Board
Transform is a charitable foundation overseen by a board of trustees.
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Finances
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2008
Income (£)
Donations 87,063
Consulting 491
Bank Interest 3,871
Total Income/Expenditure 95,325

Expenses
Salaries 81,324
Other Direct Charitable Expenditure 39,683
Accountancy 725
Administrative Expenses 4,438
Legal and Professional Fees 898
Total Expenses 127,268
Net (Deficit) 35,992
Funds at 01/04/07 90,399
Donations in Advance 38,996
Funds at the End of the Year 94,395

Transform has also had a significant presence in print and online media, with numerous articles published, hundreds of mentions and quotes in tabloids, broadsheets, periodicals, specialist media and web-outlets. We also briefed many high profile opinion writers and columnists.

Transform on-line
• The ground-breaking Transform volunteers Drupal website now has over 200 members worldwide from diverse backgrounds including academics, activists, media, and students contributing to our research, actions and other work.
• The Transform Blog goes from strength to strength, now getting over 10,000 unique visitors per week, with a new mini-blog added recently.
• Transform’s Facebook pages have been launched.
• Work on an ambitious video project is gathering voices from criminal justice, health, drugs policy and media arenas to create video products for use on-line, at conferences, parliamentary and other events, and for public use.

Blog Hits

Media
Transform continued to punch well above its weight in the media. Staff appeared on numerous broadcasts including repeatedly on Radio 4’s flagship Today programme, Channel Four News, and the hugely popular BBC Five Live breakfast show, plus Law in Action, an hour long special by Ireland’s equivalent of Newsnight, and many local radio stations.
We have also set up influential media appearances for external voices speaking in support of regulation and control of drugs, including both Julian Critchley (Ex-Director UK Anti-Drug Coordinating Unit) and Jack Cole (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition) on the Radio 4 Today programme.

Transforming the Drugs Policy Climate
Publications
Transform has continued to produce ground-breaking publications to shape the drug policy debate. The most recent include:
1. After the War on Drugs: Tools for the debate. Provides the language and analysis needed to engage in the drug law reform debate with confidence and clarity
3. Submissions to a range of Government department and expert body consultations including:
   • Submission to, and briefing unspinning the Government’s new drug strategy consultation document “Drugs: our community, your say”
   • Department of Health: The future of tobacco control
   • Department of Justice: Titan Prisons
   • Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs: Review of ecstasy classification
   • Department of Health: Alcohol policy consultation
Public and Political Engagement

There is not room here to detail the huge numbers of meetings and events Transform has organised or participated in, but to give a flavour of the last year:

- Transform had its UN special consultative status ratified by the ECOSOC
- Transform participated in meetings in Vienna for the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the UN’s international NGO forum reviewing the UN drugs strategy
- Chatham House: Transform brought together influential figures from a spectrum of international institutions, NGOs and political parties under Chatham House rules to discuss taking the drug law reform agenda forward
- After extensive discussions with Transform staff, N. Wales Police Authority backed their Chief Constable’s request for them to submit a call for legalisation/regulation to the Government’s consultation on the drug strategy
- Transform supporter Lord Cobbold sponsored a debate on drug policy reform in the House of Lords
- Danny Kushlick spoke to the Liberal Democrat Alliance in the European Parliament about organising for the UN Review of the international strategy 2008/9

Drugs and Health Alliance (DHA)

Transform has again shown leadership to help build a more inclusive NGO movement to shift policy away from the worst excesses of ideologically driven criminal justice and enforcement led policies, towards a more evidence based health led approach.

In particular we have led the recruitment of DHA members, successfully securing funding for and hosting the DHA Coordinator post, and helping draft the DHA submission to the government’s drugs consultation. The growing membership of DHA includes the International Harm Reduction Association, Release and the UK Public Health Association.

Transform is also hosting the Drugs and Health Alliance website: www.drugshealthalliance.net

Our Mission

Transform Drug Policy Foundation exists to promote sustainable health and wellbeing by bringing about a just, effective and humane system to regulate and control drugs at local, national and international levels.

Our Activities

- Research, analysis and innovative policy development
- Challenging government to demonstrate supporting evidence for its policies
- Promoting alternative, evidence-based policies to the public, parliamentarians, government agencies and non-governmental organisations
- Providing an informed, rational and clear voice in the public and media debate on UK and international drug policy

Our Vision

- Social justice: restoration of human rights and dignity to the marginalised and disadvantaged, and the regeneration of deprived neighbourhoods
- Reduced social costs: an end to the largest cause of acquisitive crime and street prostitution, and consequent falls in the non-violent prison population
- Reduced serious crime: dramatic curtailment of opportunities and incentives for organised and violent crime
- Public finances: benefits from discontinued drug enforcement expenditure and the taxation of regulated drugs
- Public health: creation of an environment in which drug use can be managed and drug users can lead healthier lives
- Ethics: adherence to ethical standards and principles, including fair trade, in the manufacture, supply and distribution of drugs
- Reduced war and conflict: an end to the illegal drug trade's contribution to conflict and political instability in producer and transit countries

The Future

In the coming year, Transform will continue to lead the drugs debate in the UK, and increasingly on the international stage, through cutting edge campaigning, policy and media work.

We will also underpin our efforts, inform the public, educate the media and policy makers, and expose hypocritical politicians through producing hard-hitting, well referenced reports and briefings. These will include:

Blueprint for a Regulated Drug Market

As drug prohibition’s failure becomes more and more apparent, the debate is moving on to what should replace it. Transform is now leading the way internationally by engaging with academics and experts worldwide to explore the options, and will soon publish a landmark report detailing how a regulated and controlled drug market would work in practice.

The Costs and Benefits of Prohibition vs Regulation

The UK Government has refused to carry out a cost-benefit analysis of current or alternative drug policies, because they know it would show how beneficial a move to regulation and control would be. As the then Home Office Minister Bob Ainsworth MP said when asked about an audit: “Why would we do that unless we were going to legalise drugs?”. In the absence of government funded research, Transform will publish its own.

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