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ANNUAL REVIEW

**The difference
you made in 2019**

Our vision is one day to see an open and just society in southern Africa.

We exist to build a community of leaders, thinkers, activists, and social justice organisations and support their efforts to bring about social change and equality in southern Africa.

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Image: Tumelo Kwape, Botswana, Graduated with distinction, University of Pretoria, LLM in Medical Law

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59 new scholarships, PhD, Masters and Undergraduates
1992 applications processed in 2019
118 scholars supported
scholars from **9** different countries

11 alumni events in 4 countries
200% increase in contributions from alumni for the Scholar's Scholar campaign

17,395 assisted in securing housing rights with the **Legal Resources Centre**

124,500 benefited from improved access to scholar transport, school infrastructure and water and sanitation thanks to **Equal Education** advocacy



Welcome

John Battersby, Chair of Trustees

The 2019 Annual Scholar's Conference was a memorable event for a number of reasons not least because it reminded us of the privilege of belonging to such a nurturing and dynamic family of exceptional people.

In the 25th anniversary of South Africa's hard-won democracy, we were particularly fortunate to have as our keynote speaker Pastor Evan Mawarire from Zimbabwe who rekindled in us the passion and conviction that underlies true courage. His clear and powerful message brought the theme of our conference alive. He reminded us of the close relationship between resistance, passion, activism and social justice.

We were honoured to have with us Professor Martin Buck of the Ros Moger and Terry Furlong supporters group with which we have forged such a meaningful partnership over the years. We appreciate their generosity in awarding scholarships which have greatly enriched our Canon Collins Scholars.

My strongest memory of the conference will always be the inspired Kolosa Ntombini, winner of the Canon Collins Scholars' Scholar Award. In her beautiful thank you letter, Kolosa captured the essence

of collaboration and solidarity, two of the five pillars on which Canon Collins rests along with fairness, agency and learning. To demonstrate her gratitude in action, Kolosa is now mentoring a Grade 11 learner. Her example embodies the essence of Ubuntu: a person is person because of other people. Umuntu Ngamuntu Ngabantu.

"I hope to be to her what you have been to me," she wrote on her letter to the Canon Collins community.

It is this spiritual generosity to give back to others what she has been given that captures the true spirit of the Canon Collins family. And these are the qualities that are so sorely needed in these extraordinary times. They are values that will contribute to a more sustainable world.

"I would not be here without you all. You have put into practice the African proverb: it takes a village to raise a child."

I would also like to express my gratitude to the dedicated team who have kept the flame

of Canon Collins burning so brightly on the eve of our 40th anniversary in 2021.

It is an honour and a privilege to have been a part of this dedicated team first as a trustee of the Legal Assistance Trust from 2007-2012, then as a trustee of the merged Canon Collins Educational and Legal Assistance Trust from 2012 to 2016 and as chair of trustees from 2016 to 2021.

Special thanks also go to our Patron Lord Peter Hain; to Pumela Salela, a shining alumna and abiding friend of the Trust; to Her Excellency Nomatamba

Tambo who is a lifelong friend of the Trust and our link with Canon John Collins himself; and finally to the inimitable Professor Maano Ramutsindela, the longest serving trustee and the first African Dean of Science in the history of the University of Cape Town.

We bid Maano a sad farewell and am indebted to him for all he has done for the Trust which was far more than we ever asked of him. His wise counsel and rich contribution in his role as deputy chair was invaluable and we wish him only the best in his illustrious career going forward.

"I am humbled to have served in the company of such dedicated and extraordinary people."

"Courage is not something you do just for yourself....it's a force that drives you because it is something that you desperately and ardently believe."

Pastor Evan Mawarire, Human Rights Defender



Pastor Evan Mawarire

"It is that burning sense of the notion of social justice that takes us forward."

Professor Martin Buck, Ros Moger and Terry Furlong supporters group



Professor Martin Buck



John Battersby and Kolosa Ntombini at the Alumni dinner

"Just as one small stone can make many ripples, so is our collective desire for change powerful enough to have a rippling effect in empowering the youth of Africa."

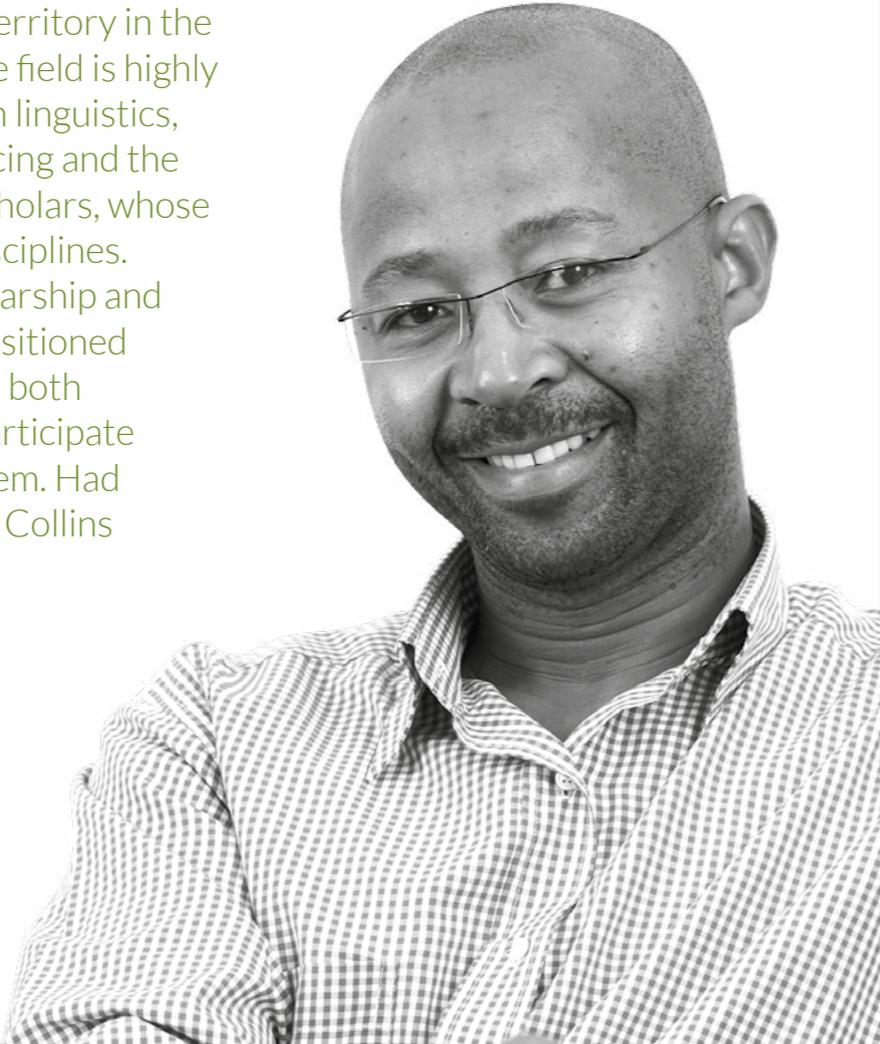
Kolosa Ntombini, 2019 Canon Collins Scholars' Scholar

Monwabisi Ralarala

Dean of Humanities at UWC

“Apart from being a Dean of Arts at the University of the Western Cape, I am regarded as one of the leading experts in the field of forensic linguistics in southern Africa. This is an uncharted, but vital territory in the quest for improved access to justice. The field is highly interdisciplinary; involving scholars from linguistics, languages, psychology, criminology, policing and the law. I form part of a global network of scholars, whose collective expertise spans all of these disciplines. Through the Canon Collins Trust’s scholarship and commitment to social justice, I’m well positioned to be an agent of change; and to support both budding and international scholars to participate in research into the criminal justice system. Had it not been for the support of the Canon Collins Trust, I would not be able to do this.”

Professor Monwabisi Knowledge Ralarala
Dean of Arts
University of the Western Cape, South Africa



2019 Scholarships

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Angola 0.8%

Botswana 0.8%

Lesotho 3.4%

Malawi 18.6%

Namibia 0.8%

South Africa 39.0%

Swaziland 0.8%

Zambia 5.1%

Zimbabwe 29.7%

Voicing Resistance

Voicing Resistance was the theme of our 2019 Scholars' Conference. Over 120 scholars gathered to debate, contest and discuss how academic study can contribute to the cause of social justice. Expert contributions from scholars and alumni, and inspirational keynote addresses engaged with the subject of voicing resistance. As a way of conveying the texture of the experience, we share snippets from the anonymous feedback we received after the conference.



Pastor Evan Mawarire and Rekgotsotse Chikane

“Listening to other scholar’s stories and drawing inspiration from them made me realise that I too have a story of resistance that could make a difference.”

Setting the tone for the conference was the keynote address, by Zimbabwean activist Pastor Evan Mawarire. Pastor Evan came to prominence during the 2016–17 protests that challenged the rule of Robert Mugabe’s government. His speech was received with appreciation for its “deep honesty”:

“It made me think of my own morality and making my life’s work count before it’s over.”



Our Annual Alumni Dinner

You could hear a pin drop in the room during Sarita Ranchod’s compelling keynote address, “Imagining the End of Capitalism” at the Alumni Dinner. Sarita is the Director of Under the Rainbow, a social justice organisation that advances women and girls’ rights. An abbreviated version of the speech was published in the Sunday Independent.

“Her speech felt like it was directed at me. She gave me hope for the future.”

The conference was of course much more than stirring speeches. It was also a powerful opportunity to interact, network and spark new ideas from one another – an oasis of interaction in the isolated life of scholarship.



Change Maker Award Winner Wonga Hexana and Sarita Ranchod

“The connections I have made this weekend have now become my friends for life, but above all else I have found a community of leaders and change makers who I hope to collaborate with in the future.”



Elias Kodisang and the African Reclaimers Association celebrate their win

Compassion in action

Every year, the Trust awards social impact projects from the scholar and alumni communities. The winners are voted for by the respective members. It was heartening to see that the winners captured the true spirit of Canon Collins by reaching out to empower marginalised groups.

PhD sociology student, Elias Kodisang, won the Scholars’ Impact Award for the *Africa Reclaimers Organisation*, which politically organises “Reclaimers”. Reclaimers are individuals who make a living from collecting and selling recycled waste materials. Alumnus Dr Wonga Hexana won the Change Makers Award for *KeyCare*, a project providing school girls with free sanitary pads.



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Scholars’ Scholar

Kolosa Ntombini

At the 2019 Welcome Scholars’ event, one of the trustees made a powerful remark: “to whom much is given, much is expected”. This remark continues to centre me, particularly after being awarded the Scholar’s Scholar Award. Canon Collins continues to teach us the importance of centring justice in our scholarship.

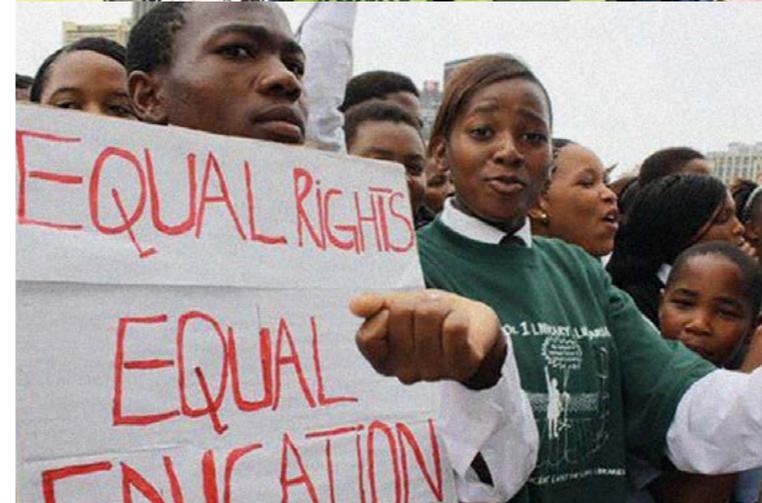
Recently I had the privilege of presenting my work in Namibia as part of a workshop for a joint research project. I was struck by the similarities in the challenges that both Nama groups in South Africa and Namibia face. Sadly, the manner with which we have approached land reform attempts in both countries has been in ways that perpetuate a dichotomy that frames Bantu “Black” and Nama, San, and Khoi “Coloured” claims to land as necessarily contradictory. And so one is left wondering how to frame land claims in ways that ensure that the project of land reform is indeed a justice-seeking and healing project. This is a great challenge and Canon Collins has equipped with me a value system that will guide my scholarship – for that I am grateful.



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Equal Education

5200 Members • 5 Provinces • 313 Parents



Equal Education (EE) is a social movement made up of informed learners, parents and teachers advocating for quality and equality in the South African education system. Many of the victories shared below have required five or more years of holding pickets, marches, night vigils, and relentlessly pursuing regular meetings with government departments. EE is starting to see the fruit of its labours. The state is increasingly prioritising school infrastructure, including decent toilets and other basic services to schools.

Quick glance at a few big wins for 2019

- Parliament adopted recommendations made by EE and the Equal Education Law Centre to amend the Constitution to better protect learners’ rights.
- Construction of the new site of Vukile Tshwete Secondary in the Eastern Cape started in April. The original structure was woefully unsafe.
- In 2019, 50 schools in the Eastern Cape were electrified, and 188 schools received improved sanitation facilities. In Limpopo, 444 schools showed improved levels of sanitation access.
- The Eastern Cape Department of Education allocated R3.7 million to upgrade the infrastructure at Lutholi Junior Secondary School after a learner fell into an unlawful exposed pit latrine in September.
- Since 2015, EE has lobbied to demand secure and safe schools. In September, Western Cape Premier Alan Winde announced an extensive safety plan for the Western Cape, with a specific focus on reducing violence in schools.
- EE secured a major victory with an agreement secured in the High Court that the Kwa-Zulu Natal Education Department must release their draft Scholar Transport Policy for public comment by 30 January 2020. Over 370 000 learners qualify for scholar transport in KZN.

Where are they now?

This year our annual retrospective of all that has passed is interjected with the stories of alumni from across southern Africa, from as far back as twenty years ago. Where are they now and what difference has the scholarship made in their life?



It took four years of battling red tape but in November, the Trust and alumnus Dr Patrick Tom finally managed to deliver a mobile library to Kauzhumba Primary School in rural Zimbabwe



Building an Education Legacy in southern Africa

Education in southern Africa faces multiple and unique challenges. Alumna **Dorothy Kabvala**'s passion is for the high numbers of young people, girls in particular, who never attend secondary school. One of her goals is to offer technical and vocational education so that they can become economically productive.

In this region, only a small percentage of those who do matriculate, study at tertiary level, and for these, correspondence courses provide a level of flexibility, affordability and access to education otherwise denied them. Dr **Daniel Tau**'s achievements in distance and open learning in the southern African region are nothing short of inspirational.

Opening the doors of learning



LONG VIEW: MALAWI

“In Malawi, few women hold leadership positions in technical colleges. As such decisions being made are tailored to men. I would like to actively participate in promoting reforms in the education sector, especially for girls.”



Dorothy obtained her Master's in Education from Chancellors College (University of Malawi) with an Elizabeth Bird Scholarship in 2013. She blames poor educational policies, planning and leadership for the recent drop in education standards in her country and believes that “efficiency in policy development and planning” will go a long way to alleviating the problem. After graduating, she taught at the Soche Technical College in

Blantyre where she served in a strategy development team, focused on development, monitoring and evaluation of the strategic plan of the school.

As of September 2019, Dorothy's day will look a little different however, because together with her husband, she has built and begun her own school. “We decided to build a school because we want to help promote girls' education. A lot of teenage girls and orphans have dropped out of school.”

In honour of Elizabeth Bird, they have named their multimedia facility at the new school, the “Elizabeth Bird Library and Computer Lab”. They hope to register underprivileged students on scholarships, girls in particular, as a way of helping them achieve their goals.

A pillar of education in Botswana



LONG VIEW: BOTSWANA

“The evidence-based decision making and strategic orientation I often exercise as Vice Chancellor benefit from the repertoire of skills amassed from the research-intensive PhD Canon Collins supported me through.”



Daniel Tau began his career as a secondary school teacher, eventually obtaining both a Masters and PhD in Education from the University of Bath (1998–2000); with a Canon Collins Trust scholarship for the PhD. Like Dorothy, he took particular interest in reforming educational policy to solve the unique challenges of his country. In 1999, he founded the Botswana College of Distance and Open Learning (BOCODOL) – making

education accessible throughout the country, including its rural and remote regions.

Since that time, Dr Tau has driven the transformation of BOCODOL into Botswana's first fully-fledged Open University, which has to date graduated 165,128 students; and now also offers an Open School for Junior and Secondary School certification. Today Dr Tau is the Vice-Chancellor. His leadership is widely respected and globally decorated for his significant contribution to education in Botswana and southern Africa, including the Presidential Order of Meritorious Service, the Africa Education Leadership Award and the Commonwealth of Learning Fellowship Award.

PARTNER FOCUS

Legal Resource Centre

- 2016-2019 • Assisted with 100+ cases related to unlawful eviction and housing
- 281,894 people had their rights on housing, evictions and threats to livelihoods defended



2019 saw the LRC continuing to influence impact in the lives of people living in informal settlements in South Africa. A hallmark of many of the victories and ongoing cases is the LRC's challenge of powerful elite on behalf of people living in informal settlements or unsatisfactory conditions.

- In August, a significant ruling in the Constitutional Court secured the appointment of a special master. As a result, about 11,000 vulnerable labour tenants have a more secured mechanism to claim the legal right to live on farm land they have worked on.
- The LRC obtained judgment in July declaring that three municipalities' failures to provide farm occupiers and labour tenants with access to basic sanitation, sufficient water and collection of refuse is unconstitutional. The municipalities are now required to compile a detailed basic infrastructure services audit and action plan.



Pamela Sofika, LRC client and community leader with a community member

Imizamo Yethu

After a devastating fire, several thousand people were left homeless in the Cape Town informal settlement, Imizamo Yethu. The victims of the fire were relocated to unsuitable accommodation of nine square metres each (per household, which can be anything up to 15 or more people). The LRC represents members of this community in resisting forced relocation of the occupiers and requesting that the City meaningfully engages with them.

“Before the LRC they would just come and bash our houses down and rip everything away. Now they are very careful with their actions because they know the LRC is on their neck. If it was not for the LRC, we wouldn't be here now.”

Pamela Sofika



LRC lawyer Cecile van Schalkwyk with three community members whose homes have been flooded with sewage

Life and land threatened in Makhanda

The homes and health of residents of Makhanda (formerly Grahamstown) in the Eastern Cape have been threatened by the failure of the local Makana Municipality to maintain and upgrade the municipal sewerage system. In some cases sewage flows regularly into people's living rooms, destroying furnishings, belongings, and even rotting the walls. People have been forced to abandon certain rooms in their homes. The Municipality is bankrupt and does not have the resources to fix the sewerage system. The LRC application seeks to compel the Municipality and the government to immediately take the steps needed to ensure that the system is upgraded. This matter has received traction in the news and social media, thanks to efforts by the Trust and the LRC working together to create two videos and press releases.

A bright light in Africa's prisons

LONG VIEW: LESOTHO



Deputy Commissioner in Lesotho's Department of Correctional Services, Phaello Malataliana recently wrote to the Trust about the Masters

in Education scholarship she received from 2010 to 2011. "I just wanted to let you know that I am still using the expertise I gained through my studies in helping other women as a peacekeeper." Working her way up from the bottom, Phaello, today, is one of only a small handful of women to have ever attained a position of leadership in Correctional Services in Lesotho; and the only woman to have ever managed operations.

Phaello Malataliana earned her stripes in disease and conflict-prevention, when she joined a mission to support Liberia as a UN Peacekeeper in 2014. The civil war was ending but the Ebola epidemic was just beginning. "I learnt key lessons through my experience in Liberia; that governments should be serious when it comes to disease and conflict-prevention. The war in Liberia and the Ebola virus had far-reaching effects on the institutions and society." By the time she left Liberia two years later, the country had been declared virus-free for a year, and she had introduced non-formal education to the inmates' rehabilitation programme.



In 2019, Phaello was nominated to come to Somalia to serve with the United Nations once again as a Corrections Officer, "Visiting the prisons really made me appreciate the sacrifices that other women made for some of us to get these opportunities. It really touches one's heart to see what women in these conflict countries are facing on a daily basis."

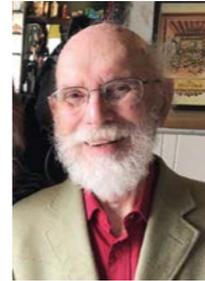
Half of the Lesotho prison population are convicted for sexual offences. Since returning from Somalia, Phaello has enrolled with the University of Pretoria to pursue doctoral studies to establish whether rehabilitation programs in Lesotho's Correctional Services can be tailored to address gender based violence.



Phaello with women from a training she facilitated in Somalia

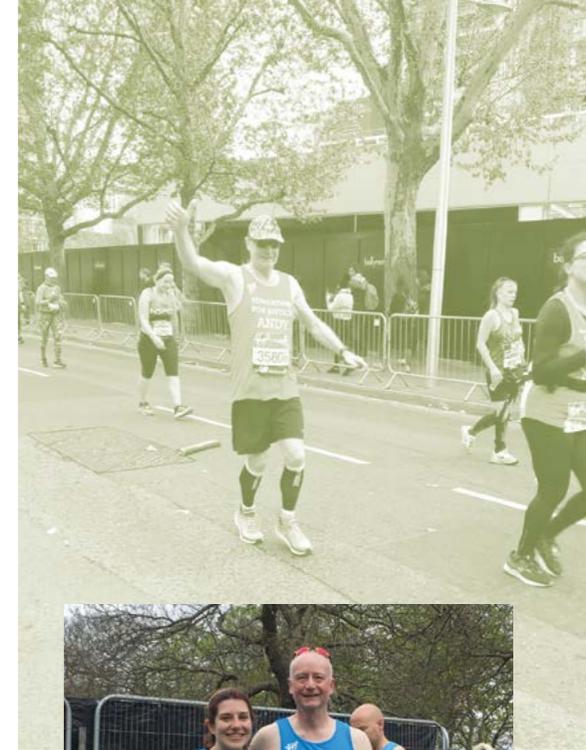
Keith Ebbutt, our oldest donor has died, aged 100

Keith Ebbutt 1919–2020



The death of a lifelong donor gives pause to consider many things. Mostly it allows us to stop and consider the person who throughout his life, in death, and at his funeral, has given to our cause with unfailing generosity. It is a deeply humbling thing.

Keith Ebbutt grew up in the Berlin of the 1920s and 30s. In those formative years, Keith experienced first-hand the horrors of Nazism. Back in England, where he completed his schooling, the deep class divides made a strong impression on him. Both experiences inspired in Keith a lifelong dedication to pacifism, universal fairness and equality. So in addition to a career dedicated to education, he was also a regular supporter of the Canon Collins Trust. On his 100th birthday, he asked for donations in lieu of gifts. Sadly, Keith did not live long beyond his birthday and at 100 years became our oldest legator. He is remembered as someone who believed strongly in the power of education, and the right of all young people to free education.



Becky and Andy at the marathon

Sweet Dedication

Marnie Sweet of Wales has been a faithful donor since 1998, and for a few years operated this stall, which she set up on her street to sell plants and books, the proceeds of which were donated to Canon Collins Trust.

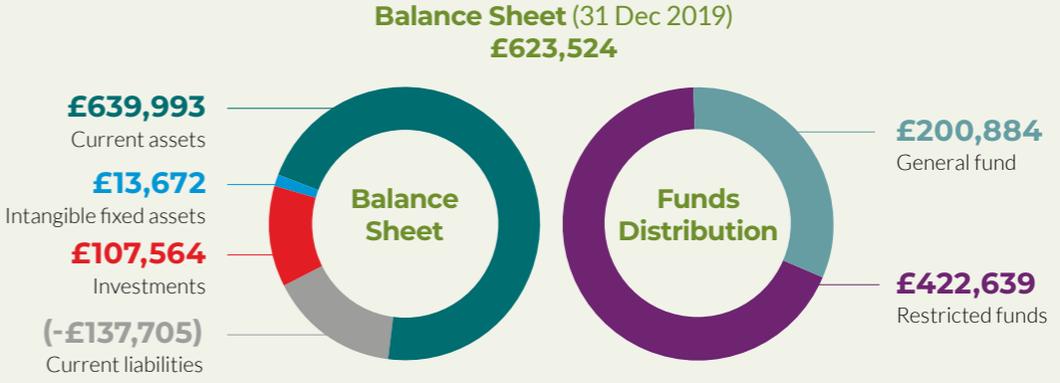
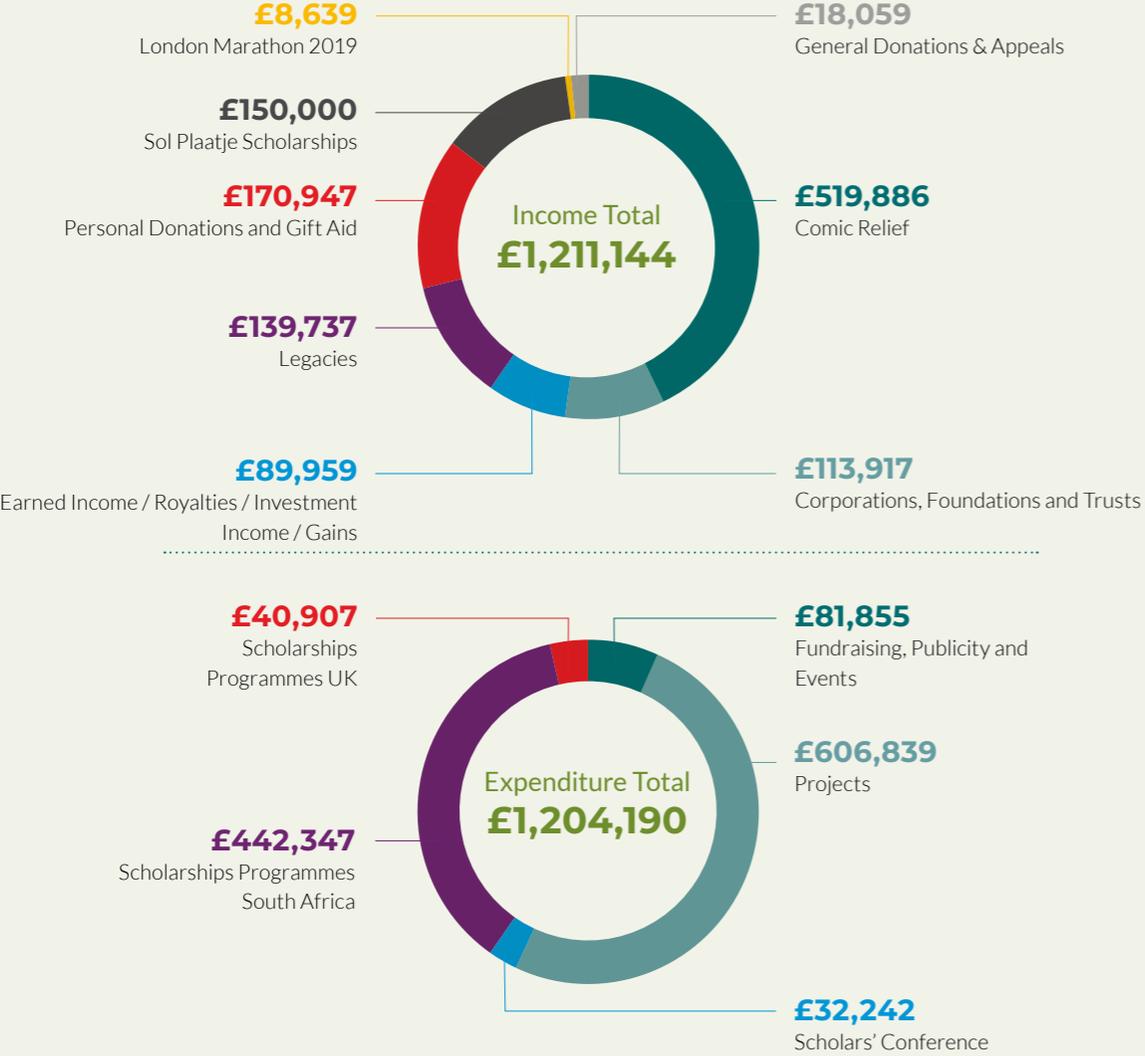


Marnie Sweet at her stall

Education for Justice

Courageous athletes Andy Butterworth, Becky Donnelly, Yashin Mody, Robin Rodriguez and Nick Smith carried the torch for #educationforjustice at the London Marathon 2019. A heartfelt thank you to all runners for continuing to support the work of the Trust.

Finance Summary 2019



Legacies

- Dr Brian Webb
- Joan Hughes
- Joanna Combe Kitchin
- Josephine Klein
- Mr J E Dickinson
- Professor William Mapleson

In Memoriam

- Dorothy Robinson
- Elizabeth Bird
- James Learmonth
- Joel Joffe
- Keith Ebbutt
- Lionel Cliffe
- Patrick Stuart
- Rick Turner
- Roger Diski
- Ros Moger
- Sylvester Stein
- Terry Furlong

Individuals, Trusts and Orgs who gave over £1000

- Alan and Babette Sainsbury Trust
- British Defence and Aid Fund
- Comic Relief
- Cynthia Zukas
- Elizabeth Wilmshurst
- Joel Joffe Trust
- Jusaca Charitable Trust
- Karen Hayes
- Lady Sara Morton
- Leigh Day
- Matrix Chambers
- Mr A and Mrs W Forbes Trust
- Ms Hazel Taylor
- Ms Kate White
- Pegasys
- Prof Isaac Marks
- Sarah Cawkwell
- Sol Plaatje Educational Project
- Souter Charitable Trust
- The Eva Reckitt Trust
- The Follett Trust
- The Westcroft Trust
- Tom Queba Memorial Fund

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- Irish Embassy South Africa for the Kader Asmal scholarship award partnership
- Paul Joseph for the sale of books on behalf of the Trust
- The Canon Collins London Marathon team of 2019
- Webber Wentzel for providing the Scholar Conference venue in Cape Town

Incoming resources during the year to 31 December 2019 amounted to £1,211,143 (2018: £1,226,878)
 Resources expended were £1,204,190 (2018: £1,301,585) resulting in a surplus of £6,953 (2018: £74,707 deficit).
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