

RESPECT PARTY

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Registration details for the Respect Party

Registered officers

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Introduction by the party treasurer

These are the accounts for Respect in 2008 - now described in public materials as 'The Respect Party'. The statement enclosed accounts for all of the income and expenditure by the The Respect Party as a national organisation in 2008. In addition to income and expenditure registered in the national account includes all income and expenditure of those Respect branches that, following the split in the party in late 2007, affiliated to the organisation Respect Renewal in 2008.

The registered officers who supplied the annual accounts for Respect to the Electoral Commission for 2007, Oliur Rahman and Jacqueline Turner, left Respect to form a new organisation 'The Left Alternative' in 2008.

The accounts presented here, therefore, refer only to the income and expenditure of Respect Renewal, which obtained full registered ownership of Respect in September 2008, when all those connected with 'The Left Alternative' acknowledged that they had formed a separate organisation and ceased to be registered officers with the Electoral Commission. The new registered officers to the end of 2008 are detailed on page 3 above.

Respect in 2008

Following the split in Respect in 2007 and the contestation of ownership of the party for most of 2008 the party suffered a large loss in both membership and income.


This is reflected in the drop in annual income from £210,093 to £36,237.35 and expenditure from £202,608 to £40,1515.16 between year end 2007 and 2008. This fall in overall turnover reduced the national organisation to a shoestring operation that employed no full or part-time permanent staff in 2008. It also witnessed a fall in membership from 2,472 members in 2007 to just over 500 by end 2008.

Many Respect branches ceased functioning. By the end of 2008 it was possible to identify ten functioning branches with about a dozen smaller groups of Respect supporters that were in a position to create a Respect branch in 2009. All branches have provided full income and expenditure accounts that include local election expenditure where campaigns fought in 2008. These accounts are available on request but for reporting purposes have been consolidated into the accounts presented below.

A request was sent to all elected National Council members to report all expenditure made by them on behalf of Respect in 2008 and returns sent to the National Treasurer are consolidated into the accounts presented below.

The deficit of £3,913.81 recorded in the 2008 accounts is composed of income still to be received for publications by the national organisation and election expenses still to be recovered by the fundraising activities of local branches involved.

Will McMahon



National Treasurer
April 2 2009.

RESPECT	Income and expenditure account for the year ended 2008	
INCOME		
Membership fees and standing order donations	9,395.86	
Income from paper and pamphlet sales	2,425.75	
Non- standing order donations from members	9,937.07	
National Conference Revenue	2,970.00	
Event fundraising	4,682.26	
Local Election Income	6,826.41	
TOTAL INCOME	36,237.35	
EXPENDITURE		
Venue and event Costs		
2008 Conference costs	3,893.00	
Venue hire for party national council and local branches	965.00	
Venue hire for fundraising	1,771.83	
Football tournament in Manchester	709.76	
	7,339.59	
Office costs		
Fees paid for office set up	2,460.59	
Office rent	5,000.00	
Office phones and internet	1,969.58	
Office consumables	3,922.34	
Office energy bills	641.76	
Office Misc (travel/petty cash/other)	701.80	
	14,696.07	
Membership Services		
Postal and other communications with members	1,577.35	
Payment to electoral commission for 'London renewal'	150.00	
	1,727.35	
Publication costs		
Photographs for publications	461.38	
Protest placards and leaflets	3,705.20	
Respect paper and other publication costs	3,717.90	
Other local leaflets etc	615.01	
	8,499.49	
Local election expenditure	6,826.41	
Local loans repaid	625.00	
Bank charges	437.25	
	1062.25	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2008	40,151.16	