

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

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The aim of the Society is to promote for the public benefit the advancement and teaching of philosophy of education.

The Society's affairs and activities are managed by an Executive Committee whose voting members are listed as Trustees of the charity. Following our usual practice, the Executive Committee met twice during the year (March and November) and the AGM was held during the Annual Conference (also in March). 617 members were listed in the Society's register at the end of the year.

The Society contracts an association management company to provide a range of administrative services. These include servicing the AGM, Executive Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee, maintaining the membership list, managing day-to-day finances, and handling delegate registrations and paper submissions for the Annual Conference. Since December 2009 these services have been provided by SAS Event Management.

Members pay an annual subscription, which varies according to the financial status of the member. There are concessionary rates for students and other unwaged members as well as some overseas members not in receipt of Western incomes. The Society's other principal source of funding is the royalties it receives on the *Journal of Philosophy of Education*. The Society is once again grateful to Wiley for their sponsorship of the Wiley Dinner on the first evening of the Annual Conference.

In 2017, the Society's Anniversary Conference was held at New College, Oxford in March. The conference was attended by around 180 delegates from Britain and abroad. It was preceded by a pre-conference seminar for research students. The conference papers were posted online in advance of the conference and remain available to members.

Large and Small Grants totalling £30,943 were made to members to assist them in the pursuit of research and other activities that further the aims of the Society. The Society's Large Grants scheme offers research project grants, research fellowships, seminar series grants, doctoral studentships and miscellaneous grants. The Society's Small Grants scheme supports conference attendance and small-scale collaborative activities.

The *Journal of Philosophy of Education* continued to flourish. The journal is distributed free to all members of the Society and is available in close to 4,000 libraries around the world through paid access and over 5,000 more through philanthropic initiatives (free or very low cost). In an era in which academic scholarship is increasingly read online, the journal had close to 150,000 downloads. The Society's Annual Newsletter, published in December, lists members' publications and publicises the Society's activities.

The Society has 22 regional branches at Bath and Bristol, Bedford, Birmingham, Cambridge, Devon and Cornwall, Dundee, Durham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Netherlands and Flanders, North-West (Liverpool), Nottingham, Oxford, Roehampton, Sheffield, South Coast, South East, South Wales, Stirling, Warwick and West Yorkshire. Levels of branch activity were healthy in 2016, including a number of day and evening meetings and residential conferences in.

The Society's website (www.philosophy-of-education.org) containing details of the Society's activities, the contents pages of recent journal issues, membership application details, and information about the Society's grants schemes, continues to be used extensively.

Activities supported by the Society's Development Committee included a highly successful Philosophy of Education Summer School at Birmingham University. Members of the Society once again made coordinated contributions to the Annual Conferences of the British Educational Research Association (BERA) and the European Educational Research Association (EERA).

Ben Kotzee (Secretary)
for the Executive Committee