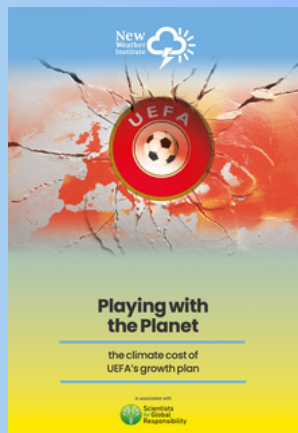


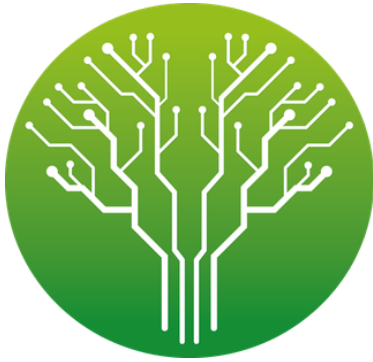


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Annual Report 2025-26



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SUMMARY

SGR's mission – to promote responsible science and technology – continues to be essential. The rapid rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is helping to fuel environmental and social problems, including human rights abuses in war. As the planet overheats, hostility to climate solutions is whipped up by elites with their own agendas, and disinformation is rife. High-carbon lifestyles continue to be promoted, and militarisation is normalised.

During the reporting period, SGR has tackled some of these issues head on. Our main achievements include the following:

- We published two new in-depth reports highlighting the enormous carbon footprint of the FIFA World Cup and the Winter Olympics. These reports highlighted the role of fossil fuel sponsorship of sports in fuelling high-carbon lifestyles, and also examined the impacts of global overheating on the future of football and winter sports. Both reports received wide international media coverage;
- We embarked on a project on the militarisation of STEM education, led by our new campaigner, Laura Shewan;
- We published a review of 11 recent studies on how military spending rises will significantly increase greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- Our research exposed the massive under-reporting of military GHG emissions in official data;
- We actively supported campaigns against nuclear weapons and the arms industry.

- Through our annual conference on 'Polluter elites and cyber elites' and presentations at numerous events, we provided valuable information on issues including the climate crisis, nuclear risks, the militarisation of science and technology, emerging technologies, and environmental behaviour change.
- Our website has continued to be a valuable resource for decision-makers, campaigners, academics, journalists and students, with over 99,000 page views over the reporting period.

We would like to thank our membership, our trust funders, and individual donors – all have been essential in SGR's successes.

We also thank our staff and volunteers for their hard work throughout the year.

Stuart Parkinson, *Executive Director*

Philip Webber & Jan Maskell, *Co-Chairs*



PROJECTS AND CAMPAIGNING

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE MILITARY



A new SGR report entitled 'Military spending rises and greenhouse gas emissions: what does the research say?' was published in September 2025 - to coincide with Global Week of Action for Peace

and Climate Justice (which was co-organised by Nico Edwards).

Written by Stuart Parkinson, the report assessed the findings of 11 studies from the past two years that have tried to estimate how military spending rises will impact greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. One of its conclusions was that increasing NATO military spending to hit the new target of 3.5% of GDP is likely to lead to additional emissions of around 132 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year – more than the territorial emissions of Chile. High profile media coverage of the report, included *The Guardian*, *The Ecologist*, *EU News*, *Carbon Pulse*, and numerous specialist websites.



A further report by Stuart Parkinson on 'Military greenhouse gas emissions reporting: how reliable is it?' was published in November, to coincide with the COP30 climate negotiations. The report concluded that almost all official data on military GHG emissions – even for those militaries with extensive GHG reporting practices – only reveals a small fraction of their carbon footprint, and not a single nation reports on the emissions arising from the impacts from any war-fighting activities (known as 'Scope 3+').



Stuart spoke on climate threats from UK military activities - including nuclear weapons - at various conferences and webinars.

Nico Edwards has presented and published her work in numerous conferences and other forums, addressing the social and ecological costs of militarisation and the gender politics of the arms trade. At the DSEI arms fair she collected evidence for her PhD on the marketing of 'green' and autonomous weapons.

SGR's estimate that the global military carbon footprint represents about 5.5% of the world's total GHG emissions continues to be widely quoted by researchers, campaigners, the media, and bodies such as the UN and International Court of Justice.

MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SCIENCE EDUCATION

SGR recruited Laura Shewan to work on a new project, funded by Network for Social Change Charitable Trust and the Martin Ryle Trust, for nine months from September 2025. Laura has written several articles, taken part in protests at the DSEI arms fair in London, promoted SGR's careers resources to students, and represented us at several conferences. Other outputs in preparation include an SGR webinar on 'militarisation and the politics of education', and a series of video interviews with scientists who have avoided military work in their careers.

ANTI-NUCLEAR AND PEACE CAMPAIGNING

Phil Webber has continued to work on nuclear disarmament campaigns, including updating SGR's introductory guide to nuclear weapons to mark the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings in August 2025. This web-based resource continues to be very popular.

CARBON FOOTPRINT OF SPORTS



SGR collaborated with the New Weather Institute (NWI) and Champions for Earth to publish 'Olympics, torched' in January, just before the Winter Olympics at Milan and Cortina in Italy.

The report, written by Stuart Parkinson and Andrew Simms, examined how the climate impact of the Games is melting the snow it depends on, noting that hundreds of Alpine ski resorts have been lost in recent years due to reduction of snow and ice. The report assessed the total direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions of the Winter Olympics, including sources which are missing from official assessments – especially 'sponsorship emissions' resulting from the promotion of heavily polluting sponsors such as oil and gas companies, car-makers and airlines.

It received widespread coverage in dozens of media outlets, especially in Italy. Athletes also used the report to call on the International Olympic Committee to end all sponsorship deals with the fossil fuel industry.





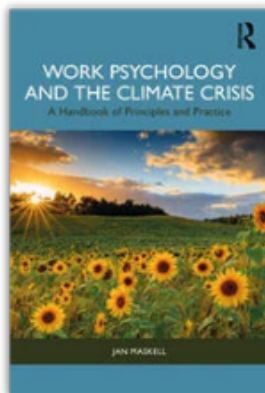
SGR and NWI also continued to research the climate impact of international football tournaments. In July 2025, we published 'FIFA's climate blind spot: the men's World Cup in a

warming world' to warn of the huge carbon footprint of this year's tournament in North America - probably the largest of any sporting event in history. Again, the report estimated both direct and indirect carbon emissions of the tournament, including those induced by the headline sponsorship deal between FIFA and the world's largest oil company, Aramco.



Earlier in 2025, SGR and NWI also published 'Playing with the planet: the climate cost of UEFA's growth plan', which looked at how the expansion of Europe's club football competitions

are fuelling emissions. Again, these reports received widespread coverage, including in *BBC Sport*, *The Independent*, *The Guardian*, *New York Times*, and sports media.



Jan Maskell published a new book entitled *Work Psychology and the Climate Crisis: A Handbook of Principles and Practice* in September.

Andrew Simms published an article in *The Ecologist* on

the International Court of Justice's climate ruling, and has continued to work on challenging fossil fuel advertising through the Badvertising campaign. He attended the 'National Emergency Briefing' on climate and nature, and the 'Bring Science to Politics' lobby, both at Westminster.

Keith Baker was heavily involved in lobbying the Scottish Government to adopt the proposed Heat and Energy Efficiency Technical Suitability Assessment (HEETSA), to help building owners identify appropriate clean energy retrofit measures and protect them from poor quality advice and installation. He led the work on the Policy Report and became a peer reviewer on the Planning and Discovery Report. The Scottish Government has since announced that HEETSA will be taken forward in the next Parliament.

SGR also supported campaigns on a wide range of other climate and energy issues, including North Sea oil and gas, President Trump's attacks on science and climate action, and failures to tackle climate disinformation.

PROJECTS AND CAMPAIGNING (CONTINUED)

SUSTAINABLE FOOD

Jan Maskell continued to contribute to Closing Loops - a five-year North Lancashire-based project funded by the National Lottery Climate Action Fund.



The project aims to reduce waste in the food system and develop a thriving local food system that is healthy, resilient and fair. Jan's role has included running 'Climate Conversations' workshops, and leading on monitoring and evaluation.

SCIENCE4SOCIETY TEACHING RESOURCES

SGR maintained its standalone website of education resources at www.s4s.org.uk. This provides valuable downloadable materials which can be used by teachers to run

classroom activities promoting the responsible use of science and technology, and sustainable living.



Among the most popular resources are 'Food Trump Cards'; printed packs can be ordered from SGR.

FAIR LIFESTYLE TARGETS

SGR maintained its Fair Lifestyle Targets online resource which encourages scientists and others to pledge to align their lifestyles to a global fair share of resources and carbon emissions.

RESPONSIBLE SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2025

SGR held its annual conference online again in order to maximise membership participation from around the country. Around 70 people attended the event, and hundreds more watched videos of the presentations later.

The conference was entitled 'Polluter and cyber elites: a lethal alignment?'



External speakers (pictured L-R, above) were:

- Astrid Nilsson Lewis
- James Parr
- Emily Ghosh
- Dr Simon Clark

SGR's Dr. Stuart Parkinson was also a main speaker, and Andrew Simms chaired the conference.

The conference examined the multiple overlapping interests of senior figures in 'Big Tech', those in energy-intensive industries including the fossil fuel sector, and very wealthy people who consume far more than their fair share of the Earth's resources.

The overall feedback on the event from participants – via questionnaire and individual comments – was generally very positive.

The conference was followed by a short Annual General Meeting for SGR members.

COMMUNICATIONS

MEDIA

SGR's work received a high level of media coverage during the reporting year, with around 200 news articles published all over the world citing SGR's research. Our reports on the climate impact of major football tournaments and the Winter Olympics received particularly strong coverage, as highlighted on p2 & p3 of this report.

SGR authors also contributed to a wide range of academic papers and campaigner briefings



SOCIAL MEDIA

We continued to run two email lists – SGRforum and SGRupdate – as well as using social media channels including LinkedIn, Bluesky, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram to promote our activities. At year end, we had 8,570 followers in total across all of these platforms.

SGR no longer uses Twitter/X due to concerns about the rising levels of offensive content, including AI-generated pornography, on that platform, and the extreme right-wing politics of its owner, Elon Musk.

SGR WEBSITE

SGR's website continued to be one of the main ways we communicate with the world.

There were over 99,000 page-views during the reporting period (slightly lower than last year's SGR record-breaker). The most popular page was SGR Patron Bill McGuire's 2023 article on 'The point of no return: how close is the world to irreversible climate change?', with over 15,000 unique page views in 2025-26.

RESPONSIBLE SCIENCE JOURNAL

In May 2025, we published the 7th edition of the *Responsible Science* journal, with 32 pages of high-quality content.



There were 9 featured articles, including:

- 'The UK's fair carbon budget will run out in 2027: here's the evidence';
- 'Carbon disarmament: the rise of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty';
- 'The best technologies for effective climate action';
- 'How can we defuse the carbon bomb of overconsumption?';
- 'Global football's dirty climate tackle';
- 'Integrating science into policy-making: proactive evidence-based policies';
- 'Responsible AI: are governments and corporations giving up?; and
- 'Whales and international climate change law'.

ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

STAFF

Stuart Parkinson continued as Executive Director, Andrew Simms as Assistant Director, Emily Heath as Finance and Membership Manager, Jan Maskell as Education Projects Director and Rowan Harris as Communications Assistant. Laura Shewan began a fixed-term contract in September 2025 as a campaigner on our new project on the militarisation of STEM education.

The staff team are pictured below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025-26 was our third year of operating as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), co-ordinated by a Board of Directors. Six Directors served for the whole year: Phil Webber and Jan Maskell (Co-Chairs), Keith Baker, Emily Heath, Stuart Parkinson, and Nico Edwards.

The board was supported by several advisers: Fiona McOwan and Philip Inglesant, plus Marion Hersh (from October 2025).

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Our environmental footprint remained very low, with all staff working from home, no flights or car journeys taken by staff for SGR business purposes, and Zoom used for meetings and the 2025 conference.

In June 2025 all staff and some directors met in person for a 'Strategy Day' in Lancaster Quaker Meeting House (pictured below) - with lots of brainstorming and discussion, superb vegan food and a stroll around the nearby Fairfield nature reserve.



We have continued to encourage members to opt for digital communications to reduce paper usage and delivery miles.



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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Over this reporting period (1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026), income exceeded expenditure by about £2,500, thanks largely to several successful grant applications. Compared to the previous year, there was a significant increase in expenditure and a small decrease in income, but unrestricted reserves remained at a healthy level.

A detailed breakdown of our income and expenditure is shown in the tables and figures.

INCOME

Income from grants increased significantly to £56,000, while other income, including from the annual appeal, membership subscriptions and consultancy work, reduced.

Overall, income decreased by around £3,000 (4%) compared to the previous year. However, receipt of some of the 2025-26 appeal income was delayed until 2026-27.

We received project-related grants (including overheads) of:

- £7,500 from the National Lottery Climate Action Fund for Y4 of the 5-year Closing Loops (sustainable food) project;
- A second tranche of £15,000 from the Marmot Charitable Trust for our work on climate change and the military, plus £5,000 towards this project from the Martin Ryle Trust (MRT);
- £20,000 from Network for Social Change Charitable Trust for a new project on the militarisation of STEM education;
- £750 from the New Weather Institute for more work on the climate impact of sports.

We received grants towards core costs from the MRT totalling £4,449.

At the end of the reporting period, we had 562 members and supporters.

OVERALL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS	
Opening balance 01.03.25	£44,938
Income	£80,828
Expenditure	£78,261
Income minus expenditure	£2,568
Closing balance 28.02.26	£47,504

*NB All figures rounded to the nearest pound;
totals may not sum exactly due to rounding.*

INCOME	2024-25	2025-26
Membership subscriptions	£16,766	£15,387
Annual appeal	£17,800	£5,173
Grants	£41,660	£55,999
Donations	£5,376	£3,065
Publications, lectures, consultancy, etc	£965	£0
Other income	£1,190	£1,204
Total	£83,756	£80,828

EXPENDITURE

Our overall expenditure in 2025-26 was 19% higher than the previous year, mainly due to the Military & Education project starting while all of our other projects continued.

All staff have worked from home since September 2024 so we did not pay any office rent in 2025-26.

However, salaries went up with inflation and printing and postage costs increased slightly, despite reducing our journal print runs and sending fewer items by mail year-by-year.

SGR ended the 2025-26 financial year with around £25k in unrestricted reserves, equivalent to about 6 months core operating costs.

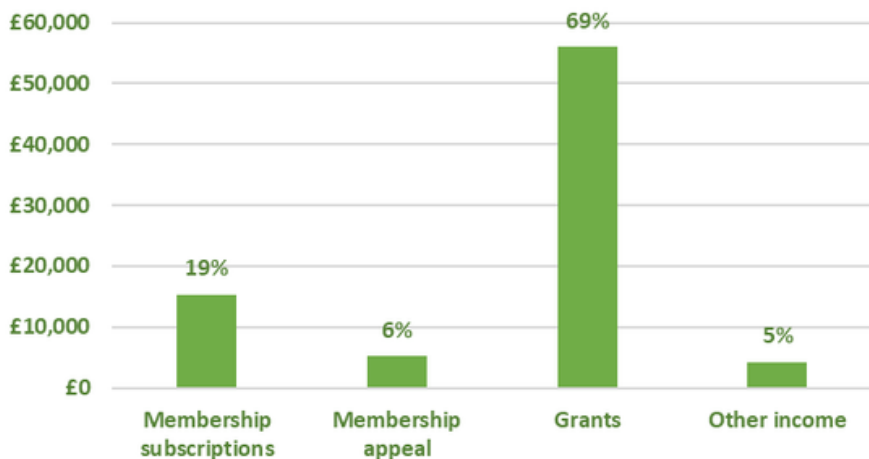
As ever, our finances continue to depend on the success of grant applications and the generosity of donors.

We are very grateful to all who supported SGR’s work this year.

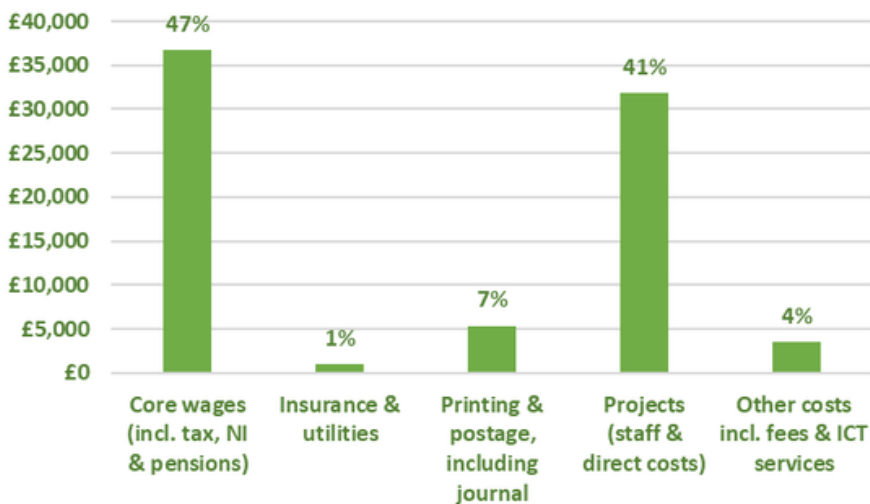
EXPENDITURE	2024-25	2025-26
Core wages (incl. NI & pensions)	£34,147	£36,693
Office rent, insurance, utilities	£4,384	£937
Printing & postage, incl. Responsible Science journal	£4,021	£5,352
Other core costs	£2,473	£3,502
Military & Education project	£0	£9,601
Sports & Climate project	£6,242	£5,330
Communications Assistance	£3,605	£3,096
Military & Climate project	£4,821	£7,750
Closing Loops project	£6,000	£6,000
TOTAL	£65,996	£78,261

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