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Images of WFD's cross-party training project assisting preparations for Indonesia's first multiparty democratic elections in forty years. The project was funded by DFID and implemented in collaboration with the British Council in Indonesia, in April 1999. Thanks to the British Council for producing this collage.



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 £4 million (1999-2000) from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. It directs most of its funds to supporting democratic institutions in Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Anglophone Africa, but each year worthwhile projects in other parts of the world also receive support. It also develops and manages some technical assistance projects.

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy 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 organisations and other non-governmental organisations involved in political development.

The Foundation is supervised by a Board of Governors 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 London where its nine staff are located. Its activities are recorded in an annual report laid before Parliament.

foreword



Photo: Central TV

This year has been a remarkably busy and successful year for the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. It gives me great pleasure to recommend this report to you, which describes their activities during the last year.

The UK political parties continue to play a major role in this work and have cooperated successfully with the Foundation during the year. Working closely with partner parties and organisations overseas, they have provided assistance, training and advice on a range of subjects from campaigning and media skills to policy development and EU accession. There is no doubt of the benefit to these partner organisations from the assistance provided by the UK parties.

The Foundation itself has undertaken many varied projects, supporting the independent media, women's political involvement, trades unions, political NGOs, parliaments and election processes. Highlights during the year have included the additional funding secured for important technical assistance projects in Bosnia, Nigeria and Indonesia.

Recent events in the Balkans continue to remind us that much remains to be done to ensure stable and democratic governments worldwide. The Westminster Foundation for Democracy and other organisations of its kind overseas have a vital role to play in this task.

I strongly commend this report to you and hope you enjoy reading it. Thank you for your support and cooperation during the year.

Betty Boothroyd
Speaker

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



introduction



In a year that has seen war and ethnic cleansing return to mainland Europe, never before has the need for the work of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy been so great. We will continue to work towards achieving the goals of building civil society, promoting democratic development and offering practical assistance to countries, peoples and organisations that are committed to creating plural participatory and accountable political structures.

We are preparing the ground to initiate projects in Kosovo, if and when this is appropriate. Extra-budgetary proposals for projects in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Nigeria and Indonesia, all of them ravaged by violent conflict in recent times, have been agreed with the Department for International Development and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). We stand ready to play our part in developing democracy from the ashes of destruction wherever necessary.

Elsewhere it has been another successful year with the submission of high quality proposals and projects funded throughout the world. This annual report is the first to be issued from our new office in Pall Mall where we have been joined by Kate Graham and Hilary Mackay on our project management team and Emma Pearce as PA to the Chief Executive.

It has also seen a major 33% increase in our grant-in-aid for which we are extremely grateful to the Foreign Secretary who continues to take an active interest in the work of WFD and to Rt Hon Tony Lloyd MP, Minister of State with special responsibility for WFD. This increase is necessary to meet the growing pressure on funds that reflects both the state of democratic development around the world, and the excellent reputation of the Foundation and its work.

Indeed that work, though often low key can sometimes be groundbreaking as in Qatar in the lead up to their Central Municipal Council elections. The first elections where women were given the vote and allowed to stand as candidates, a model which is already influencing other Arab/Gulf states such as Kuwait.

I welcome the substantial increase in cross-party projects within our portfolio, an example of cross-party cooperation that is unique to WFD. Our thanks also to the FCO staff at our posts abroad, to the British Council for their assistance, especially in Indonesia, and to all our supporters and friends whose good will and support is vital to our success.

Ernie Ross MP
Chairman of the Board of Governors



Chief Executive's Review

Events around the world in the past year demonstrate how great the need for support for the democratisation process remains. The crisis in Kosovo; repeated changes in Russia's leadership; historic elections in Indonesia, Nigeria, Qatar and elsewhere: in these and many other situations, the assistance which WFD provides can make a real contribution to instilling democratic culture and practice.

The past year has been a very exciting period for WFD, marked by substantial organisational growth and several important new initiatives. In summary, we have secured a major budget increase, initiated three large new technical assistance projects, successfully completed a structured evaluation programme, recruited three new staff, and moved to larger office premises.

In this, our seventh year of operation, we have received a major increase in our core budget, up 33% from £3m in 1998-1999, to £4m in the year ahead. This comes in recognition both of the dramatically increased pressure on WFD's funds from worthwhile project applications, and also of WFD's growing capacity and reputation for undertaking practical, effective, and relevant work. This increase enables a welcome expansion in the scale of our operations, so that we now can consolidate the gains of our first few years.

WFD works to a strategic plan which sets geographical priorities and budgetary allocations. We continue to focus on our priority regions: Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Anglophone Africa. We have also begun to expand our activity strategically in other regions where the opportunity or need for our support is growing, such as parts of South East Asia, where the economic crisis has

dramatically focussed attention on underlying governance and accountability problems, and the Middle East, where some brighter democratic glimmerings may now be seen. We intend to continue this approach in the coming year.

This report offers a detailed review of projects supported by WFD through responsive grants (pages 8-12), and of the WFD-funded international projects of the main UK political parties (pages 6-8). We also summarise progress on the four major human rights projects in Africa funded by a grant from National Lottery Charities Board (page 11); and report on our three new technical assistance projects on page 12.



Alexandra Jones, Chief Executive



'Network of participants' from Kazakhstan and Kyrgystan at a workshop on methods of conflict resolution held in Almaty



Senior local government officials and potential candidates standing for Hungarian local elections participating at a senior management and leadership training programme organised by the Foundation for the Women of Hungary, February 1999.



The technical assistance projects represent a significant and very welcome new development for WFD, and build on the capacity and relationships we have established in our first few years. They are taking place in Bosnia and Nigeria, with extra-budgetary funding from FCO, and in Indonesia, with DFID funding. WFD has assumed responsibility for the active design and management of the projects, which are larger and longer-term than our responsive grant projects. The Indonesia and Nigeria projects focussed on supporting the historic multiparty elections in those two countries in early 1999, through cross-party training workshops. These entailed close collaboration with the UK political parties. The four-year Bosnia project also features some cross-party work with women and youth and local government, as well as party-building work by the UK parties with their partners in Bosnia-Herzegovina.



Tony Worthington MP, Ayoka Lawani, and Nick Smith, Labour Party trainer, at the cross-party political party training workshops in Lagos, Nigeria, March 1999

We have welcomed these new projects because they focus on critical moments of democratic transition, are larger in scale, and entail a more active role for WFD than our projects to date. We also welcome them because they have afforded an opportunity for innovative ways of working, not only with existing WFD partners - the UK political parties and the FCO - but also with other funding departments, and with the British Council, which acted as our implementing partner for the Nigeria and Indonesia projects, in an effective and rewarding new collaboration.

This year we completed a programme of structured evaluation visits. We reviewed a large, varied sample of projects and organisations which WFD has supported, in seven countries in different regions and stages of democratic development. This enabled us to ascertain the impact of our support in these countries, as well as obtaining feedback from them on our organisational effectiveness and profile, compared to other sources of support. The words most frequently applied to WFD were 'flexible, responsive, culturally sensitive, accessible, unbureaucratic'. These are the attributes for which we have striven, but it is a more powerful - and gratifying! - thing to have some independent corroboration that we are achieving them.

This year's exciting new developments, summarised above, enable us to perform our role with greater impact, profile and vigour, while remaining true to our fundamental aims and role. What are these fundamental characteristics? Firstly, we work independently, but with the support of government. Secondly, we have many collaborative relationships, first and foremost with the UK political parties and the FCO, but also with other project-funding departments, our grantees, and other democracy support foundations. Thirdly, we enjoy cross-party support in the British parliament and are careful to maintain balance at home, and to work in an even-handed manner in our beneficiary countries. Fourthly, we manage a large number of small projects with many grantees in a range of different sectors, and deliberately pursue diversity: for us it is axiomatic that, if your aim is to foster pluralism, your methods should also be pluralist. Fifthly, we endeavour to invest in all our work the highest standards of quality and professionalism.

'Milosevic's barbarism in Kosovo is, sadly, only the latest illustration of what can happen when people are denied their democratic rights. All people, throughout the world, must be free to enjoy these rights. I commend the WFD's continuing success over the last year in helping to bring this about'

The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Prime Minister



Political Party Projects

Labour

During the year the Labour Party has undertaken a range of activities with sister parties from Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. Assistance has taken the form of training for women's and youth organisations, media training for candidates, campaign strategy seminars, advice on party organisation, membership development, and study programmes. Other projects have been designed around the Annual Conference, the local and European elections, and policy seminars.

The Labour Party continues to assist sister parties in policy-oriented work on key areas of policy. For example a workshop was organised in December 1998 on the 'Party Politics of EU Enlargement' in Warsaw, for all sister parties in the first and second wave applicant countries. The workshop was an opportunity for participants to discuss the common experiences for those parties which had undergone the process and those parties presently engaged in the process of accession.



Women party members of PDOIS, the Gambia, putting on a theatrical presentation to demonstrate the importance of political participation, during a Labour Party training / assessment visit in January 1999.



Dr Paul Ssemogerere, Leader, Democratic Party of Uganda, (centre) with party activists in Kampala, Uganda, at a Labour Party political awareness training seminar, November 1998.

In Azerbaijan assistance was provided to the Labour Party's sister party, the Social Democratic Party, to organise a series of electoral awareness seminars in preparation for the presidential elections. Since then the party has been assisted to produce their party paper with features on their activities, human rights and the role of minority groups. Assistance with the publication of party papers has also been provided for project partners in Croatia, Slovakia and Uganda.

Projects around party organisation continue to develop in Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. For example, in Cameroon, a 'training the trainers' project was organised for key officials responsible for party development and training. They are now

undertaking training workshops in Douala, Yaounde, Bafoussam and Bamenda. Likewise a workshop was organised in Gambia for a number of key party officials on party organisation from which further activities will result with the project partner.



CONSERVATIVE

Throughout 1998-99 the Conservative Party worked to bring like-minded parties together and focused on the promotion of the centre-right agenda they share with their policy-makers. They also emphasised the importance of political parties - and their activists - to the civil society of their countries.

The year started and ended with Local Election Observation projects in the UK.

These visits have proved to be successful tools for practical campaign training. 'Twinning' programmes in Romania, Russia and Lithuania were extended where regional party organisations in these countries were paired with Conservative Associations in the UK. A series of campaign training projects were convened in countries as diverse as Belarus, Sri Lanka, Estonia, Georgia and Mongolia.

In Ukraine, the Conservative Party conducted the first of a series of seminars organised jointly with the Swedish Conservatives. Sadly this event was overshadowed by the death of Mr Vyacheslav Chornovil, the former Soviet-era dissident who will be remembered for his great contribution towards independence and democracy in Ukraine. However, happier news came from Estonia and the election victory of the centre-right coalition and the Conservative Party's old friend and project veteran, Mr Mart Laar, who is now Prime Minister.

Further afield, the Democrat Union of Africa was formed to bring together like-minded parties who share the challenging task of democratising a troubled continent. The new cross-party initiatives in Bosnia, Nigeria and Indonesia have started well. Taken with the existing party-political programmes, they have served to demonstrate the unique role WFD has in the promotion of democracy.



The Rt Hon William Hague MP and Mrs Hague with the late Mr Vyacheslav Chornovil, at Conservative Party project taking place at the Party Conference, Bournemouth, October 1998.



Leaders of the Conservative Party's sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe attending the Wiston House Weekend in October 1998 to discuss 'Communicating the Message'.

'I have had many discussions with the leaders of sister-parties during which the work of the Westminster Foundation has been praised. The Foundation's unique status, its flexibility and its determination to provide value-for-money are appreciated by one and all'

The Rt Hon William Hague MP, Leader of the Opposition



Following a successful General Election campaign in 1997, the Liberal Democrats saw an increase in requests for campaigning know-how, media training and electoral assistance. A number of Liberal parties from the European Union states worked collaboratively in former Yugoslavia. The European Liberal Project Group (consisting of Dutch, Swedish and UK Liberals) assisted in forming the Democratic Centre Alliance, committed to multi-ethnic, multi-party democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Anticipating the need for promoting tolerance in Kosovo, networks of support for future party development were established with the Liberal Party of Kosovo. In Bulgaria, a new alliance, the Liberal Democratic Union has been helped with establishing a press and media centre for campaigning for the forthcoming elections in late 1999.

The demand for practical campaign training led to the Liberal Democrats' largest project to date - an election training and observation visit for participants from CEE Liberal parties.

This culminated in observation visits for May and June 1999 elections to local authorities, and to the Scottish and European parliaments. Other partners in the Baltic states have gained technical assistance and through workshops on a range of issues from policy advice to the participation of women in politics. The difficulty of promoting Liberal values in Russia was explored through the attendance of the Yabloko leader, Gregori Yavlinski to the Liberal Summer School.



Liberal Democrats



John Farquar Monro, Liberal Democrat candidate for Ross, Skye & Inverness West, with participants from parties in Croatia (in kilt!) and Bulgaria, during a Liberal Democrat training visit to Scotland.

Foundation Projects

Central and Eastern Europe

In the past year the world could hardly afford to take its eye off the Balkans. 1998/99 will go down in history as a year when NATO powers took on the authoritarian ruler of rump Yugoslavia whose policy of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo led to a tragedy of proportions not seen in Europe for many decades. This was after a year of low intensity war punctuated by massacres of Kosovo Albanians. The strengths of the governments in the neighbouring countries have been severely tested as they have sought both to recover from recent turmoil and prevent the destruction of their own fragile democratic beginnings by external events in the region.

“Over the last year, the Westminster Foundation for Democracy has continued its excellent work in supporting projects around the globe and working closely with all political parties at home to great effect. I wish you well in your future endeavours.”

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



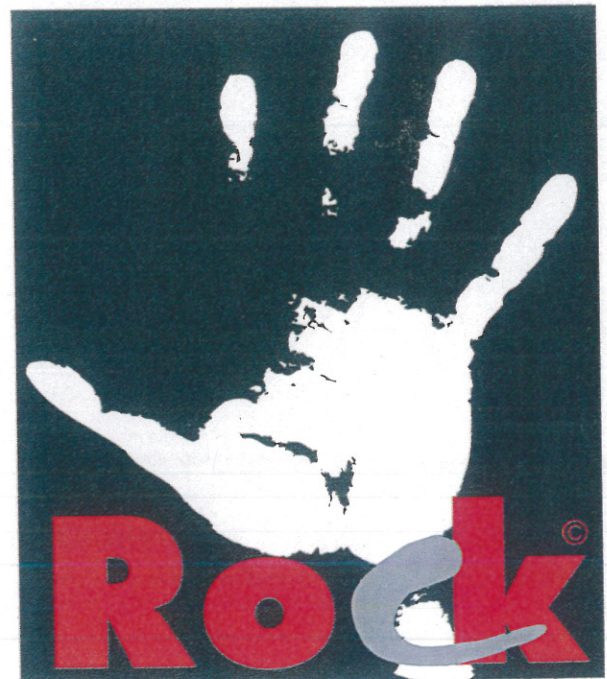
In such circumstances, WFD's programme sought to support those organisations that responded to the most urgent needs of the democracy building process. In Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia these were the broadcast and print media, and human rights groups; in Bosnia they included civic groups working on conflict resolution and non-ethnic political parties; in Croatia legal advice offices for displaced persons. Across the region there was an increasing demand for the promotion of women's role in public life, and a more integrated approach to dealing with ethnic divisions by involving civic groups, the media, NGOs and representatives of local authorities. Such projects were successful in Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Macedonia.

It is obvious that the absence of democratic values and practices in Yugoslavia is a root cause of the crisis in that country and the entire region. It is expected that once hostilities come to an end, a co-ordinated effort to establish democratic and civic culture will be mounted with the aim of bringing permanent stability to the region. South-eastern Europe appears certain to remain a priority region for WFD.

With the exception of Slovakia, the remaining three states of the Visegrad group plus Estonia continued their progress economically and politically towards membership of the EU and Nato. Slovakia, hindered by the repressive policies of the Meciar administration, held elections in September 1998 which resulted in defeat for the incumbent Prime Minister. The new coalition government faced the daunting task of addressing the effects of serious mismanagement by the previous administration.



The Plima Association, a Montenegrin civic group based in the seaside town of Ulcinj, held two workshops in June and September 1998 for politicians, journalists and human rights workers to discuss issues related to ethnic minorities and distribution of power between central government and local authorities.



Rock volieb '98

'Rock the Vote' - a countrywide media and rock concert campaign to encourage young people to vote in Slovakia's general elections in September 1998. Thousands of posters, stickers, postcards, T-shirts and caps were distributed.

WFD focused its grantmaking in Slovakia on working with organisations in preparation for the September elections. This included training electoral administrators, a guide for newly elected parliamentarians which provided the vital first step towards a partnership between NGOs and the new government, and the campaign for first time voters 'Rock the Vote' which saw the youth turnout increase from 20% in 1994 to over 90% in 1998.

Elsewhere in Central Europe, WFD has sought to encourage accountability and increased public information about the political process. For example it provided 90 Polish journalists with skills in investigative journalism, training in procedure for the Lithuanian Ombudsman's office; encouraged women to enter the



Volunteers from the Tchaikovsky branch of the Perm Regional Legal Centre in Russia, who were funded by WFD to set up a clearing house for the voluntary sector.

political world through seminars in Hungary and Latvia; continued strengthening the third sector through public relations training for leaders of Latvian NGOs; and reinforced local democracy in Hungary through seminars to develop co-operation between local governments and voluntary organisations.

Further work to increase understanding and tolerance of ethnic minorities was supported through the Budapest based Roma Press Centre's programme to run local radio programmes for the Roma communities in Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine and Croatia.

Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia

During 1998/9 WFD sought to extend the focus of its support from the capitals of individual states to the regions, as well as encouraging applications from countries where there have been few WFD projects to date, especially in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Both Russia and Belarus' had projects for strengthening NGOs in the regions and NGO training seminars were run in Lviv and Kharkov, Ukraine.

More projects than usual have been funded in Belarus' after a WFD evaluation visit demonstrated a need for continued support there through a period of both economic and political difficulties for the independent media and NGOs in particular. Follow-up grants have been made to enable the survival of established independent TV stations and newspapers, while new grants have also been made supporting a trade union bulletin and helping to set up the newspaper "Youth Prospect" as a mouthpiece for the youth democratic movement. Funding was also given to the Belarusian Association of Journalists to develop a firm legal basis for freedom of the press.

Voter education projects have been funded in Azerbaijan for the periods leading up to their parliamentary and local elections. In Georgia promotion of transparency and accountability was encouraged by a training programme for regional journalists with the Public Relations Service of the Parliament. WFD is also part-funding the Caucasus NGO Forum being established by International Alert and aimed at utilising local potential in resolving the region's conflicts.

During the year staff have carried out an evaluation visit to Belarus' as well as a first time assessment visit to Siberia and a follow-up visit to Uzbekistan. The latter visit coincided with a cross-regional human rights workshop in Samarqand, which was funded by WFD and organised by the Canadian Human Rights Foundation. Reflecting WFD's increased emphasis on projects in Central Asia, several projects were funded in Kazkstan, two supporting the independent media, one conflict resolution seminar and an on-going programme of NGO support and networking. WFD has also acted in partnership with the Centre for Employment Initiatives, and Article 19, providing management assistance on two projects funded from other sources.



Street activities by Yuzhnaya Volna, an NGO working to consolidate regional progressive forces in Russia's Red Belt.



Mr Femi Falana, Dr Assisi Asobie and Professor Toyé Olorode, speakers at the student leadership training workshop held in Nigeria by the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights as part of the WFD/National Lottery Charities Board project during 1998.

Anglophone Africa

With the transition to civilian, democratic government in Nigeria, work in Anglophone Africa was heavily focussed on projects in support of that process. These are dealt with in the section on Technical Assistance projects below. Apart from these election-related projects, WFD also funded several women's rights groups, including LEADS in Kaduna and Women Justice Program in Lagos. Grants were also made to the Human Rights Monitor in Kaduna, and Community Action for Popular Participation in Abuja.

A cross-party project, with joint funding from the Foundation, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats, provided support to the Minority Group in the Ghanaian Parliament, providing badly needed office equipment. Journalists in Ghana have received training on human rights reporting, and the independent press has been supported in Zimbabwe.

WFD has provided follow-up grants to a number of organisations, especially to enable smaller NGOs to develop their capacity over the longer term. These have included Kenya's Centre for Governance and Development and the Malawi Institute for Democratic and Economic Affairs. The Malawi Congress of Trade Unions also received a grant to support its work with a range of unions. There has been an increase in projects in The Gambia and Cameroon, where WFD has previously only provided occasional support.

In South Africa, well-established organisations such as the Centre for Development and Enterprise, and the South African Institute for Race Relations, received grants for policy development training and parliamentary monitoring. The Parliamentary support project continues with joint funding assistance from corporate friends British Aerospace, Nortel, Powergen, Rolls Royce and GlaxoWellcome.

Work has continued during the second year of the grant from the National Lottery Charities Board International Grants Programme, supporting four human rights organisations in Africa. A wide variety of activities have been undertaken by the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, Uganda, the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights, Nigeria, the Ghana Committee for Peoples and Human Rights, and Zimrights in Zimbabwe.



Participants at the first of five workshops on women's participation in politics in Nigeria, organised by the Democratic Alternative.



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Other Regions

In other regions, WFD has supported projects in a range of sectors and in countries as diverse as Cambodia, Algeria and Cuba. There has been an emphasis in these transitional contexts on training in the principles of good governance: grants were provided to the Cambodian Institute for Human Rights, Aid-Afrique in Côte D'Ivoire, the Group for Democratic Development in Cairo, and for a visit to the UK by a group of politicians from Yemen.

The media has been another focus of support. The Democracy Radio Programme in Turkey, and Radio Sagarmatha in Nepal, the Nepalese Informal Sector Service Centre and the East Timor International Support Centre have received grants for media projects.

Further highlights have included the visit to the UK by a group of eight politicians from the Cuban Assembly to observe the UK parliamentary system and the run-up to the historic elections to the Scottish Parliament, and a grant for the filming and televising of sessions of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

Technical Assistance Projects

An important development during the year has been to undertake three substantial long term technical assistance projects, in Bosnia, Nigeria and Indonesia. These have resulted in creative new collaborations between WFD, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the Department for International Development (DFID) and the political parties.



His Excellency Mr Robin Christopher, British Ambassador, Ms Alexandra Jones, Chief Executive WFD and Pak Rudini, Head of the Indonesian Electoral Commission, at training workshops for political parties, Jakarta, Indonesia, 20-21 April 1999.



A working group at the training programme on local government held by the Taruka Development Society in May 1998, watched by young people, children and women.

In Bosnia, WFD has secured major funding from the FCO over a four year period to work in collaboration with the UK political parties, to design and implement a programme of political party development to strengthen non-ethnic parties and to encourage greater civic participation in Bosnia. The intention is to help political parties and organisations to adopt and adapt modern democratic habits and procedures, and to advise leaders and activists to offer constructive alternatives to the policies and practices of those currently in power. Twenty five projects have already begun as part of this overall project, providing training, advice and assistance to various Bosnian groups and parties.

In Nigeria, WFD has developed a cross-party programme of training and assistance to new political parties in the 1997 multi-party elections and the transition to civilian democratic rule. Initial workshops provided training on political accountability and integrity, the role of the opposition, party organisation, campaigning and involving women in politics. These were held in Abuja, Enugu and Lagos in March 1999.



In Indonesia, WFD ran a two-day seminar for all 48 political parties in four main regional centres of Indonesia, in the run-up to elections in June 1999. Again, a wide range of topics were covered including inter-party parliamentary relations, party campaigning, election law, policy development and women and young people in politics.

In both the Nigerian and Indonesian projects, WFD worked in a successful new partnership with the British Council, which provided in-country organisational support.

Organisation and Staff

WFD's workload increased dramatically in the last year, as described in the preceding pages. Accordingly we have needed to recruit new staff to help handle the growing volume of projects, both grant supported and actively managed, and this process has now been completed. It has entailed some modifications to staff roles and responsibilities; staff names and job titles are listed on the inside back page. At the time of writing, we have now grown to nine members of staff. We welcome two new Project Managers, Hilary Mackay and Kate Graham, and Emma Pearce, Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive.

With our increased workload and staff numbers, we have outgrown our premises at Clutha House. In June 1999 we moved to our new offices on Pall Mall; you will find the full address and contact details on the back page.

The staff and I have joined our Governors in welcoming new members who have joined the Board in the last year: these include Georgina Ashworth and Elizabeth Smith as independent Governors, Gillian Merron MP for the Labour Party, and Michael Trend MP for the Conservative Party. We also thank the Rt Hon Sir Archie Hamilton MP, who has left the Board, for his long years of service as a Governor.

I welcome this opportunity to thank all Governors for their support and guidance over the last year, as well as the FCO's observer member on the Board, Richard Clarke, and the international officers of the three main political parties, who invest much time and cooperative effort in ensuring the success of our shared endeavour.

In other organisational matters things have proceeded smoothly this year. We have cooperated in, and fully passed, our annual external audit as well as an internal audit of project management procedures. We have continued to upgrade our computer skills and equipment on a progressive basis. A regular programme of project monitoring visits has been maintained, as well as an intensive round of evaluation visits.

I warmly welcome this opportunity to thank my staff, WFD's Governors, our FCO colleagues, WFD's corporate supporters, and our many other friends for their support and good will. I particularly acknowledge the efforts of my staff, who have at times been overstretched in this year of rapid growth and change. But their enthusiasm never flagged, because of our shared excitement at the opportunities which this extraordinary year has presented. I look forward to working with the staff - current and new members - to build on these successes in the year ahead, and I thank them all.

Alexandra Jones
Chief Executive



Performance Indicators and Statistics 1998-99

1 Number and value of proposals submitted to WFD Board:

1998-99	441	£5,663,109	1997-98	377	£4,408,020
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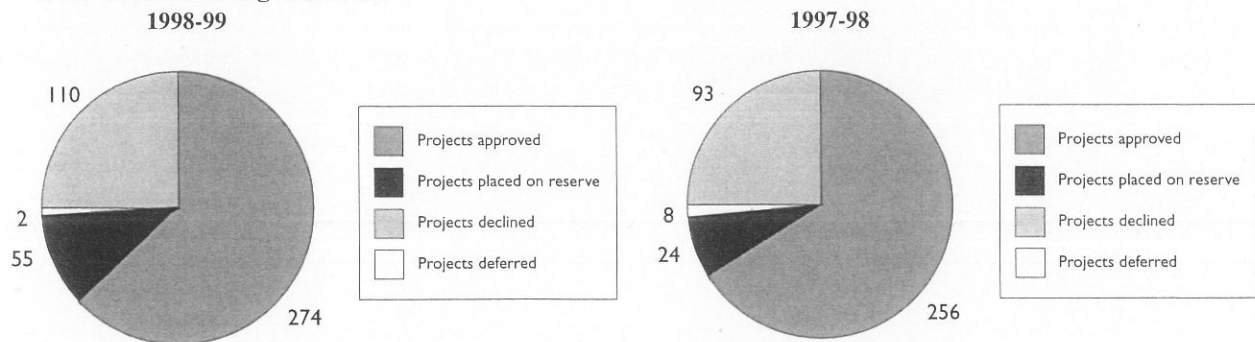
2 Number of projects managed during the year:

1998-99	497	1997-98	469
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3 Size of grants approved:

	1998-99		1997-98	
Under £5,999	103	38%	72	28%
£6,000 - £10,999	84	31%	89	35%
11,000 - 20,999	69	25%	82	32%
21,000 - 40,999	18	7%	8	3%
Over £41,000	0	0%	5	2%
Total	274	100%	256	100%

4 WFD Board meeting decisions:



5 Number of approved projects, by region and channel:

	1998-99						1997-98					
	F	C	L	D	S	Total	F	C	L	D	S	Total
CEE (1)	11	11	16	4	0	42	16	20	10	0	0	46
CEE (2)	48	14	12	11	0	85	47	15	20	6	2	90
CIS	43	13	3	4	0	63	39	11	1	0	0	51
AAF	24	11	12	6	0	53	35	8	7	1	0	51
OTH	23	5	1	2	0	31	14	2	2	0	0	18
Total	149	54	44	27	0	274	151	56	40	7	2	256

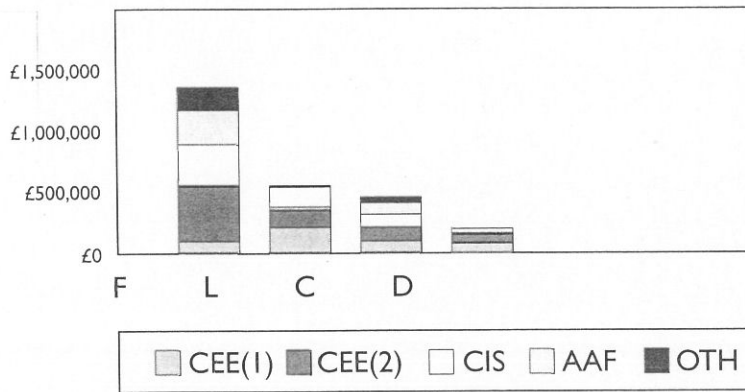
F = Foundation projects
 C = Conservative Party projects
 L = Labour Party projects
 D = Liberal Democrat projects
 S = Smaller parties' projects
 CEE = Central and Eastern Europe
 CIS = Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia
 AAF = Anglophone Africa
 OTH = Other regions

Note:

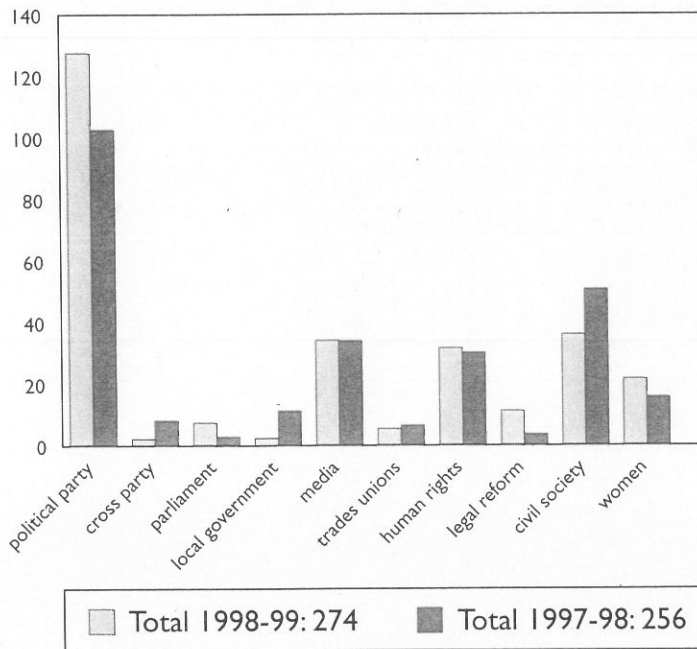
The region previously known as Central and Eastern Europe has been divided into CEE (1), which includes EU accession countries (Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovenia) and CEE (2), which includes the Balkans, other Baltic countries and Slovakia. This is to reflect changes in funding policy. The region previously referred to as FSU (former Soviet Union) is now referred to as CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States), to reflect current trends in usage, and in our regional grouping includes Mongolia.



6 Distribution of funding for approved projects, by region and channel, 1998-99:



7 Number of projects approved, by type, 1998-99:



8 Number of projects approved, by region and type, 1998-99

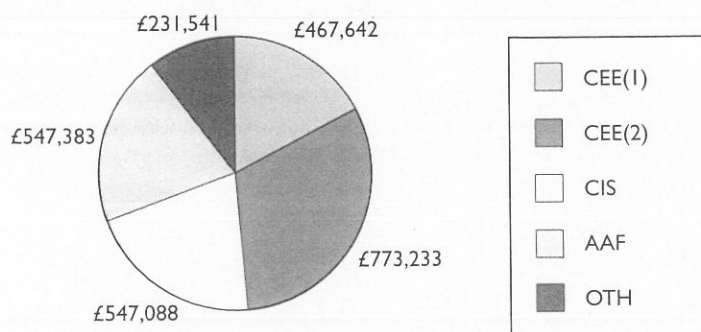
	CEE (1)	CEE (2)	CIS	AAF	OTH	Total
Political party training and strengthening	31	38	22	27	9	127
Cross-party	0	0	1	0	1	2
Parliament	0	0	0	4	3	7
Local government	3	0	1	0	1	5
Strengthening the media	3	15	9	2	4	33
Trades unions	0	0	2	1	1	4
Human rights	1	12	8	5	4	30
Legal organisations and reform	0	1	7	2	0	10
Building civil society	2	12	9	7	5	35
Womens political and civil involvement	2	7	4	5	3	21
Total	42	85	63	48	31	274



9 Value of projects approved, by region and type, 1998-99

	CEE (1)	CEE (2)	CIS	AAF	OTH	Total
Political party training and strengthening	£369,114	£337,363	£161,149	£307,662	£73,721	£1,249,009
Cross-party	£0	£0	£17,016	0	£8,640	£25,646
Parliament	£0	0	0	£57,025	24792	£81,817
Local government	£14,485	£0	8820	£0	£9,895	£33,200
Strengthening the media	£28,005	£149,867	£84,657	£23,999	£32,351	£318,879
Trades unions	£0	£0	18165	£5,760	4776	£28,701
Human rights	£9170	£121,342	£70,218	£48,729	£20,704	£270,163
Legal organisations and reform	0	15000	£63,057	13641	£0	£91,698
Building civil society	£25,080	£95,367	£87,037	£56,638	£33,121	£297,243
Womens political and civil involvement	£21,788	£54,294	£36,969	£33,929	£23,541	£170,521
Total	£467,642	£773,233	£547,088	£547,382	£231,541	£2,566,887

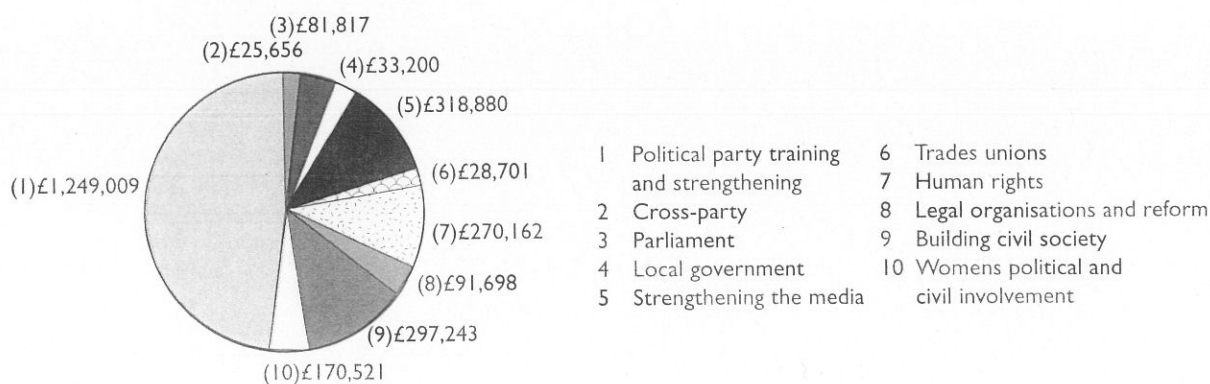
10 Value of projects approved, by region, 1998-99:



Value of projects approved, by channel, 1998-99:



Value of projects, by type of project, 1998-99:



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|--|---|
| 1 Political party training and strengthening | 6 Trades unions |
| 2 Cross-party | 7 Human rights |
| 3 Parliament | 8 Legal organisations and reform |
| 4 Local government | 9 Building civil society |
| 5 Strengthening the media | 10 Womens political and civil involvement |



11 Value of WFD approved projects, 1998-99, broken down by regional and sectoral categories used in the current Strategic Plan:

CATEGORY	F	C	L	D	Total
Former Yugoslavia	£291,409	£8,734	£78,250	£23,589	£401,982
Albania, Bulgaria, Romania	£33,143	£51,165	£12,830	£12,149	£109,287
Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania	£59,179	£38,307	£45,971	£7,347	£150,804
'EU Accession 5' (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia)	£58,950	£61,596	£183,169	£86,773	£390,488
Russia	£130,490	£9,940		£12,145	£152,575
Belarus', Ukraine, Moldova	£134,128	£79,258			£213,386
Caucasus	£55,687	£12,130	£23,088		£90,905
Central Asia/Mongolia	£28,381	£6,121		£5,534	£40,036
Anglophone Africa	£124,801	£48,611	£141,696	£34,942	£350,050
Middle East	£46,369				£46,369
Asia/Pacific	£53,265	£26,697		£1,697	£81,659
Western Hemisphere	£14,890		£22,669		£37,559
Rest of Africa	£18,922			£1,288	£20,210
Cross-party projects	£63,721		£15,000		£78,721
Cross-border projects	£55,916	£137,806	£30,000		£223,722
Women's political and civil involvement	£153,842		£10,730	£1,649	£166,221
Proactive/Pilot projects	£12,913				£12,913
Totals	£1,336,006	£480,365	£563,403	£187,113	£2,566,887

12 Completed projects success rate*:

	1998-99		1997-98	
Projects which achieved all objectives	106	85%	108	74%
Projects which achieved some objectives	15	12%	33	22%
Projects which were unsuccessful	0	0%	0	0%
Projects cancelled	4	3%	6	4%
Total	125	100%	147	100%

* Completed projects are those where all activity and reporting are finished during the year and the project is closed.

13 WFD Administration costs:

i) as percentage of total grant-in-aid:				
	1998-99	14.35%	1997-98	14.40%
ii) as percentage of total income:				
	1998-99	12.73%	1997-98	13.12%

14 Partnership funding attracted to projects:

1998-99	* £2,311,045*	1997-98	£1,480,823
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* This includes all jointly funded projects from a wide range of sources, but does not include funding for the extra-budgetary projects (Bosnia, Nigeria, Indonesia and the NCLB/WFD Human Rights projects) which total an additional £1,246,646, bringing the whole figure to £3,557,691.



Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 1999

The Governors have pleasure in submitting their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31st March 1999. The financial statements have been prepared in a form directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs with the consent of the Treasury.

Background Information

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy is a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) which was set up by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1992. It is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital.

The aim of the Foundation is to help establish and strengthen pluralist democratic institutions, particularly political parties, in countries where these are absent, of recent foundation, or in need of further encouragement and development. The Foundation generally seeks to avoid supporting projects for which British Government support is available.

The Foundation receives a grant in aid from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office provided out of monies voted by Parliament to enable it to achieve agreed objectives. The Foundation may receive private sector funds in addition to the grant in aid. The Foundation's priorities and objectives for the grant in aid are established by its Board of Governors and are kept under continuous review.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Treasury Solicitor are the two named subscribers (under The Companies Act 1985) for the Foundation's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Secretary of State has formal powers of appointment to the Foundation's Board of Governors but the Board operates independently and at arm's length from Government.

Results

The results for the year are summarised on page 21 of the financial statements and show a surplus of £174,927 (1998: £23,137 deficit).

The Foundation has developed well and an increased level of funding is anticipated for 1999/2000. A full review of the Foundation's activities is contained in the Annual Report laid before Parliament.

Board of Governors

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

Ms Georgina Ashworth	-appointed 22.5.98
Ms Beverley Barnard	-appointed 22.5.98, resigned 10.6.98
Mr Tony Clarke	-resigned 27.4.98
Professor Peter Frank	- re-appointed 22.5.98
Mr Timothy Garton Ash	- re-appointed 22.5.98
Mr Nik Gowing	Vice Chairman
Sir Archie Hamilton MP	-resigned 17.2.99
Ms Mary Kaldor	
Mr Archy Kirkwood MP	Vice Chairman - appointed 22.5.98
Mr Ralph Land CBE	-resigned 27.4.98
Ms Gillian Merron MP	-appointed 6.7.98
Mr Richard Page MP	
Mr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky	- resigned 27.4.98
Mr Ernie Ross MP	-Chairman
Ms Elizabeth Smith	-appointed 22.5.98
Mr Gary Streeter MP	-Vice Chairman
Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones MP	



Year 2000

Assuring the ongoing operation of our business and computer systems into the next millenium is a key focus of the directors. A comprehensive review of all systems has been carried out to ensure that

- all business and computer systems will correctly process future dates
- our trading relationships with suppliers and customers will continue to operate without disruption.

The total estimated costs of these reviews have not been quantified but are not expected to be material.

Auditors

Kingston Smith having expressed their willingness to continue in office, a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

S Chudleigh
Secretary

12 July 1999

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 Memorandum of Understanding agreed between with 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 or 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 then 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 Memorandum of Understanding;
- 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 pages 21 to 26 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 24.

Respective Responsibilities of the Governors and Auditors

As described on page 19 the Governors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 our 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 or 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 1999 and of its deficit 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 Memoranda of Understanding with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office dated 15th December 1997, 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
Date: 12th July 1999



Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st March 1999

					1999	1998
	Note	Core	Corporate	Earmarked	Total	Total
		£	£	Funds	£	£
				£		
Income - Continuing Activities						
H M Government Grants	2	3,000,000	-	168,815	3,168,815	2,713,650
Corporate Funding and Donations		-	50,000	-	50,000	15,000
National Lottery Charities Board		-	-	161,256	161,256	124,099
		3,000,000	50,000	330,071	3,380,071	2,852,749
Direct Expenditure						
Projects	3	2,619,042	27,838	126,729	2,773,609	2,502,813
		380,958	22,162	203,342	606,462	349,936
Other Expenditure						
Staff costs	5	260,607	-	-	260,607	214,398
Depreciation		5,520	-	-	5,520	8,156
Other Operating Charges		169,927	120	65	170,112	160,332
		436,054	120	65	436,239	382,886
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	4	(55,096)	22,042	203,277	170,223	(32,950)
Interest receivable		-	5,954	-	5,954	12,422
Surplus/(Deficit) on Ordinary Activities before taxation		(55,096)	27,996	203,277	176,177	(20,528)
Corporation Tax	6	-	(1,250)	-	(1,250)	(2,609)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(55,096)	26,746	203,277	174,927	(23,137)
Balances brought forward at 1st April 1998		20,561	176,738	278	197,577	220,714
Balances Carried Forward at 31st March 1999		(34,535)	203,484	203,555	372,504	197,577

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year of £174,927 (1998: deficit of £23,137).

The attached notes form part of these accounts



Balance Sheet at 31st March 1999

	Note	1999	1999	1998	1998
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		17,290		10,177
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	12,756		12,588	
Cash at bank and in hand:					
-Core		(9,148)		-	
-Corporate		156,259		179,347	
-Earmarked funds		203,555		278	
		<u>363,422</u>		<u>192,213</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>8,208</u>		<u>4,813</u>	
Net Current Assets			355,214		187,400
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>372,504</u>		<u>197,577</u>
Funds					
Core Funding			(34,535)		20,561
Corporate Funding			203,484		176,738
Earmarked Funding			203,555		278
			<u>372,504</u>		<u>197,577</u>

The Accounts were approved by the Board on 12 July 1999.

Mr Ernie Ross MP
Chairman

Ms Alexandra Jones
Chief Executive

The attached notes form part of these accounts



Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31st March 1999

	Note	1999 £	1998 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(a)	180,329	(23,860)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		5,954	12,422
Taxation			
Corporation tax paid		(2,609)	(4,125)
Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets		(12,633)	(10,650)
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(b)	171,041	(26,213)

Notes to the Cash Flow statement

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

	1999 £	1998 £
Operating Surplus/(deficit)	170,223	(32,950)
Depreciation	5,520	8,156
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(168)	530
Increase in accruals	4,754	404
	180,329	(23,860)

(b) Reconciliation of Net Cashflow to Movement in Bad Debt

	1999 £
Increase in cash in the period	185,842
Net Debt at 1st April 1998	179,625
	365,467

(c) Analysis of change in Net Debt	At 1st April £	Cashflow £	At 31st March £
Cash at Bank and in Hand	179,625	171,041	350,666



Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 1999

The Foundation is a Company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital.
The liability of members is limited to £1 each.

1 Accounting Policies

(a) The Financial Statements 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 have been 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. Non-core grants are credited and 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.

(f) Pension costs are charged to Income and Expenditure Account on a cost basis when paid to employer defined contribution pension schemes.

2	1999	1998
	£	£
FCO Grant-in-Aid and special purpose grants-current year	3,136,970	2,713,650
DFID Grant	31,845	
	3,168,815	2,713,650
3	1999	1998
	£	£
Foundation projects	1,601,876	1,418,814
Conservative Party sponsored projects	504,139	493,903
Labour Party sponsored projects	508,951	487,207
Liberal Democrat sponsored projects	158,643	98,820
Other	-	4,069
	<u>2,773,609</u>	<u>2,502,813</u>
4	1999	1998
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Travel subsistence and hospitality:		
- Employees	37,365	31,488
- Directors	141	120
Auditors Remuneration	3,365	1,925
Operating lease rentals: plant and machinery	3,064	3,064
Other assets	18,806	18,806
Depreciation - owned tangible fixed assets	5,520	8,156
	<u>55,681</u>	<u>63,759</u>



5	Staff Costs	1999	1998
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	199,673	175,100
	Temporary staff	6,016	1,027
	Social Security costs	20,699	16,241
	Other Pension costs	34,219	22,030
		<u>260,607</u>	<u>214,398</u>

The directors do not receive any remuneration for their services.

The average number of employees during the year was: 7 6

The number of senior staff by salary band was:

40,001 - 50,000	-	1
60,000 - 70,000	1	-

The Foundation contributes to individual personal pension plans for all eligible employees.

6	Corporation tax	1999	1998
		£	£
	Corporation tax at 21% (1998: 21%)	1,250	2,609

7	Tangible Fixed Assets	Computer Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 1st April 1998	54,349	19,709	74,058
	Additions	12,593	40	12,633
	At 31st March 1999	<u>66,942</u>	<u>19,749</u>	<u>86,691</u>
	Depreciation			
	At 1st April 1998	47,902	15,979	63,881
	Charge for the year	3,617	1,903	5,520
	At 31st March 1999	<u>51,519</u>	<u>17,882</u>	<u>69,401</u>
	Net Book Value			
	At 31st March 1999	<u>15,423</u>	<u>1,867</u>	<u>17,290</u>
	At 31st March 1998 ^a	<u>6,447</u>	<u>3,730</u>	<u>10,177</u>

8	Debtors	1999	1998
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	12,458	11,509
	Other debtors	298	1,079
		<u>12,756</u>	<u>12,588</u>



9	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	1999	1998
		£	£
	Corporation tax	1,250	2,609
	Accruals	6,958	2,204
		8,208	4,813

10 Funds

Fund balances are held as follows:					
	Core Corporate	Earmarked Funds		1999 Total	1998 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	17,290	-	-	17,290	10,177
Debtors	12,756	-	-	12,756	12,588
Cash	(9,148)	156,259	203,555	350,666	179,625
Creditors	(6,958)	(1,250)	-	(8,208)	(4,813)
Interfund accounts	(48,475)	48,475	-	-	-
	(34,535)	203,484	203,555	372,504	197,577

Some £42,000 (1998 - £42,000) of corporate funding has been committed to core projects to cover the deficit in the year and the Foundation is preparing a programme of projects to be funded from this source.

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges funding from the National Lottery Charities Board, United Kingdom, for projects in Africa.

Included within Earmarked funds, are the following balances:		1999	1998
		£	£
National Lottery Charities Board funds		66,428	278
DFID Grant re: Indonesia		31,845	-
FCO Grant re: Bosnia		22,872	-
FCO Grant re: Nigeria		82,410	-
		203,555	278

11 Operating Leases

At 31st March 1999 the Foundation had annual commitments under non-cancellable operation leases as follows:

	1999		1998	
	Land & Buildings	Other	Land & Buildings	Other
	£	£	£	£
Expiry date:				
Within one year	-	3,084	-	3,084
Between two & five years	18,806	-	18,806	-
	18,806	3,084	18,806	3,084

12 Pension Commitments

The company makes contributions to personal money purchase pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to these schemes and amounted to £34,219 (1998: £22,030).

No contributions (1998 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the year end.



LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED, 1998-1999

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

ALBANIA

Assessment Visit

To fund a visit, in early June 1998, by a representative of the Liberal Democrats, to Albania to meet representatives of the Democratic Alliance.

Budget: £780

Participation in the EDU Mission

To fund the Conservative Party representative to participate in the EDU fact-finding mission to Albania, 11/12 November 1998.

Budget: £742

Support for the Democratic Alliance

To fund the Liberal Democrats to cover the salary and running costs, for one year from December 1998, for three regional campaign organisers for the Albanian Democratic Alliance.

Budget: £10,558

Training for SDYA Youth

To fund the Labour Party to conduct a seminar in Tirana on political awareness for the Socialist Democratic Youth of Albania.

Budget: £5,885

BOSNIA

Advocacy Training for Women

To fund 'Infoteka', a women's NGO in the town of Zenica, to conduct two training seminars for 12 activists, in campaigning and advocacy of women's issues.

Budget: £1,500

Campaign Assistance for SD B&H

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democrats of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the production of posters in preparation for the general election in September 1998.

Budget: £8,376

Campaign Assistance for SDP

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Party with the production of posters in preparation for the general election in September 1998.

Budget: £40,205

Election Assistance

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Union of Bosnian Social Democrats and the Independent Social Democrats of the Republic of Srpska with the production of materials and campaign assistance in preparation for the elections in the Autumn.

Budget: £29,669

Joint Programme of Electoral Assistance to Liberal Parties

To fund the Liberal Democrats to enable them to undertake a programme of joint activity with Friedrich Naumann Stiftung in preparation for the September 1998 elections. The Liberal Democrats plan to base a Programme Officer at the FNS office in Sarajevo for seven weeks from the end of July.

Budget: £10,991

Legal Advice to Displaced Persons

To part-fund Job 22, an NGO providing legal advice to refugees, to enable them to provide guidance, advice and support to displaced persons and help them assert their property rights and return to their homes.

Budget: £15,000

Support for Cross-Ethnic Confidence Building among Media

To part-fund the European Centre for War Peace and News Media (CWPNM) to carry out, for a year from March 1999, a multi-faceted project aimed at improving journalistic standards, and contacts and understanding between reporters and media workers from different ethnic/national groups.

Budget: £11,910

BULGARIA

Assessment Visit to Bulgaria

To fund an assessment visit by a former member of the Liberal Democrat International Relations Committee to Sofia, Bulgaria, in early January. The aim of this visit will be to assess whether it will be possible for the Liberal Democrat Party to work with the newly formed Liberal Democratic Union in Bulgaria.

Budget: £811

Opinion Research Programme

To fund the Second Victory Foundation to conduct a final phase of opinion research in the Bulgarian municipalities aimed at examining the political process in Bulgaria and analysing the results for the development of democratic relations in the community.

Budget: £3,920

Support for Political Encyclopedia

To fund the Conservative Party to enable them to support the preparation and publication of a Political Encyclopedia to be published by the Political Academy for Central and Eastern Europe.

Budget: £19,316



Support for the Romani Advice Centre in Varna

To fund the Obnovlenie Association, over 12 months from November 1998, to run their advice centre in Varna which provides free advice to the Romani community.

Budget: £10,221

Support for TV Programmes on NGO Sector

To part-fund the production of six 30-minute TV programmes on Bulgaria's non-governmental sector and the value of voluntary work in order to raise public confidence in non-profit organisations and their role in the democratic development.

Budget: £3,030

Women's Training Programme

To fund the European Union of Women (EUW) run a four day training programme in Bulgaria to promote the participation of women in public and political life in a developing democracy.

Budget: £4,300

CROATIA

Campaign for Return of Property to Human Rights Victims

To fund the Dalmatian Committee for Human Rights to enable them to conduct a publicity campaign and lobby government, community and religious leaders to help redress injustice done to minority groups in Croatia who have been evicted from their homes.

Budget: £15,500

Civil Society Radio Programme

To part-fund the Diaspora-Homeland Association for Democratic Development to enable it to broadcast 16 one-hour radio programmes on civil liberties, human rights and ethnic tolerance on Radio 101, an independent station based in Zagreb.

Budget: £8,000

Equipment for Radio Maestral

To fund the purchase of equipment for Radio Maestral to strengthen its capacity to act as a professional media institution able to compete effectively with its government backed rivals.

Budget: £7,000

Office Equipment for Liberal Party

To undertake the purchase of office equipment for the Liberal Party of Croatia. This party was formed one year ago and is establishing new party headquarters which will require office equipment.

Budget: £11,159

Peace-building in Eastern Slavonia

To fund the Centre for Peace, Non-Violence and Human Rights to conduct two workshops on conflict resolution training to promote non-violent communication between Serb and Croat communities in eastern Slavonia.

Budget: £6,990

Support for a Network of Local Independent Radio Stations

To part-fund HERO to help them install a digital link between local stations in Croatia and the HERO headquarters in Labin in Istria, which will facilitate the satellite transmission of programmes to network members across the country.

Budget: £20,000

Support for a Periodical on Minority Issues

To part-fund the Serbian Democratic Forum, over 12 months from March 1999, to help them increase the circulation of their monthly newspaper 'Identitet', and purchase some basic equipment to help streamline the production.

Budget: £12,000

Support for Human Rights Centre in Zadar

To part-fund, for 12 months from April 1999, the establishment and running of a human rights centre catering for the inhabitants of the Zadar region to enable them to monitor the human rights situation, organise workshops and provide advice to human rights abuse victims.

Budget: £13,000

Support for Independent Publishing Centre

To part-fund the establishment of a desk-top publishing and pre-print studio serving the independent media sector in Croatia. Funding is for equipment and running costs.

Budget: £10,000

Support for Legal Advice Centre in Grachac

Funding for Dalmatian Solidarity Committee to enable them to run a legal advice centre in Grachac for six months from November 1998 providing free advice for displaced persons and lobbying the local authorities on their behalf.

Budget: £10,000

Support for Local Women's Initiatives

To fund the Centre for Education and Counselling of Women to enable them to conduct eight workshops for women activists to develop their management skills and their ability to deal with conflicting situations in local communities.

Budget: £5,030

'Very well prepared sessions, despite the very short training period, it will be very useful in the future'

A participant at the Liberal Democrats Campaign Training Course, February 1999



Support for Peace-Building Training Programme

To fund the Centre for Peace Studies to run, for 12 months, from April 1999, a programme of training in advanced peace-building and conflict resolution techniques for 50 activists from former Yugoslavia.

Budget: £21,402

Support for the Roma Community

To part-fund the Centre for Creative Work to conduct a programme of support for the Roma community in Croatia including training and advice to facilitate their integration into the civic and social structures of the Croatian society.

Budget: £12,000

Training for Women Journalists

To fund the Centre for Women's Studies to hold a series of seminars and workshops from March to May 1999, for up to 45 participants dealing with issues related to women and the media.

Budget: £10,825

CZECH REPUBLIC

Conservative Agenda 2000 Seminar

To fund the participation of three Conservative Party representatives at a policy seminar to be held in Prague in September 1998.

Budget: £1,797

Family Policy Seminar

To fund the participation of one Conservative Party representative at a Family Policy Seminar to be held in Prague in October 1998.

Budget: £1,591

ESTONIA

Attendance at Liberal Democrat Conference by Estonian Women

To provide financial support to the Liberal Democrats to enable them to bring five women politicians from the Reform Party of Estonia to the UK for five days to attend the annual party conference in September 1998.

Budget: £4,350

Campaign Election Assistance

Funding to support a Conservative Party project to provide campaign training to the Estonian Pro Patria Party in preparation for the elections in March 1999.

Budget: £5,250

Campaigning in Parliamentary Elections

To fund the European Young Conservatives to hold a five day training seminar in November 1998 for 44 participants from centre-right parties in Central and Eastern Europe and Estonia focusing on successful campaigning and parliamentary elections.

Budget: £13,783

Human Rights Education and Information

Funding to support an application from the Legal Information Centre for Human Rights in Tallinn to develop their human rights information site on the internet to provide a comprehensive information database in Estonian, Russian and English; and to provide training by a British lawyer specialising in human rights to leaders of human rights organisations.

Budget: £6,375

Membership Development for Moddukad

To fund the Labour Party to assist Moddukad with a two day membership development and organisation training programme in June 1998.

Budget: £1,496

Opinion Research for Estonian Party

To fund the Conservative Party to continue to support a research programme for the Estonian political party Pro Patria Union which will, include the creation of an Internet home page.

Budget: £12,954

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Advice Centre for Displaced Persons in Kosovo

To part-fund Elena to operate, from April 1999, an advice centre for victims of human rights abuses and displaced persons following the recent violence in Kosovo. Funding is for running costs and salaries for project co-ordinator, lawyer and three field workers.

Budget: £11,574

Ethnic Minority Workshop in Montenegro

To part-fund the Plima Association, a local civic group, to conduct two workshops on minority issues in the sea-side town of Ulcinj for government officials, political parties, human rights workers and journalists on minority issues.

Budget: £5,320

Needs Assessment Visit

To fund a visit by two representatives of the Conservative Party on a four night needs assessment visit to Belgrade.

Budget: £1,482

Peace-building in Kosovo

To fund the Richardson Institute to conduct a peace-building workshop on May 1998 in Greece, bringing together community leaders from Albanian and Serb communities in Kosovo to seek solutions to the crisis in the region.

Budget: £9,100

Strengthening Women's Rights in Kosovo

To fund Women In Scotland and Europe to develop links with women's groups in Kosovo for joint work to foster a climate in which women are able to fully participate as citizens in their society.

Budget: £6,600



Support for an Independent Daily in Montenegro

Part-funding for Vijesti from April 1999 to enable them to increase their circulation by covering the costs of subscription to Reuters news agency service.

Budget: £10,000

Support for an Independent Magazine in Sandzak

To continue support for the HAS magazine with printing and distribution costs, over 12 months from April 1999. HAS is published by the DamaD news agency based in Novi Pazar in Sandzak, a province on Serbia with a large muslim population.

Budget: £12,963

Support for B92 English News Information Desk

To part-fund Radio B92 to develop its news programme on Real Audio format via the Internet to strengthen the news coverage and position of the independent media in Yugoslavia where the government has conducted a campaign of repression against independent media.

Budget: £6,000

Support for Human Rights Organisation

To part-fund the Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms, over 12 months, to enable them to monitor, record and publicise the human rights situation in Kosovo.

Budget: £9,772

Support for Independent Media

To fund Gradjanin, the only independent journal in Pozarevac, the birth place of Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic, to enable it to purchase a printing machine to improve its production facilities.

Budget: £3,150

Support for Independent Newspaper in Bor

To continue funding 'Borske Novine', an independent weekly in Bor, eastern Serbia, to cover printing costs for a further 12 months from April 1999, to strengthen the newspaper as an alternative source of local news.

Budget: £9,500

Support for Inter-ethnic Media Seminar

To fund the Nansen Group to enable them to organise in May 1999 a four-day seminar on democracy, human rights and conflict resolution for Serbian and Albanian representatives of the media from Kosovo.

Budget: £8,500

Support for New Human Rights Centre in Vranje

To fund the Committee for Human Rights in Leskovac to set up a new branch in the town of Vranje (southern Serbia) to promote and protect human rights in the region where violations are common but no system to monitor and support the victims exist. The grant is for seminar costs and basic operational expenses.

Budget: £8,600

Support for Opinion Research and Media Workshops

To part-fund a programme of media workshops and lectures addressing key problems facing the media in Serbia based on an opinion poll to be conducted in eight provincial Serbian towns. The project is scheduled from March 1999.

Budget: £6,100

Support for Independent TV in Montenegro

To part-fund a project to strengthen the partnership between TV Montena and SKYat, two of the leading independent Montenegrin TV broadcasters. The project will be conducted over six months and will seek to improve journalistic standards and training, build an effective commercial base and carry forward a campaign to protect the independent media.

Budget: £6,060

Training for Women Journalists in Kosovo

To fund, for 12 months from April 1999, the Media Project's training programme for young women in journalism and conflict resolution. Funding is for basic operational costs.

Budget: £11,000

Publication of Documents on Minority Issues

To fund the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia to publish a series of documents on minority issues, autonomy and self-determination to provide alternative solutions for negotiating parties in the Kosovo conflict.

Budget: £3,900

HUNGARY

Cross Ethnic Community Television

Funding to support a training programme run by Black Box, over an eight month period for Hungarians, Romas and Romanians to produce monthly cross border, cross ethnic magazine programmes for community television focusing on issues central to the Roma communities in Hungary and Romania.

Budget: £14,995

'My party, Independent Social Democrats of Republika Srpska, is a young party, just born. It is an honour for us to be a part of this conference, and we are glad we are making our first steps towards European democracy'



HSP Leadership Training

To fund the Labour Party to organise a two day training programme in February 1999 for the leader of the Hungarian Socialist Party, Lazlo Kovac.

Budget: £1,450

Hungarian Socialist Party Organisation Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Hungarian Socialist Party to organise three local government training workshops during the summer of 1998.

Budget: £14,109

Local Democracy in the Making

Funding to support a 15 month programme by the Civil Society Development Foundation designed to strengthen local democracy through promotion of cooperation between local governments and voluntary organisations in Hungary. The project will commence in January 1999.

Budget: £10,200

Roma Press Centre

Funding to support the costs of employing an editor, four journalists and a technician for the Roma Press Centre, Budapest for 12 months to run local radio programmes for Roma communities in Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine and Croatia.

Budget: £12,375

Training Women Executives in Hungarian Local Government

To part-fund, and supplement funding already secured from the EU Phare programme, a five month programme, commencing July 1998, run by the Foundation for the Women of Hungary for women in local government and potential candidates aimed at improving their professional competency, skills and leadership potential.

Budget: £5,083

LATVIA

Assessment Visit

To fund a four night visit to Latvia/Lithuania by two Conservative Party representatives in June 1998 to establish a programme of activity in the former, and assess the way forward in the latter.

Budget: £1,836

Election Campaign Meeting

To provide funding to the Liberal Democrats to enable them to contribute to the cost of, and to participate in, a campaign launch workshop for Latvia's Way, their sister party, to be held in Riga on 22 August 1998 to help them prepare for parliamentary elections scheduled for 3 October.

Budget: £2,128

Elections Assistance to the Latvian Social Democratic Women's

To provide funding for the Labour Party to help the Latvian Social Democratic Women's Organisation with the preparation of materials for parliamentary elections in Autumn 1998, and the costs of providing media training locally.

Budget: £3,586

Leadership Training for Women

Funding to support the costs of 16 leadership training seminars for Latvian women run by the Women's Rights Initiative, Riga over a 12 month period commencing August 1998.

Budget: £9,634

Public Relations Training for NGO Leaders

Funding to support eight training workshops in public relations, commencing August 1998, organised and run by the Latvian NGO Centre for leaders of non-profit organisations.

Budget: £3,160

LITHUANIA

Organisation and Development Assistance to the Lithuanian

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Lithuanian Social Democratic Women's Union to increase political awareness among women and to educate them on areas of policy in preparation for the local and national elections in the year 2000.

Budget: £15,811

Publication of 'Justitia'

To provide financial support to the publication 'Justitia', the only independent legal information forum in Lithuania, to bridge the shortfall between income and expenditure pending attainment of financial sufficiency for the publication. The 12 month project will commence in April 1998.

Budget: £4,184

Purchase of Computer Equipment

To fund the Liberal Democrats to purchase computer equipment and software for the Lithuanian Liberal Union during August 1998.

Budget: £5,219

Radio Broadcasts for Belarus

Part-funding to support the establishment of Radio Baltic Waves, based in Lithuania, to broadcast daily political information and news in Russian and Belarussian to Belarus. The project will commence in April 1999.

Budget: £20,000



Workshop on the Role of the Ombudsman in Improving Public Services

To fund a one week tailor-made workshop in July 1998 for the Lithuanian Ombudsman's office designed to improve the provision of public services.

Budget: £11,379

MACEDONIA

Campaigning Advice for VMRO-DPMNE

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a 14-day visit to Macedonia in September 1998 by two Conservative Party campaign advisers to provide campaign advice and assistance for the VMRO-DPMNE in their general election campaign.

Budget: £5,226

Regional Seminars for the Liberal Party

To fund a series of regional seminars for the Liberal Democratic Party, between the leadership and activists, to define a new strategy for the party in opposition, and then re-think their party structure and organisation in light of a severely reduced parliamentary faction.

Budget: £1,439

Support for Inter-Ethnic Dialogue

To fund the Youth Information centre to conduct three seminars, from June to November 1998, for activists in non-governmental organisations and political parties, local government officials and media representing all five ethnic groups that make up the population of Macedonia.

Budget: £5,988

Training in Lobbying and Legislative Drafting

To part-fund the Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women to conduct a training course for 100 women NGO leaders, activists and lawyers in the drafting of parliamentary legislation and the skills necessary in order to lobby successfully. The purpose is to turn a campaign aimed at securing the passage of amended legislation on domestic violence.

Budget: £16,405

POLAND

Assessment Visit

To fund the Labour Party to undertake an assessment visit to Poland in July 1998 to assess the political situation in the country since the September 1997 elections.

Budget: £678

Conference for Centre Right Parties

To fund the Conservative Party to sponsor a meeting of politically active women from Polish centre-right parties in Warsaw on 3 July 1998.

Budget: £1,314

Electoral Reform Seminar

To fund a one day seminar and the participation by three UK experts to discuss the issue of Electoral Reform for leading politicians and opinion formers of the parties of the centre-right in Poland in the New Year.

Budget: £3,980

Increasing Co-operation between Roma Groups

To fund a three day training programme in May 1999 for leaders of the 15 different Roma communities in the Tarnow region of Poland focusing on the organisation and co-operation as an initial step towards encouraging them to become stakeholders in society.

Budget: £10,085

Local Government Training

Part-funding to support the costs of two, three day training seminars in Katowice in April 1999 focusing on the principles of democracy and accountability for newly elected powiats in the region. The training will be provided by a UK specialist in government administration.

Budget: £2,150

Local Government Training in Gdansk

Funding to support two training seminars in the Gdansk region of northern Poland in May and June 1998 designed to increase the management skills required to run a democratic local authority, and improve accountability and communication with the electorate.

Budget: £2,135

Polish Labour Foundation Youth School

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Polish Labour Foundation to organise a two-part youth training school for 70 young participants in March 1999.

Budget: £16,880

Polish Labour Foundation Youth School

To provide funding for the Labour Party to support the Polish Labour Foundation to organise a two part youth training school for 80 participants in September 1998.

Budget: £13,789

Training for Women MPs of the Polish Sejm

To fund a symposium in June 1998 on the British parliamentary system for newly elected female members of the Polish Sejm.

Budget: £16,705

'It was a wonderful possibility to exchange impressions between the participants and the situation in our countries'

George Serban, Deputy Vice-President, Democratic Party Romania, at 'The Party Politics of EU Enlargement' Workshop, 11-13 December, Warsaw.



Union of Labour Bookshop

To provide funding to the Labour Party to enable them to provide a further 12 months support to the Union of Labour bookshop, Warsaw.

Budget: £14,844

ROMANIA

Party Building via Twinning Projects

To fund the Conservative Party to conduct a series of twinning projects in a programme designed to pair regional organisations of the Romanian National Peasant Christian Democratic Party (PNTCD) with Conservative Party Constituency Associations in the United Kingdom.

Budget: £20,187

Provision of Videonnet Equipment

To fund the Conservative Party to enable it to purchase a video-camera for the newly established Romanian Communication Centre established by the National Peasants' Christian Democratic Party.

Budget: £7,000

SDU Summer School

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic Union of Romania to organise a summer school on the role of government.

Budget: £6,175

Support for a Local Human Rights Organisation

To fund the Keep Your Freedom Association for 12 months to enable them to conduct seminars on human rights and minority issues and provide legal advice for people in central Romanian district of Hunedoara.

Budget: £4,900

Training for Young NGO Activists

To fund the Youth Action for peace (YAP) based in Galati, eastern Romania, to conduct a two-phase leadership training programme for 16 representatives of political youth organisations and NGOs.

Budget: £5,372

Assessment Visit

To fund the Labour Party to undertake a re-assessment visit to Romania in order to study the political situation and discuss the potential for further assistance to the Social Democratic Union.

Budget: £770

SLOVAKIA

Assessment Visit

To fund the Labour Party to undertake an assessment visit to Slovakia to discuss the potential for further assistance to the Party of the Democratic Left and the Social Democratic Party.

Budget: £691

Democratic Leadership Programme

Funding to support a week long training programme in June 1999 run by Article XIX in Slovakia for 15 young political leaders, designed to strengthen their political skills, and, consequently, their ability to promote democratic values within Slovakia.

Budget: £13,330

Election Assistance to the Party of the Democratic Left

To fund the Labour Party to help the Slovak Party of the Democratic Left to prepare for parliamentary elections scheduled for September 1998, and with the production of leaflets and purchase of equipment.

Budget: £22,732

Programme Development

To fund the Conservative Party to send two people to Slovakia to undertake a three night programme assessment and development visit during the Spring of 1999.

Budget: £1,390

Programme of Seminars for the Slovak Democratic Coalition

To fund the Conservative Party to support a major programme of seminars for the Slovak Democratic Coalition in the run up to the parliamentary elections scheduled for September 1998.

Budget: £28,881

Support for Election Material

To fund the Conservative Party to support the preparation, production and distribution of hand bills for the Christian Democratic Movement and the Slovak Democratic Convention for distribution during the parliamentary elections in Slovakia to be held in September 1998.

Budget: £6,200

'..part of my visit was dedicated to the study of the reform of the Conservative Party. This was of great value as my party is in a similar process and we are already discussing and implementing changes'

Leon Marc, Slovene Christian Democrats



Publications on the Roma

Funding to support the publication of two books focusing on the Roma in Slovakia/Hungary to provide an analysis of the situation, and examine options for action. The books will be distributed to the new government to help them address the problems experienced by ethnic minorities in Slovakia.

Budget: £7,126

Training for Women Candidates

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Party of the Democratic Left to organise a two day training workshop for women candidates for the local, regional and parliamentary elections scheduled for 1998.

Budget: £3,151

SLOVENIA

Support for Community Radio Programme

To fund Radio Student from April 1999 to continue a series of public access radio programmes designed to promote civic values and beliefs. Funding is sought for production costs including staff salaries and materials for one year from January 1999.

Budget: £12,000

Support for Radio Programme on Public Policy Issues

To part-fund Radio Mars to broadcast a series of monthly programmes addressing the issues of public policy with special emphasis on Slovenia's membership in the European Union and the standards in democratic and civic development that the country will have to achieve in the process.

Budget: £3,630

Training for Editor of Party Magazine

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a ten day training visit to the UK for the editor of the Slovene Christian Democrats' party magazine and a return advisory visit to Slovenia.

Budget: £2,982

ZLSD Candidates Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrats with four training workshops over one day for parliamentary candidates for the national elections in 2000.

Budget: £14,464

ZLSD Election Staff Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrat with a two day training seminar in preparation for the national elections in 2000.

Budget: £5,006

ZLSD Leadership Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrats of Slovenia with training for the leadership of the party.

Budget: £3,221

ZLSD Local Elections

To fund the Labour Party to assist the United List of Social Democrats with two seminars on campaigning for local elections.

Budget: £19,770

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PROJECTS

East European Party Leaders Visit

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a visit to the UK in October 1998 by 30 East European political leaders to attend the Conservative Party Conference in Bournemouth and the weekend meeting with British politicians and academics.

Budget: £31,638

Attendance at European Parliamentary Elections Campaign

To fund 12 delegates from the Liberal Democrats sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to visit the UK on two separate occasions; once in March for introduction to campaigning and again in June to observe the European Parliamentary Elections campaign in action.

Budget: £28,428

Attendance at the Local Government Elections Campaign

To fund 12 delegates from the Liberal Democrats sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to visit the UK in two separate occasions; once in February for introduction to campaigning and again in May to observe the British Local Government Elections campaign in action.

Budget: £29,748

Cross Border Partnership Programme EU Accession Seminar

To fund the Conservative Party to hold a week-end seminar in November 1998, the second in the Party's Partnership Programme, for leaders of centre-right parties in the Baltic States to provide strategic advice in their preparations for EU accession.

Budget: £9,775

European Elections Study Programme

To fund the Labour Party to organise a two-stage study programme on campaigning and organisation around the European elections.

Budget: £21,930



European Forum Steering Committee Meetings

To fund the Labour Party's attendance at four Steering Committee meetings of the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity over a twelve month period.

Budget: £2,000

Local Elections Study Programme

Funding to support a Labour Party project to run a study programme for ten participants from Central and Eastern Europe focusing on local government issues and the preparations for for the 1999 local elections campaign.

Budget: £21,930

Support for Minority Issues Programme

To part-fund the MRG to carry out a programme aimed at strengthening minority rights and inter-community co-operation in south-eastern Europe. The project includes a series of activities such as needs assessment study, publication of a report and a strategic planning meeting with local NGO partners. Funding is for the strategic planning meeting to take place in February 1999.

Budget: £9,170

Workshop on EU Enlargement

To fund the Labour Party to organise a workshop on EU enlargement for sister parties from Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic States.

Budget: £16,000

Annual Conference Study Programme

To fund the Labour Party to invite ten representatives of sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe to participate in a 12 day study programme, to be organised by MANCAT, around the Labour Party Annual Conference.

Budget: £15,602

Attendance at Annual Liberal Democrat

To support a Liberal Democrat proposal to bring 11 activists from their sister parties in the Balkan States, Lithuania and Hungary to the UK for five days to enable them to attend the Liberal Democrat Annual Conference in September 1998.

Budget: £11,114

Democracy in the Balkans

To fund the Conservative Party to send a team of three representatives in early October 1998 to a meeting in Sofia in support of a new initiative aimed at developing the potential of the centre-right parties in the Balkans.

Budget: £2,026

Labour Party Women's Conference

To fund the Labour Party to organise a 4 day training programme in July for 10 women participants from sister organisations in Central and Eastern Europe which will be organised around the Labour Party Women's Conference.

Budget: £10,730

Local Election Observation Training Visit

To fund the Conservative Party to bring 8 young political leaders from centre-right parties in Central and Eastern Europe to the UK to observe and participate in the UK local elections scheduled for May 1998.

Budget: £15,590

Support for Participation at European

To fund the Conservative Party to provide a contribution towards the costs of accommodation and subsistence expenses of 125 participants from Central and Eastern Europe at the European Democrat Summer University 1998.

Budget: £10,000

Training for Liberal Democrat Youth Parties

To fund the Liberal Democrat Youth and Students to provide training in community politics for members of youth wings of ten Liberal parties from Central and Eastern Europe.

Budget: £8,783

Young Conservatives Attendance at UK

To provide funding to the Conservative Party to support the costs of 28 young Conservatives from sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe attending a three day seminar in Scotland focusing on National Unity and Regional Diversity scheduled for 5 -10 June 1998.

Budget: £17,945

COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

ARMENIA

Young Conservative Leadership School

To fund the Freedom Training Programme, via the Conservative party, to organise a seminar in Yerevan in summer 1998 for the right-of-centre youth and student organisations of Armenia.

Budget: £1,980

AZERBAIJAN

'Conservatism and Democracy' Seminar

To fund the Conservative Party to support a political and civic education conference for the National Independence Party of Azerbaijan in July 1998.

Budget: £10,150

Assessment Visit

To fund the Labour Party to undertake an assessment visit to Azerbaijan to study the political situation and to assess the potential for democracy building assistance with sister parties.

Budget: £1,122



Enlightening Population about Local Government

To fund the Support Centre for Democratic Elections for three months from March 1999 to run a programme to the general public on the importance of local government in the run up to the first municipal elections in Summer 1999. This will be carried out through the publication of three new brochures, replacing existing material and through a series of seminars in ten towns in Azerbaijan.

Budget: £8,820

Promotion of Voter Activity

To fund the Support Centre for Democratic Elections for six months from May 1998 to run a series of eight seminars and produce two brochures to raise public awareness of the election law.

Budget: £4,550

Publication of Party Newspaper

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Social Democratic party of Azerbaijan with the publication of the party newspaper, 'Istiqlal'.

Budget: £16,481

Publication of Textbooks for Politicians

To fund the INAM Centre for Pluralism for ten months from November 1998 to publish ten textbooks for political parties and institutes on a range of issues relating to politics, to fill the vacuum in political science literature in the Azeri language.

Budget: £7,812

SDP Elections Assistance

To fund the Labour party to assist the Social Democratic Party of Azerbaijan to organise electoral awareness seminars in four districts in preparation for the presidential elections in October 1998.

Budget: £5,485

Support to 'Yeni Musavat' Newspaper

To purchase additional equipment for the independent newspaper 'Yeni Musavat' to improve its competitiveness.

Budget: £5,000

Women's Rights Workshops

To fund the Institute of Peace and Democracy to run a series of ten training workshops for an average of 25 participants from Azeri women's organisations in Autumn 1998.

Budget: £3,125

Trade Union Development Seminars

To fund the Committee for Protection of Oil Industry Workers' Rights for nine months from February 1999 to run a series of training seminars for trade union and human rights activists.

Budget: £5,445

BELARUS'

Campaign Training for the United Civil Party

To fund the Conservative Party to run a campaign training programme for the United Civil Party of Belarus'.

Budget: £29,755

Developing a Democratic Basis in Vitebsk Region

To fund the Belarus' Democratic Reforms Support Foundation for 12 months from August 1998 to provide training for the four democratic parties in the Vitebsk region.

Budget: £17,016

Development of Human Rights Network in Mogilev Region

To provide core funding for the Mogilev Club of Voters for one year from August 1998 to enable them to continue to expand their human rights activities in the Mogilev region.

Budget: £5,725

Support for Legal Basis for Mass Media

To fund the Belarusian Association of Journalists for 12 months to design a democratic law on mass media to meet international democratic standards.

Budget: £14,681

Promotion of Regional NGOs

To fund the Support Centre for Associations and Foundations for ten months to develop four sets of self-development materials for NGOs in the regions.

Budget: £9,180

Support of Independent Newspaper in Mogilev Region

To fund 'De Facto' newspaper for 12 months from December 1998 to increase the circulation and influence of the independent democratic press in the conservative Mogilev region.

Budget: £9,192

Visit and Feasibility Study

To part-fund with the Soros Foundation the costs of two East European Partnerships representatives visiting Belarus' with a view to setting up a volunteer programme.

Budget: £1,448

Zgoda Independent Newspaper

To fund Zgoda weekly for 12 months from December 1998 to produce their independent newspaper.

Budget: £10,675

'Without your help we would not have been able to continue to publish even one issue of our newspaper'

Irina Sokolova, Femida Nova (newspaper), Belarus'



Promotion of New Independent Newspaper 'Youth Prospect'

To fund the Civil Forum, Belarus' for six months to set up a youth newspaper including analytical articles on legal, economic and cultural matters from the Belarusian and foreign press and act as a mouthpiece for the youth democratic movement.

Budget: £7,760

Provision of Equipment

To fund the Conservative Party to supply a Risograph printer/copier for the United Civil Party's party headquarters in Minsk.

Budget: £6,200

Support to 'Svobodyne Novosti' Regional Supplement

To fund the independent weekly newspaper 'Free News' for six months from February 1999 to enable them to help develop independent journalism in the regions with a regional supplement in Brest.

Budget: £9,115

Trade Union Newspaper 'Worker'

To provide funding for the Free Trade Union 'Belarusian' so that they can increase the circulation of the free bulleting 'Worker' and distribute it throughout Belarus'.

Budget: £9,000

Training Young Politicians

To fund Belarusian Association of Young Politicians for nine months from February to run a training school for political activists.

Budget: £10,655

Women's Rights Awareness in Regions

To fund Belarusian League of Women Voters for 12 months from March 1999 to run a series of seminars in the regions on women's rights.

Budget: £12,208

GEORGIA

Parliament and Regional Mass Media

To fund Public Relations Service of the Georgian Parliament for six months from June 1998 to promote transparency and accountability in the Georgian government and encourage access of information to regional journalists.

Budget: £9,625

KAZAKHSTAN

Conflict Management and Prevention Workshop

To fund a two-week workshop in Almaty in Summer 1998 on methods of conflict resolution for 25 participants from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

Budget: £10,000

KYRGYSTAN

Promotion of Democracy

To part-fund the Kyrgyz Committee for Human Rights to run a 12 month project from June 1998 aimed at eliminating voter apathy and promoting the advantage of democratic processes.

Budget: £9,525

MONGOLIA

Visit to UK by the Liberal Democratic Party

To fund the visit of three senior politicians from the Mongolian Liberal Democratic Party for a brief visit to London in January 1999 so that they may become familiar with the structure and organisation of the Liberal Democrats.

Budget: £5,534

Policy Advice and Party Training

To send two senior Conservative Party representatives to Mongolia for discussions with the National Democratic Party.

Budget: £2,706

Policy Advice and Party Training

To fund a visit by the Shadow Foreign Secretary for policy discussions with the Mongolian National Democratic Party and a senior campaign manager to give presentations on party organisation and development.

Budget: £3,416

RUSSIA

Assistance with Pre-election Seminars

To fund the Liberal Democrats to run a series of three seminars in Spring and Summer 1999 as part of Yabloko's pre-election campaign. The seminars will help prepare activists for the parliamentary elections in December 1999.

Budget: £9,342

Assessment Visit to Yabloko

To fund a visit by the WFD Project Manager for Russia, to meet senior politicians from Yabloko in December 1998 on behalf of the Liberal Democrats.

Budget: £880



Coalition Assessment

To fund a visit to Russia to enable the Conservative Party to meet the leaders of the new centre-right coalition set up in Russia.

Budget: £4,666

Consolidation of the Legal basis of Democracy

To part-fund the Rostov Civic Initiatives Centre to run a training programme for lawyers setting up a legal rights consultation and education centre.

Budget: £8,000

Creation of Human Rights Network in Penza Oblast

To fund Soldaty Otechestva, Penza for six months from February 1999 to enable them to set up a human rights network primarily for young men of conscription age and their parents.

Budget: £3,975

Development of Centre of Human Rights Initiatives

To provide core funding for the Nizhni Novgorod Province Human Rights Society for 12 months from August 1998 to enable them to build a network of the 30 or more Human Rights organisations of the Volga region.

Budget: £13,506

Development of Irkutsk Human Rights Centre

To provide core funding for the Irkutsk Foundation for Protecting Human Rights for 12 months from August 1998, to enable them to develop their network.

Budget: £9,145

Human Rights Movement Information Centre

To fund the Moscow Helsinki Group for one year from November 1998 to expand the work of their Information Centre and to help with the production of its monthly bulletin.

Budget: £15,000

Monitoring of Religious Rights Violations

To fund the Freedom of Conscience Society for six months from January 1999 to enable them to monitor religious rights violations throughout Russia and to study the implementation of the new Russian law on religion.

Budget: £9,151

Professional Development for Judges

To fund the Public Centre for Judicial and Legal Reform in Moscow for 12 months from July 1998 to promote judicial reform through the design and production of a training course for Russian judges.

Budget: £7,500

Project Planning Visit

To fund a visit to Moscow for two days for one person from the Liberal Democrats, in order to meet partners and agree a plan for project activity for the financial year 1999-2000.

Budget: £939

Regional Information Exchange Centre for the Voluntary Sector

To fund the Tchaikovsky branch of the Perm' Regional Legal Centre for six months from July 1998 to set up a clearing house for the voluntary sector and to publish a newsletter.

Budget: £4,007

Russian Women Lawyers Advocacy

To fund Women, Law and Development International to run an advocacy training seminar in Moscow in January 1999 for Russian women lawyers working in crisis centres.

Budget: £9,681

Strengthening NGOs in the Regions

To part-fund the Institute of Problems of Civil Society for ten months from June 1998 to run a series of seminars for up to 200 NGO leaders in five regions of Russia.

Budget: £23,430

Support of Women's Rights Newsletter

To fund the Women's Information Network for 12 months from December 1998 to enable them to continue the production of their monthly newsletter on women's issues in Russia.

Budget: £14,880

Training Editorial Team of Democratic Choice

To fund the Conservative Party to bring three members of Russia's Democratic Choice editorial team to UK for training for five days.

Budget: £5,274

Training Trade Union Leaders

To fund UNISON in Spring 1999 to run two trainer training courses for 90 trade union activists in Sochi and Kursk, Russia.

Budget: £12,720

Updates on Legal Developments in the Russian Regions

To fund the Centre for the Study of Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe for 12 months from November 1998 to enable them to continue producing regional updates of constitutional development throughout the Russian Federation.

Budget: £14,375

Visit by Grigori Yavlinski to Liberal Summer School

To fund the Liberal Democrats to pay the travel costs for Grigori Yavlinski of the Yabloko Party to attend the Liberal Summer School in July 1998.

Budget: £984



UKRAINE

Assessment Visit

To fund a four night assessment visit to Ukraine by two Conservative Party representatives in Summer 1998, following the parliamentary elections.

Budget: £2,076

Campaign Training Assessment

To fund a ten day visit to Ukraine in Autumn 1998 by two Conservative Party Training Advisers to follow up the programme initiated at the July Summer School.

Budget: £4,816

Coalition building around Policy Seminars

To fund the Conservative Party to run a series of three policy seminars designed to bring together the like-minded centre right parties in Ukraine.

Budget: £11,058

Electoral and Legislative Reform Seminar

To part-fund the University of Essex to run a workshop in London in November 1998. The aim of the workshop is to discuss the quality of representative democracy in Ukraine with Ukrainian MPs and facilitate consensus-building.

Budget: £4,270

Local NGO Development

To co-fund with the TACIS Democracy Programme NGO development in Western Ukraine, in particular covering the costs of training seminars and four issues of a newsletter.

Budget: £7,500

Media monitoring before Presidential Elections

To part-fund the Equal Access Committee for nine months from February 1999 to continue the monitoring of TV broadcasts on national and regional channels and to publish a monthly bulletin containing analyses of the state of the media in Ukraine.

Budget: £11,372

Party Structure and Organisation Visit to UK

To fund the Conservative party to organise a three day visit to UK for two leading members of RUKH's secretariat to look at party structure and organisation.

Budget: £2,596

School for NGOs

To fund the Eastern Ukrainian Resource Centre for 11 months from September 1998 to run a series of training for trainers seminars in Kharkov and a series of seminars in NE Ukraine to strengthen the third sector in the region.

Budget: £10,637

Summer School for organisers of RUKH

To fund the Conservative Party to run a five day Summer School training visit in UK for 15 representatives of the centre-right parties of Ukraine.

Budget: £22,757

Support to 'Fifth Corner' TV Programme

To part-fund 'Fifth Corner' for 12 months from August 1998 to enable the programme to further expand its audience and continue lively public debate of political issues.

Budget: £12,918

Women's Political Coalition of Eastern Ukraine

To part-fund the Kharkov Centre for Women's Studies for a further 10 months from July 1998 to develop a Women's Political Coalition in Kharkov, Donetsk and Dniepropetrovsk.

Budget: £6,756

UZBEKISTAN

Human Rights Training

To part-fund the Canadian Human Rights Foundation to run a Training for Trainers Seminar for NGO activists of CIS, particularly Central Asia. The seminar will be run in conjunction with UNDP Tashkent and aims to improve instructional design and training skills as well as general human rights awareness.

Budget: £8,856

COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES REGIONAL PROJECTS

NGO Forum for Sustainable Peace in Caucasus

To part-fund International Alert to set up a staffed Forum Secretariat with effective communication in the Caucasus. The aim of the forum is to utilise the potential for the peoples of the Caucasus to be more involved in the management of the region's conflicts themselves.

Budget: £11,310

Human Rights Assessment in Tajikistan and Russia

To fund the Right to Life and Dignity Society, Moscow to organise three assessment visits to Russia's remoter provinces and Tajikistan where there is authoritarianism, national and political exclusiveness and ethnic tension.

Budget: £4,860



ANGLOPHONE AFRICA

CAMEROON

Democracy Building through Common Initiatives Group

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Committee for Human Rights in Cameroon to establish a Common Initiatives Group, to bring together members of two opposition parties with members of local communities, in order to increase community involvement in the political processes.

Budget: £9,022

Training Support and Equipment for UPC

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Union of the People of Cameroon with a training programme on local organisation, and to provide four duplicating machines for the production of training materials.

Budget: £10,645

ERITREA

Workshop on Violence Against Women

To fund El-Taller, an NGO based in Tunis which works with civil society organisations throughout northern Africa and the Arab region, to organise a workshop for women's organisations on violence against women.

Budget: £7,163

GAMBIA

PDOIS Party Organisation

To fund the Labour Party to assist the People's Democratic Organisation for Independence and Socialism to assess party organisation and development.

Budget: £1,255

Civic Education Programme

To fund Forayaa, an NGO in The Gambia, to continue a civic education programme in the rural areas, providing information in local languages about the constitution and democratic processes, using audio and video cassettes.

Budget: £6,296

African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies

To fund the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies, Banjul, to appoint a legal officer for one year, to assist the Centre in its objectives of promoting and protecting human rights in the region.

Budget: £10,141

GHANA

Assistance to Minority Group, Ghanaian Parliament

To fund the Minority Group in the Ghanaian Parliament, to provide them with some basic office equipment, to enable them to operate effectively as an opposition. This project is jointly funded by the Foundation, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats.

Budget: £30,000

Workshop on Human Rights Reporting in Accra

To part-fund a training seminar on human rights reporting for journalists from throughout the West African region, to equip them with the requisite skills and knowledge by which they can report human rights issues with competence.

Budget: £10,000

KENYA

Institutional Support for CGD

To fund the Centre for Governance and Development, Nairobi, a non-governmental organisation, by providing some of their basic overhead costs for one year from May 1998, to enable them to continue to carry out a range of activities promoting good governance and democratic development in Kenya.

Budget: £5,000

Integrating Rural Women in the Constitutional Process

To fund the Education Centre for Women in Democracy, Nairobi, to undertake a programme to provide civic education to women in Kenya's rural areas, to enable them to fully participate in the new constitutional review process.

Budget: £9,916

Constitutional Review Process

To fund the Kenyan Human Rights Commission to produce leaflets, posters and stickers which will be used as part of a civic education programme targeting the rural population, and explaining issues surrounding the constitutional review process in 1998.

Budget: £5,000

MALAWI

Support for Malawi Congress of Trades Unions

Funding for the Malawi Congress of Trades Unions, a young and effective congress, with some overhead costs for one year, to support their work throughout the country.

Budget: £5,760

"All aspects of the programme were very successful and I have learnt a lot from every encounter of the experience"

Adama Bah, Finance Manager for Elections, People's Democratic Organisation for Independence and Socialism, Gambia, at the Labour Party's General Election training project.



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Support to Civil Liberties Committee

To fund the Civil Liberties Committee, a small non-governmental human rights organisation in Malawi, with some overhead costs for a further nine months in 1998, to enable them to continue their activities providing education and campaigning for the protection of human rights, particularly with women and children.

Budget: £3,850

Support for MIDEA

To provide funding for the Malawi Institute of Democratic and Economic Affairs to cover office rent costs for one year from April 1998.

Budget: £7,428

NAMIBIA

Election Campaign Support and Project Evaluation

To fund the Conservative Party to send a senior campaign and policy adviser to work with the parliamentary party of the DTA of Namibia to provide advice and training for the regional election campaign and evaluate the previous WFD-funded publications project.

Budget: £2,780

NIGERIA

Support for the League of Democratic Women

To fund overhead costs including office costs and salaries and to publish a quarterly news magazine entitled 'Women's Rights Watch' and to document discriminatory practices against women in northern Nigeria.

Budget: £17,050

Support for Women Justice Program

To fund the Women Justice Program, a women's NGO in Nigeria, to produce a quarterly magazine entitled 'Women's Rights Monitor' for one year from November 1998 to provide education and to campaign against discriminatory practices and policies impeding women's and children's rights.

Budget: £15,850

Voter Education Campaign

To fund the Centre for Conflict Resolution and Peace Advocacy in Lagos, Nigeria to produce leaflet and posters as part of a wider voter education campaign in the run-up to the national assembly and presidential elections in February 1999.

Budget: £6,535

Women's Working Group

To fund two training workshops to be organised by a new 100 Group project in Nigeria, to train and equip women, to encourage women's political participation in Nigeria.

Budget: £8,986

Workshop for Civil Society Leaders

To fund the Human Rights Monitor based in Kaduna to hold a workshops on good governance, democratic development and human rights for civil society leaders in the run-up to the elections in February 1999.

Budget: £7,015

SOUTH AFRICA

ANC Elections Assistance

To fund the Labour Party to assist the ANC with a series of workshops and briefings on 'strategy and message' for the election campaign.

Budget: £10,593

ANC Follow Up Fundraising Training

To fund the Labour Party to assist the African National Congress with the training and development of key ANC staff on fundraising and membership development.

Budget: £3,164

ANC Policy Development

To fund the Labour Party to assist the African National Congress (ANC) with the reconstruction and development of their Policy Department.

Budget: £38,000

Campaign Guide for the National Party

Funding for the Conservative Party to support the National Party of South Africa, by assisting with the production of a campaign guide, based on the model used by the Conservative Party.

Budget: £8,000

Media Training for National Party

To fund the Conservative Party to provide media training to the National Party of South Africa, through a course in London, for four senior party officers.

Budget: £8,425

Opinion Survey for Message Development to NP

To fund the Conservative Party to part-fund an opinion survey in South Africa which will assist the National Party with their message development. A senior Conservative Party campaign manager will then assist in the interpretation of the data and make presentations at a series of workshops in the country.

Budget: £12,600

Support for the Free Market Foundation

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

Budget: £3,300

'We are convinced that it was the support from the Westminster Foundation that allowed the DTA to, for the first time since 1994, increase its share of the votes cast'.

Katuire Kaura, President, DTA of Namibia



Training for Democratic Party

To fund the Liberal Democrats to provide a training course for activists in the Democratic Party, during a visit to Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town in September 1998, to train and equip local and regional DP branches with skills that they will be able to use in the run-up to the elections in 1999 and beyond.

Budget: £11,751

Freedom of Expression Monthly Newsletter

To fund the Freedom of Expression Institute in South Africa to publish ten issues of its monthly newsletter 'Update', which is distributed nationally and internationally to organisations and individuals interested in freedom of expression.

Budget: £7,939

Law and Order Seminar

To fund the Conservative Party to support a series of Law and Order Seminars for the National Party of South Africa in January 1999.

Budget: £5,140

Outreach Programme

To fund the Conservative Party to assist the National Party to carry out a 'Listening to South Africa' project in early 1999.

Budget: £5,400

Policy Skills Workshop for Public Sector Managers

To fund the Centre for Development and Enterprise, Johannesburg, to organise a workshop on applied policy analysis for people in middle and senior management at national, provincial and local levels in the new system of government in South Africa

Budget: £12,025

Support for Democratic Party

To fund the Liberal Democrats to provide leaflets for the Democratic Party in the run-up to the elections in South Africa in the Summer of 1999.

Budget: £16,129

Support for Parliamentary Monitoring Office

To continue support to the South African Institute of Race Relations for their Parliamentary Democracy Project, based at their Parliamentary Affairs Office in Cape Town, for one year from April 1998.

Budget: £19,364

TANZANIA

Tactical and Party Building Assistance to Civic United Front, Zanzibar

To fund the Liberal Democrats to send a senior politician/trainer for two weeks to the Civic United Front (CUF) Zanzibar to assist with tactical and party building advice in September. The trainer will also assess the needs of the United Democratic Front in mainland Tanzania, as a secondary objective.

Budget: £3,180

Training Visit to CUF Women's Section

To send a senior woman's development trainer to Zanzibar for five days to assess future training needs for the Civic United Front women's section and to provide training on a Training for Trainers module.

Budget: £1,649

UGANDA

Fact-Finding Visits

To enable the Conservative Party to undertake a fact-finding visit to Uganda and Kenya, to identify bilateral contacts for future WFD-funded Conservative Party work.

Budget: £2,966

Conflict Resolution Training for Women Parliamentarians

To fund the Centre for Conflict Resolution, Uganda, to hold a workshop on conflict resolution for 15 women parliamentarians in Uganda.

Budget: £6,215

Democratic Party Awareness Seminars

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Democratic Party of Uganda with a two day seminar on 'Political Awareness and Campaigning'.

Budget: £5,888

Young Democrats Newspaper

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Uganda Young Democrats with the publication of a weekly newspaper 'The Microscope' for one year.

Budget: £30,288

Constitutional and Human Rights Education Project

To fund Development Link, an NGO based in Fortportal, Uganda to run a Constitutional and Human Rights Education programme through radio programmes, seminars, drama groups and publications for one year from November 1998.

Budget: £4,040

'A new phase of democratic re-awakening has been started. In all regions we have been, young people are anxious to learn more and to communicate what they have learnt to other people at the grassroots'.



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Legal Aid Project Office

To fund the purchase of a laptop computer for the Legal Aid Project Office of the Uganda Law Society, Western Uganda Regional Office.

Budget: £3,500

ZAMBIA

Assessment Visit to Zambia and Mozambique

Funding for the Head of the Liberal Democrats International Office to conduct an assessment visit to Zambia and Mozambique in August 1998, to meet with politicians from 'liberal democrat' type parties, in order to plan a programme of work with suitable partners.

Budget: £1,757

ZIMBABWE

Management Support for 'Horizon' Magazine

To fund 'Horizon' Magazine, Harare, Zimbabwe to purchase office equipment, cover a percentage of overheads and pay the salary for a full-time business manager. 'Horizon' is the only independent news magazine in Zimbabwe.

Budget: £13,999

ANGLOPHONE AFRICA REGIONAL PROJECTS

Democratic Governance Group Meetings

To fund the Labour Party to assist the Forum for Democratic Governance in Africa to organise a meeting on party communications and management in Africa.

Budget: £30,000

Democratic Union

To fund the Conservative Party to set up the African Regional Body of the International Democrat Union (IDU), the alliance of centre-right parties in the world.

Budget: £32,860

Establishment of Democrat Union of Africa

To fund the creation of the African regional body of the International Democrat Union, the alliance of centre-right parties in the world.

Budget: £6,380

African Dialogue Group Participation at UK Development Seminar

To fund the Conservative Party to invite international development spokesmen from parties in countries represented in the African Dialogue Group, to a seminar in the UK on development issues.

Budget: £13,173

Labour Party Annual Conference Study Programme

To fund the Labour Party to invite ten representatives of sister parties in Anglophone Africa to participate in a twelve day study programme that will be organised around the Labour Party's Annual Conference in October 1998.

Budget: £20,502

Meeting of African Liberal Youth Movement

To fund the Liberal Democrats to nominate two members of its youth wing, the Liberal Democrat Youth and Students, to attend a workshop of the African Liberal Youth Movement, taking place in Accra, Ghana, from October 4-10 1998

Budget: £2,125

OTHER REGIONS

ALGERIA

Visit by an Algerian Politician to Liberal International Executive

To fund a visit to the Liberal International Executive Committee meeting by a leading Algerian Politician Ms Khalida Messaudi MP, one of only nine female parliamentarians in the Algerian National Assembly.

Budget: £1,288

CAMBODIA

Assessment Visit

To fund a visit by the Chairman of the International Relations Committee to visit Liberal partner organisations in the Philippines and Cambodia in November 1998.

Budget: £1,697

Good Governance Seminar for National Level Cambodian Officials

To part-fund the Cambodian Institute for Human Rights to hold a five day educational seminar for 50 senior national level officials to improve their understanding of good governance and democracy. The seminar will be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in September 1998.

Budget: £3,813

CHINA

Capacity Building for the Taiwan Association for Human Rights

To fund the expansion of the Taiwan Association for Human Rights legal assistance programme to victims of human rights abuses and the organisation's public relations and lobbying capacity from Autumn 1998 to Summer 1999, through law student internships in Taipei, Taiwan.

Budget: £3,240



COTE D'IVOIRE

Seminar on Good Governance

To fund Aid-Afrique, a local NGO in Abidjan to hold a seminar on Good Governance: Justice, Economy and the Media in November 1998.

Budget: £5,000

CUBA

Visit to the UK by Members of the Cuban Assembly

Funding to support travel, accommodation and subsistence costs of four members of the Cuban Assembly who are visiting the UK as part of a party of eight politicians in April 1999 to observe the UK parliamentary system, and visit Scotland to learn about devolution and the establishment of the Scottish parliament.

Budget: £8,640

EGYPT

Training Sessions for Parliamentarians

To fund the Group for Democratic Development, Cairo, to hold two workshops to provide training for members of the Egyptian Parliament to improve the performances of the main legislative body and the efficiency of its members and to promote democratic principles.

Budget: £9,146

INDIA

Human Rights Training and Legal Advice

To fund the Slum Development Society to carry out 24 one-day seminars on human rights for 120 young men and women from underprivileged background to spread awareness of civil rights. Also to provide free legal advice.

Budget: £4,524

Human Rights Training for Women

To part-fund seminar costs for the training of 40 women activists from South and South-East Asia in women's rights including freedom of speech.

Budget: £6,750

Training for Women in Local Government

To fund Womankind Worldwide, for one year from March 1999, to conduct the Panchayati Raj Training programme aimed at developing and strengthening of women's village associations and preparing women candidates and votes for Panchayati (local government) elections.

Budget: £9,595

World Alliance for Democracy

To fund Conservative Party participation at the World Alliance for Democracy meeting, New Delhi, India, in February 1999.

Budget: £2,980

Strengthening Grassroots Democracy

To part-fund a training programme for local government candidates and representatives aimed at combating ignorance and encouraging civic participation at a local government level in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Budget: £4,835

INDONESIA

Support for Independent News Bulletin

To fund the East Timor International Support Center's (ETISC) internet news bulletin service in Indonesia from Autumn 1998 to Autumn 1999. The news bulletin will be written by two journalists and aims to provide objective coverage of the situation in East Timor and Indonesia, at a time when the independent media is finding it difficult to operate.

Budget: £11,281

INTERNATIONAL

Conservative Women's Parliamentary Seminar

To fund the Conservative Party to enable them to send representatives from Eastern Europe, CIS, the Caribbean and Southern Africa to a meeting of conservative women legislators being organised by the International Democrat Union, in the US, in September 1998

Budget: £18,390

ISRAEL

Arbitration and Mediation between Palestinians and Israelis

Part-funding to support an eight month project run jointly by the Arab Studies Society and the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies to provide residents in the Jerusalem area with an alternative dispute resolution system. The project will commence Summer 1999.

Budget: £14,920

Citizens' Involvement in the Political Process

To fund a two month training programme for the Four Mothers' Movement, Israel commencing November 1998, to enable them to attract new volunteers, and to further their work in increasing citizen participation in the political process by strengthening grassroots movements in order to effect change at national level.

Budget: £3,303

Israeli-Palestinian Parliamentary Aides Forum

Part-funding, commencing Summer 1999, to support the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East to hold six meetings of parliamentary aides from the Knesset and the Palestinian Legislative Council to increase tolerance and understanding among young political leaders of tomorrow.

Budget: £11,726



NEPAL

Local Government Training

To continue support, for one year from April 1999, for the training and education programmes for women and elected office holders in the Nuwakot local government area.

Funding is sought for running costs and seminar expenses.

Budget: £9,895

Support for Independent Media

To part-fund Radio Sagarmatha to make and broadcast a 52-part series of programmes designed to address fundamental issues of democratic and civic development.

Budget: £7,575

Support for Legislation Banning Bonded Labour

To fund Anti-Slavery International and INSEC to organise a seminar in March 1999 for a 100 legal experts and opinion makers as the basis for producing draft legislation banning debt bondage in Nepal.

Budget: £7,940

Training for Journalist

To fund a journalist involved in the Human Rights Radio Education Programme run by Informal Sector Service Centre to attend an intensive course in journalism and news writing at the London School of Journalism.

Budget: £995

SRI LANKA

Campaigning Assistance to the UNP

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a seven day visit to Sri Lanka to assist the United National Party during the final stages of the provincial council elections.

Budget: £3,393

Media Training for the Leader of UNP

To fund the Conservative Party to organise media training for the Leader of the United National Party including radio and television interviews and dealing with hostile questions and audiences.

Budget: £3,450

Public Opinion Research

To fund the Conservative Party to enable it to continue its support for a programme of opinion research in Sri Lanka required by the United National Party. The purpose is to enable the UNP to construct its political programme based on sound information in preparation for the provincial council elections.

Budget: £6,380

Study Visit to UK on Devolution

To fund the Conservative Party to organise a ten day study visit for four Sri Lankan politicians on devolution issues in UK and Spain in Spring/early Summer 1998 and cover the costs of related workshop, translation and publishing of a final report.

Budget: £13,474

ST LUCIA

Party Re-Organisation and Development

To fund the Labour Party to assist the St Lucia Labour Party with the next phase of their party re-organisation and development project, by continuing to fund the salary of a research assistant at their new political institute, and by providing workshop costs and materials for their activities during 1998.

Budget: £22,669

TURKEY

Support for Democracy Radio Programme

To part-fund the Foundation for the Research of Social Problems (TOSAV) to prepare and broadcast a fortnightly radio programme on civic development and democratic values and processes.

Budget: £6,250

WEST BANK/GAZA STRIP

Televising the Palestinian Legislative Council

Funding to support the filming and televising of sessions of the Palestinian Legislative Council by the Institute for Modern Media based at Al-Quds University, Ramallah, during 1998/99.

Budget: £12,500

Voter Participation for Women in the Northern Parts of the West Bank

To fund a programme to prepare the women of the northern part of the West Bank during June and July 1998 for the municipal elections scheduled for August 1998. The programme will be run by the Palestinian Centre for peace and Democracy.

Budget: £7,196

'proper planning and wise structuring maximised the outcome of this workshop and all the participants are grateful for this useful exposure and look forward to future collaboration'

Karunasena Kodituwakku, Director, Ranjan Wijeratne Academy for Political Education, Sri Lanka



WESTERN SAHARA

Voter Education Project

To fund the TUC to undertake a feasibility study and pilot training session as the first stage of a voter education project to provide training for trade union activists and Western Saharan community leaders, to enable voters to understand the democratic process and the process of voting that will take place in 1999.

Budget: £4,776

YEMEN

Visit to UK by Parliamentarians

To fund a visit to the UK by four Yemeni Parliamentarians to consider the promotion of good government, human rights and democracy.

Budget: £3,920

EXTRA BUDGETARY PROJECTS

BOSNIA

Democracy Building Programme

A major project, designed and implemented by WFD in collaboration with the UK political parties, to help non-ethnic democratic political parties and civic organisations in Bosnia to accept modern democratic habits and procedures, and to advise leaders and activists on the presentation of constructive alternatives to the policies and practices of those currently in power. The programme includes at least 25 projects to be undertaken by the Foundation and the UK political parties over a period of four years, from February 1999.

Budget: £800,000

INDONESIA

Towards a Code of Conduct for the 1999 General Elections

Design and implementation of a project aimed at assisting the new political parties in Indonesia in the run-up to elections in June 1999. WFD ran a two day seminar for all 48 political parties in four main regional centres of Indonesia, covering a wide range of topics including inter-party parliamentary relations, party campaigning, election law, policy development, and women and young people in politics.

Budget: £50,000

NIGERIA

Democracy Assistance Project

Design and implementation of a cross-party programme of training and assistance to new political parties in the 1997 multi-party elections and the transition to civilian democratic rule. Initial workshops provided training on political accountability and integrity, the role of the opposition, party organisation, campaigning and involving women in politics. These were held in Abuja, Enugu and Lagos in March 1999.

Budget: £230,000



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