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THE PUBLIC LAW PROJECT
(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2011

Company Number: 02368562
Charity Number: 1003342
(England and Wales)



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Company Information

Management Committee

Management Committee/Trustees	Richard Stein Maunce Sunkin Nony Ardill John Halford Stephen Cragg Janice Edgar (Resigned 7 March 2011) Ben Jaffey Lourse Restell (Appointed 13 December 2010) Kevin Caulfield (Appointed 13 December 2010) Ron Glatter
Chair	Stephen Cragg
Acting Secretary	Richard Stein
Company Number	02368562
Charity Number	1003342
Registered Office	150 Caledonian Road London N1 9RD
Auditors	Bourner Bullock Chartered Accountants Sovereign House 212-224 Shaftesbury Avenue London WC2H 8HQ
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank Plc Nine Brindleyplace 4 Oozells Square Birmingham B1 2HE

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THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

The Management Committee (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of The Public Law Project ("PLP") for the year ended 31 March 2011. The Management Committee confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Principal activities and review

Objects

PLP is a national charity whose objects, as defined by the Memorandum of Association are

- To ensure that those sectors of society which through poverty or social or economic disadvantage or discrimination have little access to the law are represented and protected by the application and development of public law and administrative practice,
- To promote, carry out and commission research into the principles and practice of public law and administration, and to publish the results, and
- To make the principles and practice of public law and administration known and accessible

Within this broad remit the Public Law Project has adopted three main objectives

- 1) increasing the accountability of public decision makers,
- 2) enhancing the quality of public decision making,
- 3) improving access to justice

The organisation adopts the following strategy to fulfil its objects: a programme of work in research, policy, casework, legal advice, legal education, publications and outreach activities. The work includes convening representatives from other organisations, academics and practitioners for conferences, seminars, lectures and other joint initiatives.

Main aims and objectives for the year

PLP has a rolling programme with its main objectives to provide specialist legal advice to first tier organisations such as CABs, Law Centres and small voluntary advice agencies, to empower small voluntary organisations, provide education and training for practitioners, to undertake research to inform policy, and to provide information. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public Benefit and charity activities

Our legal advice and casework continue to cover a variety of areas, including debt recovery by public bodies, unlawful detention, access to legal aid and the courts for the poor and marginalised, public body accountability, the effectiveness of public law remedies, including complaints procedures and ombudsman services and the continued availability of first tier advice services. Throughout the year we continued our work under the Big Lottery Funded project providing advice to small voluntary sector agencies and their clients on the public law obligations of public sector funders and policy makers.

Significant Achievements

(1) Casework and litigation

Our legal advice and casework has included successful challenges to

- the government's policy on the administrative detention of foreign prisoners,
- the government's policy of removing failed asylum seekers with little or no notice,
- the DWP policy of debt recovery for those subject to Debt Relief Orders,
- the Legal Service Commission rules on financial eligibility for disabled EU nationals,
- Social landlords' policies on seeking suspended possession orders against tenants with Debt Relief Orders,

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- the failure of a local authority to provide services under the Children Act to a woman with no recourse to public funds

Ongoing litigation includes defending government appeals in relation to the debt recovery policy and no-notice deportations. Additionally, we have intervened in a number of significant cases – one in which the Supreme Court has considered the availability of judicial review in respect of Upper Tribunal decisions and another the way in which costs are decided when claims are successfully concluded before final hearing.

PLP has continued to assist and represent small voluntary organisations and their service-users about public body decision making, particularly in relation to consultation and the equalities duties. It has assisted in a number of cases by providing legal advice and negotiating on behalf of groups to achieve concessions in relation to funding decisions.

We are also funded by the Legal Services Commission to give advice and assistance to contract holders acting for legally aided individuals on all matters of public law. In addition the Legal Services Commission funded a project under which PLP offers training, consultancy and casework to agencies who identify systemic problems in particular areas of the country in relation to public body decision-making.

PLP submitted detailed responses to the Ministry of Justice consultations on the Reform of Civil Litigation Costs and on the Reform of Legal Aid. The research undertaken by PLP on the outcomes of judicial review also fed into the consultation.

(2) Training and Events

The 10/11 events calendar consolidated PLP's reputation as a provider of significant and effective training events and conferences. Events are designed to fulfil two basic criteria, firstly, to further the PLP's primary objective of improving access to public law remedies for the disadvantaged, secondly, to generate a profit, allowing events and training to contribute to PLP's unrestricted funds.

In October 2010 PLP's flagship conference, 'Judicial Review, Trends and Forecasts, London', attracted 184 participants, which itself was the biggest PLP event to date.

Local conferences were again organised by PLP in Manchester and in Cardiff. The events in Manchester and Cardiff engage local practitioners and encourage use of regional civil justice centres, building capacity in the field of public law outside of London. They also provide for PLP to disseminate its research and stimulate debate in parts of the UK where use of public law remedies is less developed.

In March a successful fundraising event was organised to celebrate the 21st anniversary of PLP and was attended by Albi Sachs as guest speaker. The event raised funds but also brought together many of the friends of PLP who devote much of their time and energy to PLP's work on a pro bono basis.

(3) Research

Research activity was less than in previous years due to a hiatus in research funding. Nevertheless, PLP published a Mediation Handbook, based on the empirical research study, *Mediation and Judicial Review*. Both the handbook and the research was funded by the Nuffield foundation.

In March 2011 PLP commenced work on a major new study of the outcomes of successful claims for judicial review. This is a joint project with Essex University and will run for 27 months. It is also funded by the Nuffield Foundation.

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The Management Committee thanks all its funders and donors for their generous support which has enabled us to carry out our work and thanks the staff for their commitment to the project and its work. PLP's work is supported by keen legal volunteers who undertake legal research and generous administrative volunteers who support the organisation's day to day activities. Volunteers' input varies between one and two days per week with up to six volunteers in any one week.

Financial Review

The charity had net incoming resources before transfers on unrestricted funds of £139,813 (2010 Deficit of £37,222) for the year. Together with the accumulated surplus brought forward from previous years, the charity now has an accumulated surplus on unrestricted funds of £157,552 (2010 Surplus of £14,993). Restricted funds carried forward at 31 March 2011 amounted to £10,545 (2010 £9,415). This is sufficient for the activities for which the funds were provided.

Company Status

The project is a non profit making company, limited by guarantee and, registered at Companies House under the number 02368562. The company is registered with the Charity Commission under the number 1003342.

Appointment of the Management Committee

The Members of the Management Committee perform the role of directors in company law, and are the trustees in charity law. Directors/ Trustees are recruited through advertising in the press, through a network of organisations and the National Council of Voluntary Organisation (NCVO) trustee bank. Trustees are formally interviewed by a panel, comprising of staff, trustees and where necessary a specialist in the area to which recruitment is being targeted. On appointment the new member receives an induction programme by way of one to one meeting with a trustee, working through a package of information including the memorandum and article of association and historic documents and PLP's business plan. Where several trustees are recruited together an information and discussion briefing session is held lasting approximately half a day.

Related Parties

All trustees and senior staff make their declaration with regard to related party transactions. PLP has no subsidiaries or connected organisations apart from membership of practitioner groups and national bodies such as National Council of Voluntary Organisation. It works jointly with other national organisations such as Liberty and National Association for Voluntary and Community Action.

The trustees meet at least bi-monthly to take decisions and make recommendations at a strategic level. Day to day decisions and responsibilities are delegated to an appointed director, who is supervised by the chairperson. The CEO supervises the staff.

Directors/Trustees who served during the year, except where indicated, were

Richard Stein	Janice Edgar (Treasurer)
John Halford	Stephen Cragg (Chair)
Nony Ardill	Maurice Sunkin
Ron Glatter	Kevin Caulfield (appointed 13 December 2010)
Louise Restell (appointed 13 December 2010)	Ben Jaffey

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Risk management

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to them. However the directors are aware that the loss of a major funder or contract could lead to closure or a severe curtailment of the company's operations. To mitigate this happening the company endeavours to provide the highest possible level of service to both its clients and the funders and is constantly seeking to generate additional income.

Reserves policy

With regard to the unrestricted General Reserve, the Trustees believe that a balance representing six months operating costs is necessary to cover key areas of financial risk being loss of a major funder or contract, failing to meet casework targets and office relocation costs. The General Reserve is therefore necessary to ensure the organisation can meet its obligations in the foreseeable future.

Trustees' Indemnity Insurance

Executive liability insurance is provided by PLP to all its Trustees.

Events since the end of the year

There have been no significant events since the end of the year.

Statement of the Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees who are also directors of PLP for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, also the provisions of the trust deed and Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's and auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

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Provision of Information to Auditors

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that

- So far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and,
- Each trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006. This report was approved by the Management Committee on 8 November 2011 and signed on its behalf by



Stephen Cragg
Chair

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THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

We have audited the financial statements of The Public Law Project for the year ended 31 March 2011 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activity, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 4, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2011 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other requirement of the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

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for and behalf of
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4 November 2011

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Statement Of Financial Activities (Incorporating An Income And Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2011

		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2011 Total £	2010 Total £
	Note				
Incoming Resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Grants and donations	3	-	22,594	22,594	12,022
<i>Investment income</i>		-	58	58	72
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	2				
Casework and legal advice		48,336	249,468	297,804	194,528
Research and policy		19,750	-	19,750	25,375
Education, Information and Training		30,202	62,892	93,094	86,386
<i>Other incoming resources</i>				-	
Total Incoming Resources		98,288	335,012	433,300	318,383
 Resources Expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Fundraising costs of grants and donations		-	15,636	15,636	10,372
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Casework and legal advice		43,685	113,967	157,652	225,438
Research and policy		20,315	-	20,315	66,522
Education, Information and Training		30,412	48,152	78,564	72,362
<i>Governance costs</i>		-	17,444	17,444	21,715
Total Resources Expended	4	94,412	195,199	289,611	396,409
 Net income/(expenditure) for the year	5	3,876	139,813	143,689	(78,026)
 Transfers between funds		(2,746)	2,746	-	-
 Net movement in funds		1,130	142,559	143,689	(78,026)
 Funds at 1 April 2010		9,415	14,993	24,408	102,434
 Funds at 31 March 2011		10,545	157,552	168,097	24,408

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 12 to the financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2011

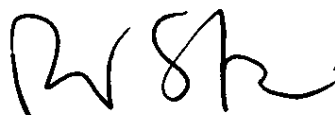
		2011 £	2010 £
	Note		
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	2,403	1,870
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments	9	139,122	48,976
Cash at Bank and in Hand		78,883	40,624
		<u>218,005</u>	<u>89,600</u>
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(52,311)</u>	(67,062)
Net Current Assets		<u>165,694</u>	<u>22,538</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>168,097</u></u>	<u><u>24,408</u></u>
Funds	12		
Restricted Funds		7,044	9,415
Unrestricted Funds			
General Funds		<u>161,053</u>	<u>14,993</u>
Total Funds		<u><u>168,097</u></u>	<u><u>24,408</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Management Committee on ~~8 November~~ 2011 and signed on its behalf by



Stephen Cragg
Chair



Richard Stein
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operation which are described in the Trustees' Report and all of which are continuing. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity.

1.2 Status of Company

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are named on the information page. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 Incoming resources

Incoming resources represent the value of fees, grants and donations receivable in the ordinary course of activities. It includes the total amount of capital grants receivable in the year.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts to the charity is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. Intangible income is not included unless it represents goods or services which would otherwise have been purchased. Gifts in kind are valued and brought in as income together with the appropriate expenditure.

Grants received for specific purposes are accounted for as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.4 Resources expended

Cost of generating funds comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and grants for the provision of services run by the charity.

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises direct expenditure including direct staff costs attributable to its activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated to activities on a per capita basis consistent with the use of resources as follows:

Casework and legal advice	59.0%
Education, information and training	31.0%
Fundraising and publicity	6.0%
Governance	4.0%

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are only capitalised if their value is above £1,000 and have a life of more than one year
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases

Office equipment	33% straight line
Leasehold improvements	20% straight line

1.6 Amounts recoverable on casework

Income is recognised on casework according to the percentage of the rate for an average fee earner to the legal aid rate

1.7 Pensions

The company contributes to defined contribution pension schemes for some of the employees. The charge to the statement of financial activities represents the amounts payable by the company in respect of the year

1.8 Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs

1.9 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds, including designated funds, are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charities purposes and are expendable at the Management Committee's discretion

1.10 Deferred grants

Grants of a revenue nature are credited to incoming resources in the period in which they are receivable
Grants received in advance for specified future periods are carried forward as deferred income

1.11 Client Monies

Client monies are excluded from the financial statements. The derecognised balance on the client bank account at 31 March 2011 was £2,701

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2 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Restricted see note 3 £	Unrestricted £	2011 Total £	2010 Total £
Casework				
Grants	48,336	-	48,336	42,124
Legal Aid Fees	-	65,636	65,636	41,817
Other Legal Fees	-	14,053	14,053	61,906
(Decrease)/Increase in amounts recoverable on casework	-	82,082	82,082	(47,523)
Contracts and consultancy	-	85,469	85,469	91,238
Articles and Fees	-	2,228	2,228	4,966
	48,336	249,468	297,804	194,528
Research and Policy				
Grants	19,750	-	19,750	25,375
	19,750	-	19,750	25,375
Education and Training				
Grants & donations	30,202	22,594	52,796	30,202
Courses, conferences, seminars	-	62,892	62,892	56,184
	30,202	85,486	115,688	86,386
	98,288	334,954	433,242	306,289

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3 Grants and donations receivable

Grants and donations included in income were received from the following

	Grants Restricted £	Voluntary Income £	2011 Total £	2010 Total £
The Big Lottery Fund	43,336	-	43,336	42,124
Nuffield Foundation	19,750	-	19,750	25,375
Legal Services Commission	30,202	-	30,202	30,202
Trust for London	5,000	-	5,000	-
Other Donations< £5,000	-	22,594	22,594	12,022
	<u>98,288</u>	<u>22,594</u>	<u>120,882</u>	<u>109,723</u>

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4 Total Resources Expended

	Generating Funds £	Casework £	Research & Policy £	Education Information and Training £	Governance £	2011 Total £	2010 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities							
Salaries (Note 6)	11,112	104,567	15,590	33,900	7,739	172,908	261,616
Audit	-	-	-	-	6,000	6,000	5,850
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	209	209	258
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	268	268	7,545
Committee Expenses	-	-	-	-	213	213	179
Bad Debts	-	-	-	1,833	-	1,833	7,883
Professional Indemnity Insurance	-	1,935	-	870	-	2,805	2,991
Costs indirectly allocated to activities							
Other Personnel	1,835	22,275	-	5,249	1,223	30,582	30,692
Premises and Equipment	2,114	20,786	-	10,922	1,409	35,231	39,748
Depreciation	125	1,231	-	647	83	2,086	1,870
Office Overheads	450	4,423	-	2,324	300	7,497	10,735
Casework Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,544
Courses, seminars, conferences	-	304	-	22,686	-	22,990	13,768
Production of Publications	-	-	4,725	-	-	4,725	1,875
Other Project Operating Costs	-	2,131	-	133	-	2,264	6,855
	15,636	157,652	20,315	78,564	17,444	289,611	396,409
Costs reallocated to activities							
Total resources expended	15,636	157,652	20,315	78,564	17,444	289,611	396,409

One trustee was reimbursed for expenses incurred during the year

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5 Net Incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

This is stated after charging/crediting

	2011 £	2010 £
Depreciation	2,087	1,870
Auditors' remuneration		
--Current Year Provision	6,000	6,000
--Over provision in previous year	-	150
Provision for doubtful debts	1,834	7,883
Trustees' Expenses		
--Reimbursed expenses	156	60
--Meetings, training and events	56	119
	<u>172,908</u>	<u>261,616</u>

6 Staff Costs and Numbers

Staff costs were as follows

	2011 £	2010 £
Salaries and Wages	143,211	223,125
Redundancy Cost	8,000	11,719
Social Security Costs	14,457	23,285
Pension Costs	7,240	3,487
	<u>172,908</u>	<u>261,616</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year

The average weekly number of employees (full-time equivalent) during the year was as follows

	Average Weekly Number of employees		Average Weekly Number (Full Time Equivalent)	
	2011 No	2010 No	2011 No	2010 No
Research and Policy	0.5	1.0	0.3	1.1
Casework	2.9	3.5	2.3	3.0
Education and Training	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Generating Funds	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.1
Governance	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.1
	<u>5.4</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>3.7</u>	<u>5.1</u>

Trustees do not receive any remuneration or fees

7 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes

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8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment & Furniture £	Leasehold Improvements £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2010	19,746	3,035	22,781
Additions	2,620	-	2,620
At 31 March 2011	<u>22,366</u>	<u>3,035</u>	<u>25,401</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2010	18,483	2,428	20,911
Charge for the year	1,480	607	2,087
At 31 March 2011	<u>19,963</u>	<u>3,035</u>	<u>22,998</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2011	<u>2,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,403</u>
At 31 March 2010	<u>1,263</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>1,870</u>

All tangible fixed assets are used to fulfil the charity's objects

9 Debtors

	2011 £	2010 £
Trade debtors	10,271	6,886
Other debtors	5,121	3,801
Prepayments	6,562	6,246
Accrued income	117,168	32,043
	<u>139,122</u>	<u>48,976</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2011 £	2010 £
Trade creditors	8,306	17,986
Social security and other taxes	12,624	15,293
Sundry creditors	15,048	12,342
Accrued expenses and deferred income	16,333	21,441
	<u>52,311</u>	<u>67,062</u>

11 Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2011 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	2011 £	2010 £
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	17,250	15,244
	<u>17,250</u>	<u>67,062</u>

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12 Transactions with trustees

In the year ended 31 March 2011 legal fees of £5,697 50 were earned by Ben Jaffey for his services as a barrister on a contractual basis. The outstanding balance at the year end was £2,081 62

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	2,403	2,403
Current Assets	12,301	208,405	220,706
Liabilities	(5,257)	(49,755)	(55,012)
Net Assets at 31 March 2011	<u>7,044</u>	<u>161,053</u>	<u>168,097</u>

14 Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2010 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2011 £
Restricted funds:					
The Big Lottery Fund Empowering the Voluntary Sector2	16	43,336	(41,967)	-	1,385
Nuffield Foundation Disputes Resolution Mechanisms	53	19,750	(20,315)	-	(512)
Legal Services Commission Public Law Strategic Support	6,600	30,202	(32,334)	-	4,468
Trust for London	-	5,000	(3,297)		1,703
The Law Society equipment	827	-	-	(827)	-
Depreciation Fund Restricted	1,919	-	-	(1,919)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>9,415</u>	<u>98,288</u>	<u>(97,913)</u>	<u>(2,746)</u>	<u>7,044</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General Funds	14,993	335,012	(191,698)	2,746	161,053
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>14,993</u>	<u>335,012</u>	<u>(191,698)</u>	<u>2,746</u>	<u>161,053</u>
Total funds	<u>24,408</u>	<u>433,300</u>	<u>(289,611)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,097</u>

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Purposes of restricted funds

Empowering the Voluntary Sector 2

The Big Lottery Fund funded joint work with NAVCA to advise and train voluntary sector organisations to use public law arguments and remedies in disputes with public bodies, particularly in relation to funding and consultation

Disputes Resolution Mechanisms

The Nuffield Foundation has funded a research project to explore issues relating to how public law disputes between citizens and public authorities are or ought to be categorised. This project has now completed

Public Law Strategic Support

The Public Law Project has been awarded a grant by the Legal Services Commission for an innovative project to assist advisers in resolving systemic local problems

Trust For London

The Trust for London awarded a 2 year project to fund engagement with community groups and advice agencies in London

The Law Society Equipment

A donation was made by the Law Society to purchase a computer and contribute towards a photocopier lease. The surplus balance has been transferred to the unrestricted fund

The Depreciation Fund

This fund related to a completed project. Approval was granted to transfer the surplus to the general fund