

Mind the gap

LSE's Widening Participation initiatives aim to encourage students from under-represented backgrounds to discover new opportunities and fulfil their potential in higher education, at LSE and elsewhere.

Some of these initiatives are aimed at simply encouraging all young people to 'aim high', while others are aimed at identifying the most talented young people from London state schools and colleges and giving them the tools they need to successfully apply to LSE and other competitive universities.

The programme involves students from year six to year 13 (10-19 years old) in initiatives including, the Student Shadowing Scheme, LSE Maths and the Student Tutoring Scheme. This year alone, over 5,400 students have taken part in the projects. The programme also provides LSE students with practical tutoring and mentoring experience, with students volunteering to act as classroom assistants and positive role models.

Private support has been vital to the programme including that of Richard Delbridge (BSc Accounting 1963), the late Bill Harrison (BSc Economics 1971, MSc Economics 1972) and his family, The JLD Trust, Merrill Lynch, The Sutton Trust and The Goldman Sachs Foundation.

Katy Redfern, Widening Participation Manager said: 'Private support has had an invaluable impact on the programme. It has enabled us to work with more students, develop new activities and launch new initiatives to enhance the programme.'

The LSE Summer Schools invite 30 talented Year 11 pupils from the School's local community to study and gain exposure to the LSE. Run in July, the five, one-week

courses each focus on a different subject (government, law, maths, psychology and business and finances), and are taught by LSE academics. Merrill Lynch have offered their support by sponsoring the business and finance school, which will this year include a company visit for the pupils and a tour of the training floor. Bob Wigley, Senior Vice President said; 'We are delighted to be involved with the LSE Summer School programme. We are looking forward to working with some talented students, enabling them to gain a good understanding of economics and key factors in business success while also giving them a first-hand insight and experience of our market leading investment banking environment'.

The LSE CHOICE programme, supported by The Sutton Trust and The Goldman Sachs Foundation, provides a 18-month programme of activities for 150 16-18 year-olds, including Saturday Schools and Summer Schools. The programme is aimed at identifying the most talented young people from London state school and colleges and giving them the tools they need to successfully apply to competitive Universities.

Graduates of the LSE CHOICE programme now have the opportunity to apply for an LSE CHOICE scholarship, which will provide support for two pupils who have been through the programme to study at LSE.

For many pupils, this programme not only raises their educational aspirations, but can also be the first step onto a professional career path. As one graduate said: 'Further study has definitely helped my personal development; learning how to socialise with people and how to tackle problems in my life. It has also been important in terms of my career, as gaining my degree helped me land my first job.'

Reunion Giving

In March, over 300 LSE alumni who graduated in 1957 and before all came together for the '50+ Reunion' (pictured).

Events began with an excellent lunch aboard the Dixie Queen, a replica Mississippi Paddle Steamer, which set off from the Tower of London and cruised past Canary Wharf and Greenwich. Alumni and guests then came back to LSE for a welcome from director Howard Davies and David Kingsley, chair of the LSE Alumni Association, followed by tours of the School. The day was rounded off with drinks and dinner in the Senior Dining Room.

Many alumni chose to mark their anniversary year by making a collective gift to the Annual Fund through the class giving programme and raised over £62,000 to support School projects and initiatives that would not have otherwise been possible. This year, the classes of 1972-73, 1992-93, are celebrating their 35th and 15th anniversary reunions.

For more information about reunion giving, please go to: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEAnnualFund/reunionGiving.htm



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Campaign for LSE nears its £100 million target

By the end of 2007, if not before, The Campaign for LSE will exceed its £100 million goal. The current Campaign total stands at just over £98,000,000 and this is a direct result of the support and commitment of over 11,000 alumni and friends, from the UK, EU and overseas.

The Campaign for LSE is transforming the face of LSE, supporting students, developing new campus facilities and producing innovative global research. It has established the foundations for a stronger LSE to support the future work of the School.

The Campaign is enabling LSE to attract talented, world-leading academics to the School. Their research on a



wide range of subjects including, Turkey, Greece, Asia and human rights, will not only help to maintain LSE's tradition of academic excellence, but to further expand its knowledge and contribution to global issues.

This year alone LSE was able to offer over £1,800,000 of philanthropic scholarship support to nearly 200 students studying at the School, enabling even more students to benefit from studying at LSE.

The re-developed LSE British Library of Political and Economic Science has attracted a huge increase in student usage and demand, prompting a pilot scheme of 24-hour opening during term time in addition to exam periods. The use of the archives has also increased by over 30 per cent and the library has recently scored a 93 per cent satisfaction survey from its users.

The Campaign for LSE is having an impact, not just within the School itself but on a regional, national, and global scale. LSE is an institution that not only seeks to 'understand the causes of things' but also enables change. Supporting the School allows students, staff and alumni to work together to make a real difference, providing policy makers and world leaders with the knowledge and tools to produce international change.

Thank you for supporting this Campaign and for your continued support of LSE.

New Academic Building starting to take shape

Thanks to the support of alumni and friends, the construction of the New Academic Building is nearing the halfway mark.

The whole of the inside of the newly acquired building, which backs onto Lincoln's Inn Fields, has been demolished, with only the three facades and associated structure being retained. Re-building work has commenced with the construction of the new structure, formation of floors, lift shafts and the four lecture theatres. The central atrium is already beginning to take shape, with new structural steel work being erected at a rapid rate.

The Campaign for LSE is aiming to raise £10 million for the New Academic Building, which will provide extensive contemporary and flexible teaching and



learning space for the School. Your support has brought us halfway to that total, with over £5,000,000 already pledged towards the building. The New Academic Building is due to be in full occupation and operation by the start of the Michaelmas term, 2008.

Go to www.lse.ac.uk/campaignforlse for future updates on the progress of the building.

For more information on the New Academic Building, please contact Rachel Jones at r.h.s.jones@lse.ac.uk +44 (0)20 7955 7449

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'The Campaign for LSE was launched, your support has had a direct impact on every aspect of life at the School'



From the Director

Welcome to LSE Impact, our new biannual newsletter for supporters of LSE.

Since The Campaign for LSE was launched, your support has had a direct impact on every aspect of life at the School, enabling innovative global research, supporting students and transforming campus facilities.

Therefore, thanks to your continued commitment, I am delighted to announce that by the end of this year, we will have exceeded our campaign target of £100 million – one of the largest completed campaigns in the higher education sector to date in the UK.

The Campaign for LSE has enabled the School to continue its tradition of contemporary thinking, influencing economic and political policy on a global scale. LSE staff, students and alumni are all making an impact on a global scale and by offering your support, you too are sharing in this vision and ambition.

However, whilst we will certainly celebrate the achievements of this campaign, our long-term vision for the expansion and development of LSE is only just beginning.

We are aware that in order to continue this legacy of enabling understanding and change, the School will need to develop alongside the changing face of the world. Your continued support will be vital to ensure the foundation of a permanently stronger LSE with the capacity to contribute and compete on a global scale.

This newsletter demonstrates how your contribution has made an impact on every aspect of life at LSE. Every gift helps to make a difference and we are delighted to highlight just some of those who have chosen to give so generously to The Campaign for LSE.

Thank you for your continued support.

Howard Davies, Director, LSE

Art imitates life at LSE



The New Academic Building is set to transform the face of the LSE campus. However, for Brian Smith and the Art for the New Academic Building Committee, this re-development has also presented the opportunity to support a lasting and visible artistic contribution to the LSE landscape.

Working with a consultant from the Contemporary Art Society and with the support of alumni and friends, the Art for the New Academic Building Committee is aiming to commission two pieces of art which will be integrated conceptually and physically into the architecture of the building, in the atrium and in relief on the corner site on Kingsway.

Leading the Committee is keen art-collector and alumnus Brian Smith (BSc (Econ) Accounting and Finance 1963) who has already pledged a leadership gift to the project. 'I am hoping that the commissions will become a talking point within the School. It gives us the opportunity to produce something visible on campus that will directly affect everyone.'

Brian has been collecting art since his time at LSE, which he remembers for its dynamic location and international student population. 'In addition to the academic benefits, it was the location of the School in the middle of London and the mix of people of different ages and from different countries that really stood out for me.'

Brian has been a long-standing supporter of the School, having supported several undergraduate scholarships and becoming a member of the LSE Legacy Circle. He is also currently serving as Chairman on the Finance and General Purposes Committee and as a Governor. 'I think it is important for alumni to be involved with the School and I'd like to see it more; both in terms of offering financial support and getting involved on a more general level.'

Currently, the Committee has already produced a short list of four artists, from whom they will select the two who will be commissioned to produce the art, which will be installed ready for the building opening next year.



Legacy of support from LSE staff

LSE does not only make an impact on the lives of students. It can also be an immensely rewarding and unforgettable experience for members of staff, who have always played a fundamental part in the School's continued success and commitment to educational excellence.

One such member of staff is retired Professor, Derek Diamond, who first arrived at LSE in 1968 as a Reader in Geography and became Professor of Geography in 1982. After retiring in 1995, Professor Diamond has continued his long association with the School, including conducting talks with the Geography Department and walking tours for alumni.

However, Professor Diamond also has a long-standing commitment to raising funds at LSE. He was one of the leading figures in forming the LSE Foundation, the fore-runner of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations and, having pledged a legacy gift to the School himself, is now spearheading a campaign to encourage other retired staff to do the same. For many alumni and friends, leaving a legacy gift by remembering the School in their will, enables them to make a larger gift than might be possible during their lifetime. 'Legacies are what will make the long-

term difference to the School,' explains Professor Diamond, who is keen to stress the importance and transformative nature of legacy giving. 'It makes it possible for LSE to raise money in large sums at the time when we are in a position to give back. Many of us leave unexpectedly large sums, often the consequence of house-price inflation and we can either allow the government to claim it or give it to LSE.'

Professor Diamond's work in involving other retired members of staff has already resulted in several more legacy gifts being pledged to LSE, and he is optimistic that even more people will want to become involved in the future. 'Staff tend to form an attachment and a deep commitment to LSE. There's nowhere in the world like it for dynamic and integrated intellectual debate and we are bound by a common interest in the social sciences.'

So what does the Professor miss most about working at the School? 'The students,' he says emphatically. 'We only get the best at LSE.'

For more information on legacy giving please contact Rosie Woodward on +44 (0)20 7955 7376, r.c.woodward@lse.ac.uk

Human rights work flourishes at LSE



LSE is committed to the study of contemporary issues and challenges, enabling the School to make a wider contribution and impact on understanding and solving these problems on a global scale.

The Centre for the Study of Human Rights opened in 2000. Its mission is to promote the study of human rights in a dynamic and critically-aware fashion, thereby engaging the interest and excitement of the scholarly community, human rights practitioners and the wider public. Over the last five years, the Centre can proudly count The Sigrid Rausing Trust, The Atlantic Philanthropies, and The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust amongst its key stakeholders.

The Sigrid Rausing Trust has just completed a five year £500,000 investment in the Centre. This vital support has enabled LSE to embed human rights work as a core intellectual concern of the School.

The Sigrid Rausing Trust is itself a dedicated supporter of human rights. Set up in 1995 by Sigrid Rausing as a grant giving trust, it takes as its guiding framework

the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Trust seeks to fund well-led and strongly focused work around the world. So far it has awarded grants totalling over £85 million. LSE is just one of many organisations that have benefited from the Trust's support.

Professor Conor Gearty, Rausing Director of the Centre, believes that The Sigrid Rausing Trust has played a vital role in helping the Centre achieve a unique and influential position. Professor Gearty comments: 'Thanks to The Sigrid Rausing Trust, we are moving ever closer to our goal of being the key intellectual centre for the promotion of human rights work around the world. In so doing we hope to merit further partnership opportunities that enable us to reach out to underrepresented groups who are making a difference in the field, strengthen our research agenda, and bring debate further into the public arena.'

The Centre is also keen to help train the next generation of human rights experts. With an already well-developed masters programme, in which students are exposed to key national and international debates about human rights, the Centre is building a meaningful and lasting legacy through its alumni.

For more information please go to: www.lse.ac.uk/humanrights or Simon Marsh +44 (0)20 7955 7852 s.marsh@lse.ac.uk

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The Annual Fund – making an instant impact



Our dedicated team of student callers, the Annual Fund 'Beavers', have already spoken to 4,000 alumni this year, updating them on LSE news and developments, sharing memories and experiences and even, on occasion, receiving sound career advice.

The Annual Fund has raised nearly £3 million since it was first set-up in 1997, supporting projects which will have a direct impact on academic life, campus environment and facilities and student life at the

School. We have also already raised £440,000 this financial year to date.

This year's funded projects have included scholarship and hardship support for students, research funding for young academics, hockey equipment and floodlights for the AU, the refurbishment of the Quad and Old Theatre, and seed funding for the LSE Energy Fund, highlighting the variety of interest and activity around the School.

Your contribution has had an invaluable impact on everyday life at the school for staff and students. All the funded projects simply could not have happened without your support.

To view a full list of projects and to see how your support makes a difference, go to www.lse.ac.uk/annualfund or contact the Annual Fund team at +44 (0)20 7955 6081

Student Life

'The Annual Fund has enabled us to make substantial improvements to the Old Theatre. At last our theatre has a professional lighting board, spotlighting, our first working sound board and sound system.

Behind the scenes, future generations of LSE students will now be able to learn the ropes of technical theatre with professional working equipment. Thanks for your support.'

Katherine Marrant, President, LSESU Drama Society

'The Annual Fund has made a huge difference to the support the Students' Union Advice Centre can provide by increasing the number of students we can help and has allowed many students who would have otherwise had to leave, to remain at LSE.'

Alexandra Vincenti, LSESU Education and Welfare Officer

'LooSE TV, the Television Network of the LSE SU, would like to thank Annual Fund donors for their contributions.

Having the equipment that we do was instrumental in our being able to make credible, high quality films and give our members real experience of filmmaking that a lot of them, preparing for careers in film and media, will take with them in the future.

So, thank you!'

Sanj Krishnan, LooSE TV

'The Quad refurbishment has completely reinvigorated this vital student area. It has improved the experience for students both during the day, when it is used as a café and social space, and in the evenings, when it hosts a huge range of society events ranging from national dinners and Ceilidhs to jazz shows and club nights. Thank you to each and every donor to the Annual Fund – you have really made a difference for current students!'

Joel Kenrick, SU Treasurer

Academic Life

'Support from the Annual Fund New Researcher Award has allowed me to develop a major project on religion, media, and the public sphere in the United Kingdom. While this builds on my existing expertise on the analysis of religion, the flexibility of the grant means that I have been able to branch out in exciting directions, gaining exposure to new bodies of literature. The Award also puts me in a strong position to apply for other grants to carry the project forward.'

Matthew Engelke, Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology

'The public lecture series "The United Nations at 60 relic or relevant?" which took place over the course of 2006/07 academic year included high profile speakers from all over the world. The events were enormously popular and of great benefit to LSE staff, students and alumni as well as the wider community. Academic lecture series such as this one reinforce LSE's reputation as a world class centre for the study of the social and political sciences and would not be possible without the support of donors who contribute to the Annual Fund.'

Alan Revel, LSE Events Manager

Facilities

'Support from the Annual Fund has enabled us to continue to improve and develop the School's campus facilities. We have improved access for students on campus, installed more bike racks at the School, installed the 'Fabian Window' and the Islamic Society has refurbished the well-used Muslim prayer room. Your support has had an invaluable impact on the everyday use and enjoyment of the Houghton Street campus. Thank you.'

Chris Kudlicki, Director of Estates

'Although it is one of the oldest Halls amongst all LSE residences, every inch of Passfield succeeds in deceiving its age, thanks to its recent refurbishment. Passfield Hall indeed offers students one of the best places to live in London. This refurbishment has only been made possible thanks, in part, to the generous donations and contributions made by LSE alumni and friends to the Annual Fund. On behalf of all the residents we would like to thank all those who made this possible.'

Passfield Hall Committee



Clockwise from the top left: The Fabian Window, installed in the Shaw Library; Audience at one of the many public lectures; Passfield Hall; One of the School's sporting events.

Thank you from our Annual Fund 'Beavers'



'One of the things I love about the Annual Fund is that you really feel a part of both the history and future of LSE. Talking to alumni of all ages and nationalities from all different fields and hearing their golden tales of student life never fails to be interesting, heart-warming and often inspiring!'

Gráinne Mellon – LLM, Ireland



'Working at the Annual Fund has been an enriching experience. I have fun chatting with the alumni from all over the world and at the same time, help make a difference to LSE.'

Pom Tantivashinchai – BSc Economics, Thailand



'Working here gives me the chance to learn from all of you who have been through this already. It is inspiring to hear all the different things that each of you have accomplished since leaving LSE. If it weren't for the scholarships and financial assistance I have received, I would not have been able to get to the point of working towards a Master's degree here at LSE. So thank you. I am looking forward to chatting with you soon!'

Daniel Epstein – MSc City Design and Social Science, Canada

From left to right: Performers on stage in the Old Theatre; LooSE TV covering the election night special; The refurbished Quad; Bike racks around campus



Global support for international scholarships

Studying at the LSE can be a memorable and life-changing experience for students. LSE is committed to ensuring that talented students from across the globe can benefit from studying at the School. Your support has been and continues to be vital in ensuring that we can offer some of the best and brightest students the opportunities and experiences that an LSE education provides, regardless of their financial situation.

LSE has an exceptionally diverse student population, with students from over 130 countries around the world. This creates an environment where global issues can truly be debated and understood, enabling students, alumni and the School to make a real difference and global contribution.

Over the last ten years, support from alumni and friends have enabled us to support students from the UK, EU and overseas, enabling talented students from across the globe to study at LSE, regardless of their financial means.

The Timblo family are supporters who share this vision and ambition. **The Modu Timblo Scholarship** was established in honour of Modu Timblo by his son and daughter-in-law, Auduth and Anju and his grandson and alumnus Ambar (BSc Economics 1997). Modu is remembered by his family as a man who instilled in them the importance of education and an awareness of the world. It was his dream for his grandson to come to LSE but sadly he died the year before Ambar started at the School. The Scholarship will award five one-year scholarships to MSc students from India studying Economics, Finance or Management.

Alumnus Firoz Lalji (BSc Economics 1969) is also dedicated to international student support and has generously pledged \$1 million to the LSE Centennial Fund in the USA to establish an endowed scholarship which will enable more Ugandan students to study at LSE.

The scholarship will be named the **Firoz and Najma Lalji Foundation scholarship**, honoring Firoz Lalji and his wife, Najma. The mission of the Foundation is to provide educational support for students from underdeveloped countries, to support the arts in selected communities, and to initiate ground level education and health programs aimed at assisting young women.

Firoz said: 'LSE has had a great and positive impact on my life. This is my way of connecting my alma mater to Uganda and to see a steady flow of future leaders that in turn will benefit not only deserving students, but also Uganda's development.'

It is often also beneficial for students to gain practical business experience during their studies at LSE and therefore, the recipients of the **HSBC Corporate, Investment Banking and Markets (CIBM) Scholarship** will receive the opportunity to undertake a summer internship with the company. HSBC CIBM supports two scholarships for full-time undergraduate students from China, Korea or the



UAE, studying in the Accounting and Finance or Economics Departments at LSE. Students will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from HSBC and gain invaluable practical experience to complement their studies.

For more information on supporting scholarships please contact Bimla Safka at b.safka@lse.ac.uk or +44 (0)20 7852 3685.



'My experience here at LSE has been more exuberant than I can honestly describe in simple words. My actions in the near future will tell the story of how much I have gained from this institution... The investment of your money and time were much more than a gift to one student. Yours was an investment in the future of my country.'

Andrew Othieno, (MSc Development Studies 2006) ICAP Scholar, Uganda



'At LSE, I have been exposed to state-of-the art research in econometrics, and it has been a great opportunity to be part of such a vibrant academic environment. Education is the best asset anyone can have and the best means of empowering

all of us to give back to our countries and to our world. I cannot express my gratitude for selecting me for this scholarship and providing me with the opportunity to fulfil my dream.'

Dalia Ghanem, PJD Wiles Scholar
MSc Economics and Econometrics student, Egypt



Volkswagen Foundation helps drive social policy research forward

Academics at LSE, The Social Science Research Centre, Berlin and The Centre for Social Policy Research, University of Bremen, have been exchanging ideas and expanding their knowledge in the field of social policy thanks to the support of The Volkswagen Foundation.

The T H Marshall Fellowship Programme began in 2005, providing practitioners and academics with the opportunity to spend three to twelve months as guest researchers in Germany or Britain, exploring key questions of social policy they have encountered in their own professional work in a comparative, European context.

The programme is inspired by the contributions of T H Marshall, a key theoretician of the formative stage of western welfare states. Marshall held the first British chair in sociology in 1944 – LSE's Martin White Chair – and was linked to Germany by two key experiences: as a prisoner of war in WWI and as a commissioner in the British Control Commission 1949-50.

Now in its final year, the programme aims to link social policy theory and practice across national borders and create a pan-European network of social policy practitioners and researchers. Dr Alfred Schmidt of The Volkswagen Foundation said: 'Practitioners and analysts have to stay abreast of the rapid

changes in social policy and so a mutual exchange which does not stop at national boundaries and academic disciplines can be very beneficial.

'Practitioners can reflect on their practical experience in a stimulating setting and refresh and expand their knowledge base.'

LSE plans to conclude the programme with a symposium event in Summer 2008, please check the LSE website for further details.

For more information, please contact Simon Marsh on s.marsh@lse.ac.uk or +44 (0)20 7955 7852.

'Since The Campaign for LSE began, we have raised over £16 million for student support. Your help has transformed the lives of students'