education and promotion programmes for 24 separate rural communities in Romania, over a period of 12 months, from April 1997.

Budget: £13,014

Social Democratic Union Electoral Assistance

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the election campaign of the Social Democratic Union in Summer 1996 by providing communication technology.

Budget: £11,340

Social Democratic Women's Forum

Funding for the Labour Party to support the Social Democratic Women's Forum with the purchase of basic office equipment for their organisation, in Spring 1997.

Budget: £5,021

USD Summer School

Funding for the Labour Party to support the Union of Social Democrats in Summer 1997 to organise a two day Summer School to provide training for trainers on campaign and message delivery.

Budget: £4,327

Voter Education for 1996 General Elections

Funding for a series of information and public information activities by the Pro Democracy Association, a non-partisan non-profit making NGO, to provide voter education to Romanian citizens for the general elections in November 1996.

Budget: £28,841

Workshop for Young Political Leaders

Funding for the cost of holding a workshop, by the Future of Europe Trust, in June 1996 in Transylvania, for 30 young political leaders from pro-reform parties in Romania and Hungary, to provide training on democratic and parliamentary practice.

Budget: £6,205

SERBIA

Assistance to Independent TV Station Negotin

Funding for basic programme equipment purchases in Summer 1996 to allow Serbia's only independent TV station, TV Negotin to operate after being forced to abandon broadcasting since January due to post-conflict economic pressures.

Budget: £6,907

Equipment for Studio Rex Forum for NGOs

Funding for the recently revived Studio Rex NGO Forum in Belgrade to purchase equipment in Summer 1996 to operate a sound system to allow NGOs to hold meetings in a safe environment, where no such facilities are currently available.

Budget: £6,486

Independent Journalists Workshop

Funding for the purchase of computer and media equipment to allow the Independent Journalists Association of Serbia to run a 12 weekend training course, on a twice yearly basis, from November 1996. The courses are run in Belgrade for Serbian freelance journalists and those in the independent media, with the objective of raising the quality of journalism in Serbia.

Budget: £12,680

Newsprint for Ekonomska Politika

Funding for the purchase of newsprint in February 1996 for the independent economic and political weekly news magazine Ekonomska Politika which is distributed to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Macedonia, Slovenia, Germany, France, Italy, Russia, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Romania.

Budget: £13,582

Office Equipment for Radio Bajina Basta

Funding for the initial stage of reconstruction and refurbishment of Radio Bajina Basta's production offices, in February 1996, which were seriously damaged during the war in the region, drastically reducing the station's capacity to produce reliable information to both the Serbian and Bosnian refugee populations in the area.

Budget: £13,917

Seminar on the Rebuilding of Ties Between Ethnic Communities in the Yugoslav post-war era

Funding for 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 will look at the methods of rebuilding friendly relations and mutual understanding among the mixed communities divided by the civil war in former Yugoslavia.

Budget: £21,388

SLOVAKIA

Assistance to the Hungarian Civic Party

Funding for continued assistance to the Hungarian Civic Party by the Liberal Democrats for a 12 month period, from July 1995, by means of the provision of salary for a Campaign Leader, and the running costs of a car.

Budget: £4,900

Computer Equipment for the Party of the Democratic Left

Funding for the Labour Party to provide four personal computers and a laser printer for the Headquarters of the Party of the Democratic Left in Bratislava in May 1996.

Budget: £4,599



Exchange Training for Slovak Civil Society in the Regions

Funding for two British experts to visit Slovakia during the Spring of 1997 to provide organisation and media training for activists working with the Permanent Conference of Civic Organisations throughout Slovakia; and for a visit to the UK in the Autumn of 1997 by four activists to study British NGOs, their organisation, relation to central and local government and their contribution to the democratic process.
Budget: £12,800

Fundraising Seminar for the Social Democratic Youth Party of Slovakia

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Youth of Slovakia Party to arrange two seminars on fundraising in Bratislava during Summer 1996, and for the Labour Party to send two trainers.
Budget: £6,576

Fundraising Training Visit

Funding for the Conservative Party to send two trainers to Slovakia for a fund raising workshop to take place in Spring 1996 for members of the Christian Democratic Party.
Budget: £4,484

Leaflets for the Party of the Democratic Left

Funding for the Labour Party, over a 12 month period from April 1996, to assist the Party of the Democratic Left in Slovakia to produce 100,000 copies of 14 public information leaflets.
Budget: £2,247

Media Presentation Training

Funding for the Conservative Party to bring two members of the Christian Democratic Movement of Slovakia to the UK in June 1996 to attend a course on Media Presentation.
Budget: £5,696

Permanent Civic Institute Conference

Part-funding, with the PHARE Democracy Programme, for training assistance for a network of Civic Clubs and Regional Democracy Seminars spread throughout Slovakia which aim to promote public involvement in democratic issues at regional and national level.
Budget: £13,440

Policy Study Visit for three Members of the Christian Democratic Movement

Funding for the Conservative Party to sponsor a study visit to the UK in Spring 1996 by three top experts from the Christian Democratic Movement, Slovakia on policy issues of education, agriculture and media relations.
Budget: £4,672

Seminar on Presentation of Environmental Issues in the Party Manifesto

Funding for the Conservative Party to conduct a seminar on environmental problems for the spokesmen, policy makers and supporters of the Christian Democrat Movement of Slovakia.
Budget: £2,821

SLOVENIA

Computer Equipment for United List of Social Democrats

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrats in Spring 1996 by purchasing add-on equipment to upgrade their computer resources.
Budget: £12,798

Local Government Programme for United List of Social Democrats

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrats to run four regional seminars in a two part project on local government, the first part to take place in January 1997, the second part in April 1997.
Budget: £34,394

Media Presentation Training

Funding for the Conservative Party Funding for a visit by five members of the Slovenian Christian Democrats to London to attend a course on Media Presentation Training.
Budget: £7,902

Support for Independent Radio Student

Part-funding for a Civil Radio Project, run by the young independent Slovenian radio station, Radio Student, from April 1997.
Budget: £10,000

Visit to UK by Slovenian Christian Democrat Party Spokesmen

Funding for the Conservative Party to invite three Slovenian Christian Democrat party spokesmen to visit London to gain familiarity with the Conservative Party position on policy issues in their respective fields, including agriculture and law and order. Also, they will seek advice on how to communicate their successes in agriculture and crime control policies to the electorate.
Budget: £2,978

Welfare Seminar for United List of Social Democrats

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrats in organising a seminar in September 1996 in Ljubljana on the welfare system, and for two Labour Party representatives to lead the seminar.
Budget: £3,440



CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: REGIONAL PROJECTS

Attendance at Young Conservatives Training Seminar

Funding for the Ulster Unionist Party to send two representatives of the Ulster Young Unionist Council to attend a European Young Conservatives Freedom Training Seminar, 'Campaigning for Victory!', in Slovakia in December 1996.

Budget: £896

Developing Democracy Seminar

Funding for the Conservative Party to cover the cost of airfares for 16 participants from Central and Eastern Europe to attend a three-day democracy training seminar in November 1996 in Istanbul, entitled 'Developing Democracy in Europe' and funding for three representatives of the Young Conservatives to provide advice.

Budget: £3,467

Training Seminar on Campaigning

Funding for the Conservative Party for an election campaign training seminar, for 20 participants from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, to be hosted by the Civic Democratic Youth of Slovakia, entitled 'Young Conservatives - Campaigning for Victory', in Bratislava, in December 1996.

Budget: £6,235

Young Conservative Freedom Conference 1996

Funding for the Conservative Party to support the Young Conservatives to cover the costs of 30 participants from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union to attend a pan-European youth training event, in London in September 1996, entitled 'Freedom Training Programme'.

Budget: £25,341

Central and Eastern Europe Observers at British General Election

Funding for 50 delegates from the Conservative Party's sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to visit the UK during the British General election campaign and observe closely the running of the Conservative Party's campaign in the constituencies.

Budget: £54,075

European Democrat Students' Summer University 1996

Funding for the Conservative Party to allow the European Democrat Students to invite 40 students from Central and Eastern Europe to attend the twentieth EDS Summer University, to be based in Prague, for one week in August 1996, in order to allow those from developing democracies to discuss issues of democracy.

Budget: £5,191

Seminar on Local Government

Funding for the Conservative Party to run a weekend seminar on local government structure, organisation and finance for the participation of five Central and Eastern European sister parties with a good record in local elections, and to provide training in London and in a constituency.

Budget: £19,548

Political Leaders Conference and Training

Funding for a visit to the UK in October 1996 by 30 East European political leaders in order to attend the Conservative Party Conference in Bournemouth and a weekend meeting with British politicians and academics at Wiston House.

Budget: £22,693

European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity Environmental Policy Workshops

Funding for the Labour Party to cover the costs of an environmental policy workshop to be organised by the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity in Spring 1997 for its sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Budget: £9,376

London Seminar for Campaign Managers

Funding for the Conservative Party to support the participation of nine Central and Eastern European party campaign managers at a weekend seminar in London in May 1996, to discuss recent European elections and campaigning techniques.

Budget: £4,258

Seminar on Student Campaigning

Funding for the Conservative Party to support the Conservative Students to invite 15 participants from Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic States to a weekend training seminar in Athens, in April 1996, entitled 'Student Democracy: structuring a student organisation and public speaking'.

Budget: £5,220

General Election Campaign Visit

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to bring 20 delegates from Liberal Parties in Central and Eastern Europe and Southern Africa to the UK to observe the British General election campaign.

Budget: £31,945

Training for Women Activists

Funding for the Conservative Party to provide training in political campaigning and organisational skills for four women activists from Estonia, Poland, Hungary and Slovenia. The training will coincide with the European Union of Women's Political Commission which meets in London in January 1997.

Budget: £1,534



Attendance at European Forum Steering Committee Meetings

Funding for the Labour Party's attendance at four steering committee meetings of the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity over a 12 month period from July 1996.

Budget: £2,309

Developing Centres for Democracy

Funding for 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, from 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

General Election Campaign Visit

Funding for the Labour Party to organise a two stage study programme in London, from June 1996, for sister parties from Central and Eastern Europe to examine electoral strategy and campaigning in the context of the general election in the UK.

Budget: £59,020

Labour Party Annual Conference Study Programme

Funding for the Labour Party to invite ten youth participants of sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to take part in a study programme in September 1996 focusing on youth in policy making and party organisation, organised around the Labour Party annual conference.

Budget: £18,988

Attendance of Trade Unionists at an International Seminar on Racism

Funding for the travel and accommodation costs of six senior members of the Postal and Telecommunications Unions in Central Europe to enable them to participate in an international conference focusing on racism, xenophobia, and anti-semitism being held for one week each in the UK, France and Germany over a six month period from April 1996.

Budget: £7,530

Economic Network

Funding for the Labour Party to provide a 12 month contribution, from June 1996, to the administrative costs for the Economic Transformation Programme which is being run by the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity.

Budget: £10,000

Local Elections Training Programme

Funding for the Labour Party to organise a local elections training programme for participants from sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to coincide with the UK local elections on 2 May 1996, in collaboration with the European Foundation at the Manchester College of Arts and Technology.

Budget: £10,791

FORMER SOVIET UNION

AZERBAIJAN

Assistance for NIPA Opinion Research

Funding for one Conservative Party specialist in opinion research and polling to visit Baku in Spring 1997 to assist the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan in establishing their own opinion research operation.

Budget: £2,917

Cycle of Political Seminars for Young Leaders

Funding for one year from July 1996 for a series of ten structured seminars on themes related to democracy and civic education for a cross-party, nation-wide group of some 40 young Azerbaijani political leaders and activists, journalists and academics; funding for the publication of a corresponding series of ten bulletins as working material for the course and for wider dissemination to relevant organisations across Azerbaijan.

Budget: £6,557

Expansion of Independent News Agency

Funding to purchase a TV transmitter for the Azerbaijan News Service, the first independent news agency and TV & Radio company in Baku, to enable it to upgrade its transmitting capacity and reach a substantial section of Azerbaijan's TV audience.

Budget: £9,764

Media and Presentation Training

Funding for the Conservative Party to bring six of the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan's spokesmen to attend Media and Presentation training in the UK in Summer 1996.

Budget: £12,471

Parliamentary Visit to Baku

Funding for the Conservative Party to send two Members of Parliament to Azerbaijan for three days in July 1996 for discussions with newly elected members of the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan, to help them increase their effectiveness in Parliament as members of one of the only two opposition parties with parliamentary representation.

Budget: £3,556

Support to 525 Newspaper

Funding for the independent Azerbaijani 525 Newspaper, a weekly national publication, to enable it to purchase essential technical equipment and to rent premises for six months in a period of financial difficulties.

Budget: £6,920

Young Conservative Leadership School

Funding for the European Young Conservatives to send four trainers to run a seminar on party organisation and election campaigning in Baku for 25 representatives of the Youth of the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan, to help strengthen the party's organisation and electoral prospects.

Budget: £2,596



BELARUS

Support Centre for Foundations and Associations

Funding for the Belarus Educational Centre for Leadership Development to publish a quarterly journal from September 1996 to August 1997, as a contribution towards the establishment of a Support Centre for Foundations and Associations, acting as a clearing-house for grant seekers and international donors in Belarus.

Budget: £9,500

Support to Civic Society Centre

Funding for the Civic Society Centre to run two workshops in January and March 1997 for NGOs in Minsk, on fund-raising and legal issues, and to purchase a scanner for the production of a bi-monthly newsletter, as part of their broad programme to strengthen and develop the fledgling NGO sector throughout Belarus.

Budget: £3,302

Two Seminars on Party Organisation and Structure

Funding for the Conservative Party to hold a seminar in Minsk and a regional capital on party organisation and structure for members and sympathisers of the United Civil Party, to help them develop a network of local organisations and recruit new members. The seminars were run by two constituency agents over one week in winter 1996/97.

Budget: £3,526

Workshop on Local Reform

Funding for Belarusian Perspective to run a workshop in a Belarusian region, as part of a cycle of four such workshops aimed at promoting democratic transformation at the local level for local government officials, NGO staff, social activists and teachers, running from September to December 1996.

Budget: £3,170

CAUCASUS

Caucasian Information and Media Training

Funding for the Institute for War and Peace Reporting for one year from July 1996, to enable it to include the North Caucasus in its programme to help rebuild civil society in the Caucasus, whereby assistance is rendered to the independent media under a scheme funded by the Tacis Democracy programme for the Transcaucasus.

Budget: £6,250

Election Monitoring

To part-fund the Russian Public Movement for Fair Elections and their Chechen counterparts, Tsena Harzhamash, to organise election monitoring by a team of up to 200 local volunteers and 20 observers from other parts of Russia during the presidential and parliamentary elections in the Republic of Chechnya on 27 January 1997.

Budget: £10,857

Regional Problem-Solving Workshops

Funding for International Alert to conduct an assessment of the situation in the potentially unstable Lezgin region straddling the Azeri border, in November 1996, to identify areas for work, and to send two trainers to Dagestan for two weeks in March 1997 to run a series of problem-solving workshops on political, ethnic and social issues in selected regions, to strengthen the governing abilities of those involved in the political process of each target region.

Budget: £2,070

GEORGIA

Technical Support to Adamianis Uplebebi

Funding in Spring 1997 for the twice-monthly human rights newspaper Adamianis Uplebebi to upgrade its computer equipment to expand its operations to include the publication of handbooks and methodological materials on human rights issues for NGOs and colleges.

Budget: £1,565

KAZAKHSTAN

Trade Union Education

Funding for the European Foundation for Social Partnership and Training Initiatives to run a 5-day training course in Alma Aty on 'Education Methods and Materials' for 16 trade union officers from the regions and the capital, to maximise their leadership and education skills, in March 1997.

Budget: £13,525

MOLDOVA

Support for the Presidential Elections Campaign

Funding for the Conservative Party to send two party organisers to Chisinau for one week in Autumn 1996 to provide advice to the Party of Revival and Reconciliation in the planning and management of the December 1996 presidential campaign for their candidate, the incumbent President Mircea Snegur.

Budget: £5,460

RUSSIA

Correspondence Course for Regional Journalists

Part funding for the Glasnost Foundation to run a correspondence course on modern techniques of journalism and human rights issues for 25 young journalists from the provinces for one year starting from November 1996.

Budget: £4,317

Federation Council Visit to the House of Lords

Funding for a visit to the UK in Spring 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



Information Centre for Coal Mining Trade Unions

Funding for 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

Local Government and Party Training

Funding for the University of Northumbria to provide training in March 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 region of Russia.

Budget: £15,755

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: £5,417

Nizhny Novgorod District Human Rights Legal Support Centre

Funding for one year starting from August 1996, for the Nizhny Novgorod District Society for Human Rights, to enable them to set up a human rights legal support centre open to all citizens, providing free legal consultations and advocacy in court for cases of human rights violations, and co-ordinating volunteer work in that sphere.

Budget: £4,383

Party Building at Local Level

Funding for the Conservative Party to send two trainers to Russia for ten days in July 1996, to visit four Russia's Choice centres of support and provide advice on restructuring and strengthening of the local party organisation in the aftermath of the December 1995 parliamentary elections; also funding for the follow-up visit to the UK in November 1996 by 12 Russia's Choice party managers for one week's training in party management, fund-raising and publicity campaigns.

Budget: £29,386

Post-Presidential Election Briefing

Funding for the Conservative Party to send an official to four days of briefing meetings in Moscow with several of the presidential campaign teams, with the British Embassy and with European sister parties, following the Russian presidential elections in July 1996. The broad aim of these meetings was to evaluate the implications of the elections for centre-right parties in Russia and help them elaborate a programme of action.

Budget: £1,318

Seminar on Prison Law

Funding for 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: £21,385

Study Visit for Trade Unionists

Funding for a study visit to the UK 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, in March 1996.

Budget: £5,437

Studying Democracy Programme

Part-funding for 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: £5,000

Support for Human Rights Pressure Group

Funding for the production of six issues, starting from Spring 1996, of a monthly newsletter published by the Right to Life and Human Dignity Association, which campaigns against the death penalty.

Budget: £5,160

Trade Union Training Project

Funding for the Trades Union Congress to send a British trade union educator to St. Petersburg for a total of four months between May 1996 and Summer 1997, to conduct a series of training seminars and develop advisory services, in the context of a wider International Confederation of Free Trade Unions project funded by TACIS.

Budget: £17,348

Training Workshops for Local Government Administrators and NGO Leaders

Funding for a British trainer to lead a workshop in May 1996 for key regional officials and NGO representatives in Arkhangelsk, north Russia, to encourage communication and co-operation between them.

Budget: £1,985

Updates on Legal and Political Developments in the Regions

Funding for the Centre for the Study of Constitutionalism for one year starting from February 1997 to finance legal experts acting as regional correspondents for the Russian monthly journal Constitutional Law, as part of a programme to facilitate debate on constitutional issues within and throughout Russia.

Budget: £10,434



Workshop on Political Reporting for Russian Journalism Trainers

Funding for the Management and Media Academy to run a one-week workshop in Moscow in July 1996, on the restructuring of obsolete curricula, with particular emphasis on political reporting, for ten Russian teachers of journalism.
Budget: £5,126

UKRAINE

Information House for Ukrainian Women in Politics

Part-funding for the Kharkov Centre for Women's Studies for ten months starting from May 1996, to enable them to develop the Information House for Ukrainian Women in Politics.
Budget: £17,700

Kharkov Monitoring and Information Centre for Ethnic Peace in Ukraine

Funding for one year starting from May 1996 for the Kharkov Monitoring and Information Centre for Ethnic Peace, which works to anticipate and defuse potential and actual ethnic tension in Ukraine, thus enabling it to increase the effectiveness and size of its current network.
Budget: £12,862

Local Government Training Programme

Part-funding for 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, from September 1995.
Budget: £6,919

Network for the Protection of Human Rights

Part-funding for the Kharkov Human Rights Protecting Group for one year from November 1996 to enable them to continue publishing their bulletin Human Rights on a regular basis in both Ukrainian and English, as part of their programme for developing a network of regional organisations for the defence of human rights in Ukraine.
Budget: £9,540

Party Building at Local Level

Funding for the Conservative Party to invite 12 regional RUKH party organisers to visit Britain for one week in February 1997 for training in party organisation and management, fund-raising and publicity campaigns.
Budget: £19,038

Provision of Fast Rotary Copy Machine for the Institute of Statehood and Democracy

Funding for the Conservative Party to provide the Institute of Statehood and Democracy with a fast rotary copy machine to enable them to produce leaflets and other printed matter.
Budget: £9,997

Public Image Campaigning Seminar

Funding for the Conservative Party to send two trainers to Ukraine in July 1996 to hold a two-day seminar on Publicity Campaigning, to help the Popular Movement of Ukraine (RUKH) raise the party's profile and improve the image of its leaders.
Budget: £5,082

Publishing and Printing for Free Trade Unions

To purchase a binder in Summer 1996 to enable the Democracy Foundation (Kiev) to expand its publishing and printing activities for free trade unions in Ukraine from brochures and newspapers to books.
Budget: £11,448

Seminar on Dealing with the Media for Rukh

Funding for the Conservative Party to hold a one-week seminar dealing with the media for up to 100 activists of the Popular Movement of Ukraine Rukh and for journalists, to help the party get their message across and reach out to the grassroots supporters in the regions.
Budget: £4,537

Support for Independent Television Station

Funding for the purchase of equipment in the first quarter of 1996 to enable People's Television, an independent television station to increase its output.
Budget: £20,000

Support to Independent Regional Youth Newspaper

Funding for the independent weekly youth newspaper Mig in Zaporozhye, south-eastern Ukraine, to purchase modern pre-press production facilities in Spring 1997, to make the paper more resistant to competition from the state-sponsored and business-owned press.
Budget: £9,441

TV Monitoring Network and Bulletin

Part-funding for the Equal Access Committee's mass media monitoring programme in Ukraine for one year starting from April 1996, by providing salaries for 12 central and regional TV monitors and three staff, and by financing the printing and distribution of a monthly bulletin summarising the results of both press and TV monitoring.
Budget: £10,955

"We showed that politicians of different ideologies and holding different views can get together and discuss problems concerning the question of democracy in Azerbaijan"

Young Political Leaders Training Seminar, Azerbaijan.



Training for Crimean Tatar Journalists

Funding for the Rebirth of Crimea Foundation to set up a part-time journalism course in Simferopol, Crimea, for 25 young Crimean Tatar trainees for one year from January 1997; also to finance four workshops for 25 journalists from the regional press and radio, as part of a wider project to support the independent Crimean Tatar media.

Budget: £8,870

Ukrainian Media Bulletin

Funding for one year starting from May 1996 for the Ukrainian Media Bulletin, an independent publication acting as a clearing-house for all aspects of information relating to the media in Ukraine, to enable it to continue its present activities as well as produce a special six-issue series focusing on the media's response to inter-ethnic tension in the 'hot-spots' of Crimea and Trans-Carpathia.

Budget: £6,059

UZBEKISTAN

Women in the Democratic Process

Funding for the training of trainers from a leading women's NGO in Tashkent, in a six-month programme from March 1996 aimed at increasing women's involvement in the democratic process.

Budget: £16,341

FORMER SOVIET UNION:

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Media and PR Training for Women's Groups

Funding for two workshops to be held in Russia and the UK respectively, in July and October 1996, for NGO representatives from three former Soviet states on the themes of media and public relations, to enable the participants to run Information and Media Centres for women in their native countries and ultimately to found a joint magazine entitled Women & Democracy.

Budget: £17,197

UK General Election Programme

Funding for the Labour Party to organise a two-stage study programme focusing on electoral strategy and campaigning in the context of the next British General election, for ten representatives of sister parties from the former Soviet Union, for a week in June 1996 and for the last ten days of the campaign in April 1997.

Budget: £22,396

ANGLOPHONE AFRICA

CAMEROON

Further Support for Human Rights Network

Funding for the Labour Party to assist with the second stage of the recent project with the Cameroon Human Rights Committee, to train individuals to monitor human rights abuses and to hold human rights awareness seminars between July and December 1996, and then to undertake an evaluation of the network during early 1997.

Budget: £13,786

Computer and Office Equipment for Union of the People of Cameroon

Funding for 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, in the Summer of 1996.

Budget: £4,365

Duplicating Machines for Social Democratic Front

Funding for 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 1996.

Budget: £4,500

Equipment for Independent Newspaper

Funding for the Cameroon Post Newspaper, an independent weekly English language newspaper in Cameroon, to purchase two computers, to enable them to provide adequate and balanced news coverage during the forthcoming election process, during 1997.

Budget: £3,850

THE GAMBIA

Assistance for the Civic Education Programme of the Forayaa Newspaper

Funding for the Labour Party to provide a four wheel drive vehicle and audio-visual equipment to assist the civic education programme for the Forayaa newspaper, and the election campaign by PDOIS in The Gambia in 1996.

Budget: £30,443

GHANA

Political Party Training Workshops

Funding for a political party training course for all parties in Ghana, held under the auspices of the Electoral Commission, with trainers from all three main parties in the UK, to improve the basic management and campaigning effectiveness of the Ghanaian parties.

Budget: £11,503



Training Workshops for Community Leaders

Funding for the Ghana Committee on Human and Peoples' Rights to run three-day workshops for community leaders in five regions of Ghana 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

KENYA

Civic Education Booklets

Funding for the Ecumenical Centre for Justice and Peace in Nairobi to translate and distribute two booklets they have already produced into a range of Kenyan dialects, to provide voter education and civic education about democracy and the political processes in Kenya.

Budget: £10,000

Legislation Analysis Journal

Funding for 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

Meeting of African Dialogue Group

Funding for the Conservative Party to support a meeting of the African Dialogue Group in January 1997. The meeting enabled the group to continue its work to identify and bring together like-minded, centre-right, democratic parties and organisations in Africa.

Budget: £18,400

Support for National Convention Planning Committee

Funding for the National Convention Planning Committee, Nairobi, a major new umbrella organisation of NGOs, political parties and the churches, campaigning for constitutional change in Kenya, to provide a secretariat for one year during 1997.

Budget: £30,000

Visit by Multi-Party Group of MPs to UK

Funding for a delegation of seven multi-party MPs to visit the UK in January 1997, to gain experience of the Westminster parliamentary system and democratic procedures.

Budget: £5,136

Womens Workshop on Constitutional Reform

Funding for the Education Centre for Women in Democracy, a women's non-governmental organisation in Nairobi which supports women in political leadership, to host a national women's workshop in September 1996 to educate women leaders about the need for constitutional reform, to discuss reform priorities and make recommendations to the National Assembly.

Budget: £9,758

MALAWI

By-Election Candidate Debates

Funding for the Journalists Association of Malawi to organise all-candidate radio debates during each by-election in 1997, to encourage public discussion of policies and accountability in campaigning, and to increase the role of journalists in the promotion of transparent democratic political development in Malawi.

Budget: £16,985

Capacity Building for Congress of Trade Unions

Funding for the Malawi Congress of Trade Unions, a new organisation established in 1995, for salaries, rent and office supplies for one year, to enable them to build the trade union movement in Malawi through workshops and training activities.

Budget: £24,621

Communications Advice to UDF

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to send the editor of Liberal Democrats News on an assessment visit to Malawi in November 1996 to provide advice to the United Democratic Front on how to improve their party newspaper.

Budget: £1,680

Further Support for Malawi Democratic Institute

Funding for the Malawi Democratic Institute of Economic Affairs, a key non-governmental organisation in Malawi, with basic overhead costs for a further three months at the beginning of 1997, to enable them to continue their work promoting democratic government.

Budget: £5,012

Human Rights and Legal Education Materials

Funding for CARER, the Malawi Centre for Advice, Research and Education on Rights, to produce a range of materials for use in conjunction with their programme of paralegal assistance throughout the country. They will produce posters, cartoons, calendars, wall paintings, bus paintings and radio programmes which will give information about basic legal and human rights issues.

Budget: £6,623

Support for New Democratic Institute

Funding for the Malawi Institute of Democratic and Economic Affairs, a new non-governmental organisation whose aims are to increase democratic accountability and the relationship between different parts of government.

Funding was provided for basic office costs, for three months during 1996.

Budget: £5,046

Support for Civil Liberties Committee

Funding for the Civil Liberties Committee, a non-governmental human rights organisation in Malawi, for one year from April 1996, to provide them with office accommodation, equipment and the salary of the Director, to help stabilise the activities of the Committee which have been carried out on a voluntary basis for the last two years.

Budget: £19,285



NAMIBIA

Support for Media Institute of Southern Africa

Funding for the Media Institute of Southern Africa, an NGO based in Namibia which promotes a free, independent and pluralist press, to provide support for the work of its Botswana chapter, in early 1997.

Budget: £3,600

Trade Union Training Programme

Funding for the Namibian Institute for Democracy to undertake thirteen one day workshops from October 1996 in each of the country's regional capitals, for trade union members from 17 unions, to provide a forum for discussion about the role and organisation of trade unions and the role of government and the private sector in a successful economy.

Budget: £6,786

NIGERIA

Human Rights Monitor

Funding for the Human Rights Monitor, a non-governmental human rights organisation, to publish a journal, a newsletter, a voter education manual and posters, to increase human rights awareness and democratic understanding in the northern region of Nigeria, for one year from April 1996.

Budget: £22,457

Human Rights Training for Public Complaints Commission

Funding for Community Action for Popular Participation, a pro-democracy NGO in Nigeria, to train officers of the Public Complaints Commission on human rights issues to increase their effectiveness, and to continue a public awareness campaign about the work of the Commission, throughout 1997.

Budget: £18,633

Journal for Women's Rights

Funding for the Women Justice Program, an NGO in Nigeria, to publish the Womens Rights Monitor, a quarterly journal campaigning about and publicising the rights of women and children in Nigeria, from November 1995 to October 1996.

Budget: £12,850

Legal Support for Victims of Human Rights Violations

Funding for the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights, an NGO in Nigeria, for one year to provide legal assistance for a further 20 cases during 1997 on behalf of victims of human rights violations.

Budget: £12,320

Support for Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP)

Funding for the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People, to enable them to equip offices in Nigeria for one year, from July 1996, to enable them to operate effectively after repression following the death of Ken Saro-Wiwa.

Budget: £4,240

Support for New Independent Radio Station

Funding for Radio Kudirat Nigeria, a new, independent, pro-democracy radio station broadcasting to Nigeria and West Africa to provide local office costs and equipment for local monitors and correspondents in Nigeria.

Budget: £26,000

SIERRA LEONE

Equipment for National Commission for Democracy Public Meetings

Funding for the National Commission for Democracy in Sierra Leone to purchase video and audio equipment, to enable them to show radio and TV programmes on democracy and human rights as part of their civic education programme in December 1996, at public meetings in parts of the country that do not have regular access to TV and radio.

Budget: £9,573

SOUTH AFRICA

ANC Training Programme

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the African National Congress in a series of training programmes for ANC leaders, the Women's League and the Youth League, starting in early 1997.

Budget: £43,084

Capacity Building for Trade Unions

Funding for Labour and Society International, a UK training organisation, to undertake a pilot project in South Africa starting in January 1997 providing analysis, research and implementation of organisational development plans for six trade unions to enable them to meet the needs of their members in the new South Africa.

Budget: £19,350

Gender Equity Training Workshops

Funding for One World Action, in cooperation with the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), to organise ten workshops in the rural areas around Port Elizabeth, to train representatives from NGOs on gender equality issues, to enable them to effectively interact with the newly established Local Government Gender Commission.

Budget: £7,230

"We would never have got off the ground if it were not for the Westminster Foundation, who supported every effort since the idea was born"

Pelokgale Seloma MP, Chairman, African Dialogue Group.



Kwazulu Monitoring Project Newsletter

Funding for the publication of a newsletter by the Helen Suzman Foundation and the Department of Politics, African University of Natal, for ten months from April 1996, providing detailed analysis and information about the political situation in KwaZulu Natal for key actors in the region including politicians, the press, NGOs, churches and the business community.

Budget: £13,392

National Party Placement for Opposition Research

Funding for the Conservative Party to support two members of the National Party of South Africa to work in the political section of the Conservative Research Department for two weeks, during the second half of 1996, in order to develop skills required to undertake research on opposition parties.

Budget: £2,000

Parliamentary Monitoring Service

Funding for 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: £12,867

Policy Skills Training Workshop

Funding for the Centre for Development and Enterprise to hold a major training workshop for members of political parties, civil servants, local government and provincial government representatives, in January 1997, to provide training on the skills required for the formulation, implementation and evaluation of policy.

Budget: £21,093

Secondment of Parliamentary Researchers

Part-funding for the secondment of UK parliamentary researchers to the South African National Assembly, to assist in the development of political research skills and the training of research assistants, over a period of three years, from May 1996.

Budget: £20,000

Southern Africa Journalism Review

Part-funding for 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 for Parliamentary Monitoring Newsletter

Funding for IDASA's Parliamentary Monitoring and Information Service in South Africa for a further year to produce nine issues of The Whip, a vital newsletter containing detail and analysis of the South African parliament and its activities, during 1997.

Budget: £41,137

Training for Local Government Councillors

Funding for HOPE, a South African NGO, to organise placements in the UK for two groups of eight South African councillors undergoing training on local government finance, during May and July 1996.

Budget: £14,820

Workshop on Rural Local Government

Funding for the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy in South Africa to hold a workshop in July 1996, in Eastern Province, on the local government of rural areas, to examine the role of traditional leaders in relation to newly elected councillors, and to mediate between the two groups, who invited them to host the workshop.

Budget: £11,805

TANZANIA

Assistance to the United Democratic Party

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to purchase public address systems equipment and the publication of party literature for the United Democratic Party of Tanzania, in order to assist with campaigning in a by-election in March 1997, and as a base for their general campaigning efforts.

Budget: £9,443

Printer for Clerk to the Parliament

To provide an IBM Line Matrix Printer for the office of the Clerk to the National Assembly in Tanzania in July 1996, to enable the Clerk and his staff to produce information on the role and function of Parliament and other publications as part of a parliamentary civic education programme, and to produce parliamentary committee reports.

Budget: £4,697

UGANDA

Conflict Resolution Training for Women

Funding for the Centre for Conflict Resolution, Kampala, to hold a workshop in June 1996 to provide further training for women in leadership positions from different backgrounds and organisations, to enable them to develop conflict resolution and prevention skills to pass on to their communities or organisations.

Budget: £9,308

Democratic Party Electoral Assistance

Funding for the Labour Party to provide assistance to the Democratic Party in Uganda with the organisation of civic education seminars during May and June 1996.

Budget: £8,990

Guidelines for Free and Fair Election Coverage

Funding for the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association to send a trainer to Uganda for two weeks in July 1996 to run a workshop on current affairs journalism, for key news editors on both TV and radio.

Budget: £3,143



Paralegal Training and Evaluation Workshops

Funding for 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 civic evaluation workshops in 1996, and to produce two poster campaigns providing civic education.

Budget: £13,987

ZAMBIA

Guidelines for Free and Fair Election Coverage

To part-fund the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association to send a trainer to provide assistance to the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) in October 1996 to enable guidelines to be adopted to contribute to fair coverage of all parties and all the candidates at the general election.

Budget: £3,699

ZIMBABWE

Human Rights Organisation Newsletter

Funding for Zimrights, a Zimbabwean human rights organisation, to publish six issues of their bi-monthly newsletter, which will provide information about current human rights issues and concerns, to approximately 5,000 of its members and networking partners, for one year from January 1997.

Budget: £11,986

Support for Independent Horizon Magazine

Funding for the monthly news magazine Horizon to undertake a six month marketing campaign starting Spring 1997 to increase their sales and revenue from advertising, to ensure their survival as one of the very few independent publications in Zimbabwe providing objective political reporting.

Budget: £9,400

Support for New Political NGO

Funding for the Foundation for Democracy in Zimbabwe (FODEZI), a new independent NGO seeking to promote democratic principles and good governance through a range of activities including voter education, radio and TV programmes, training seminars for young potential political leaders and public meetings during the first half of 1997.

Budget: £3,000

ANGLOPHONE AFRICA:

REGIONAL PROJECTS

British General Election Programme

Funding for the Labour Party to organise a two stage study programme for twenty representatives from sister parties in Africa, to examine electoral strategy and campaigning in the context of the British general election. The group spent time in the UK during June 1996 and then during the general election itself.

Budget: £75,520

Labour Party Annual Conference Study Programme

Funding for the Labour Party to invite ten youth representatives of sister parties in Anglophone Africa to participate in a twelve day study programme organised around the Labour Party Annual Conference in September 1996, where they received training on the involvement of youth in policy-making and party organisation.

Budget: £22,270

Meeting of African Liberal Parties

Funding to enable the Liberal Democrats to part fund a meeting of the newly formed Organisation of African Liberal Parties, in October 1996, providing an opportunity for networking, an exchange of experiences in building local and national democracy, and an opportunity to discuss the development of the organisation in the future.

Budget: £3,965

NGO Workshop on Human Rights

Funding for IRED-ESA, an NGO networking organisation based in Zimbabwe, to hold a workshop in Malawi on economic and human rights for representatives from 20 NGOs in Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania and Namibia to provide training on international and regional human rights instruments and planning for the promotion of human rights locally.

Budget: £10,376

Training for Women in Politics

Funding for the Active Learning Centre to hold a three day workshop in Kenya in February 1997 for 25 female parliamentarians and political activists in the Horn of Africa, to provide training in campaigning skills and international rights, to help them develop strategies for their own development and to encourage further participation by women in the political processes in the region.

Budget: £10,476

Support for African Parties to Attend the IDU Executive Meeting

Funding for the Conservative Party to enable representatives from the National Party of South Africa and the DTA of Namibia to attend the International Democrat Union (IDU) Executive Committee in December 1996 to report on the establishment of the African Dialogue Group and take part in the IDU review process.

Budget: £4,729



OTHER AREAS

ARGENTINA

Bi-lateral Study Visit and Special Training Seminar

Funding for the Conservative Party to support the International Young Democrat Union to organise a Freedom Training Programme in Argentina in August 1996 for the IYDU's Argentina member parties, Nueva Generacion and Juventud de Union Del Contro Democratico.

Budget: £1,329

CARIBBEAN

Training for Campaign Managers

Funding for the Conservative Party to support a training meeting for campaign managers in the Caribbean Democrat Union and to join with a Republican Party meeting for Latin American parties to be held in Florida to provide them with training and advice on organising volunteer support, and party management issues.

Budget: £4,511

Caribbean Democrat Union Women's Seminar

Funding for the Conservative Party to sponsor a seminar in March 1997 for the members of the Caribbean Democratic Union to help them develop policies in issues critical for the region's economic and social well-being. The delegates came from the parties' women's organisations, to encourage their contribution to policy making.

Budget: £12,084

CHINA

Production of Human Rights Manual in Chinese

Funding for 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: £6,429

ERITREA

Assistance to Constitutional Commission

To provide funding for a complete set of back issues (from 1952) of the International and Comparative Law Quarterly for the Constitutional Commission of Eritrea, to provide them with invaluable guidance with the writing of the first constitution of Eritrea, during the Summer of 1996.

Budget: £2,750

FIJI

Community Outreach Workshops

Funding for Conciliation Resources to organise a further set of nine seminars in Fiji, starting May 1996 for grassroots communities, to be run by Citizens' Constitutional Forum, in order to continue outreach work in local communities to develop a basis for a sustainable constitutional settlement in Fiji.

Budget: £18,000

GUYANA

Support for Headquarters of Working People's Alliance

Funding for the Labour Party to cover for one year from 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: £7,992

INDIA

Society for Women's Education and Economic Development

Funding over a three year period from January 1995, for a training programme organised by Womankind Worldwide to organise and educate rural women about their rights in one of the poorest regions of Southern India.

Budget: £16,951

Support for the Committee for Legal Aid to the Poor

Funding for the Committee for Legal Aid to the Poor in the State of Orissa in Eastern India, for 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

Attendance at the Liberal Democrat Conference

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to bring seven members of sister parties in Latin America to the UK in September 1996 to attend the Liberal Democrat party conference and to participate in a separate seminar focusing on the establishment of a regional liberal group in Latin America.

Budget: £9,044

Local Government Training Seminars

Funding for the Liberal Democrats to send a local government expert to Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay in August 1996 to hold a series of training seminars for sister parties on the role of local government.

Budget: £2,133



MONGOLIA

Political Party Training

Funding for the Electoral Reform International Services to send a cross-party team of three senior British political party officials and one ERIS facilitator to Mongolia in May 1996, to hold five days of cross-party training workshops for Mongolian political party organisers and leading candidates, in anticipation of the Mongolian parliamentary elections in June 1996.

Budget: £7,042

Support for Mongolian Information, Training and Research Centre

Funding for the Labour Party to continue a programme of assistance to the MITRC during 1996, which included publication of a report into recent elections, a seminar on the freedom of the press and support for radio and television broadcasting.

Budget: £9,380

NICARAGUA

Sandinista Youth and 1996 Presidential Elections

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the Sandinista Front for National Liberation by running a two-day assembly in September 1996, in order to prepare young people for the national Presidential elections in November 1996.

Budget: £5,990

SRI LANKA

Assessment Visit

Funding for the Conservative Party to enable them to undertake an assessment visit to Sri Lanka in May 1996, to hold discussions with the United National Party of Sri Lanka to establish party ties, and to complement the work carried out in Sri Lanka by the US International Republican Institute and the German Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Budget: £2,158

Public Opinion Research Through Tracking Poll

Funding for the Conservative Party to conduct a series of opinion research polls in Sri Lanka during 1997 to enable the United National Party to construct its political programme based on sound information about voters' opinions on national issues and the perception of its leaders.

Budget: £15,400

Advice on Party Conference Organisation

Funding for a visit in September 1996 by two Conservative Party representatives to provide advice to the Sri Lankan National Party on how to plan, organise and manage its annual party conference.

Budget: £1,689

Media Presentation Training

Funding for the Conservative Party to organise a visit in August 1996 by five members of the United National Party of Sri Lanka to London to attend a course on Media Presentation Training, and to meet with political advertising specialists and the Conservative Party office to gain advice on communication with the electorate.

Budget: £11,730

Publication of Policy Papers by the Sranjan Wijeratne Academy for Political Education

Funding for the Conservative Party to arrange the translation and production of two policy documents from leading British conservative politicians and think tanks for the Sranjan Wijeratne Academy for Political Education in Sinhala and Tamil, to be widely distributed to political leaders and activists, MPs, provincial councils, professional groups, student leaders and journalists.

Budget: £3,720

Training for the Youth Organisation of the United National Party

Funding for a visit to the UK in the Summer of 1996 by five members of the youth wing of the Sri Lankan United National Party for training in recruitment, membership, youth organisation, and structure and campaigning in the run up to the Sri Lankan local government elections.

Budget: £5,032

ST LUCIA

Party Re-organisation and Development

Funding for the Labour Party to continue its support, for one year from January 1997, for the reorganisation and development programme of the St Lucia Labour Party.

Budget: £13,061

"The delegation have returned home with new perspectives and commitment to local democracy and community education"

Thai Local Councillors visit to UK, May 1996.



SUDAN

Support for Sudan Democratic Gazette

Part-funding for the publication costs of the Sudan Democratic Gazette for twelve months from January 1996.

Budget: £24,000

THAILAND

Grassroot Level Council Members' Study Tour of Westminster and Local Government

Funding for a two-week study visit to the UK in May 1996, (with a two-day induction by the British Council in Thailand), for 12 members of two regional grassroots local councils to be co-ordinated by the University Foundation of Thailand, to learn the basics of British democracy and local government in England.

Budget: £15,380

WEST BANK/GAZA STRIP

Human Rights Training For Palestinian Law Enforcement Officials

Part-funding for a series of on-site training courses in human rights, to be run by the Mandela Institute, from November 1996, for newly appointed officials of the eight Palestinian Law Enforcement agencies, which started operating in January 1996.

Budget: £9,108

Trade Union Educator for Democracy and Workers' Rights Centre

Funding for the honoraria costs of a trade union educator to provide a series of 12 seminars over a year for the labour force in Ramallah, starting November 1996 and to be organised through the Democracy and Workers' Rights Centre, to train workers and trainers in collective bargaining, health & safety and union establishment.

Budget: £10,560

Women Candidates Training

Funding for the Labour Party to assist the Women's Affairs Technical Committee to organise a series of five Training of Trainers' courses in the Northern Districts and Gaza District, in Spring 1996, in preparation for the municipal and village elections which are due to take place in Palestine in September 1996.

Budget: £15,562

WESTERN SAHARA

UK Study Programme for Politicians

Funding for the Labour Party to organise a study programme for three representatives of Parliament from Polisario to study democratic mechanisms and procedures in the UK, in June 1996.

Budget: £3,298

YEMEN

Support for Arab Democratic Institute

Funding for the Arab Democratic Institute, Yemen, to publish a monthly Arabic newsletter entitled Democratic Forum to increase public awareness of the democratic process and provide voter education in the lead up to, and after elections in April 1997, and to serve as a means of communication and dialogue between political actors.

Budget: £20,270

ZAIRE

Assistance to Union for Democracy and Social Progress

Funding for 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 to enable them to enhance their operations.

Budget: £25,981

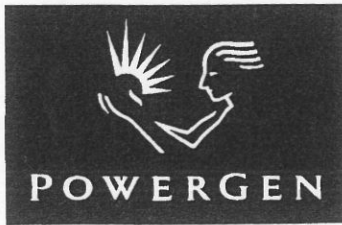
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