

SCC Budget Appeal

The SCC would like to appeal for an additional £800 to the Management Group budget.

The reason we need the money is that we took a more than 30% cut on our budget this year, receiving £3491 compared to £5210.94 last year. Some of this is due to poor budgeting on the part of our Clubs, and we have cut their budgets in response – **note that even if we receive this money, we will still have taken an almost 20% cut**, equivalent to the other most heavily cut groups, the RCSU and the CGCU. However, the total sum of cuts to the SCC is insupportably large; there is a very real risk of smaller and newer clubs being unable to expand and establish themselves as we have simply been unable to offer them the support they need.

What the money is needed for:

- SCC Ahlul Bayt: £10 for Speakers. Having visiting speakers is a core activity for this Club, which has a membership target of 50 people, and we weren't able to offer any money in our allocation so far
- SCC Amnesty International: £50 for Conferences. In order to liaise with their parent charity and run effectively, quite a few members of the Society have to attend national conferences, and as the situation stands they will have to pay out of their own pocket
- SCC ArtSoc: £50 for Cultural Activities. ArtSoc members spend a lot of money on tickets to London events, which the society subsidises. The subsidy is already almost laughably small, and we have been forced to drop it even further. With this money, we wouldn't have to.
- SCC IASH: £20 for Publicity. IASH is a brand new society, and if it can't attract members in its first couple of years then it will never be able to get off the ground. This money is for permanent items like a display stand, not for colour printing etc, so it will continue to benefit the club for some time.
- SCC Caledonian: £50 for Cultural Activities. This society does its best to run its own events, but with the best will in the world they're not as good as public events, so it's going to be a really serious problem for the club if we can't offer them money to subsidise members' tickets to external events.
- SCC Catholic: £35 for Ground Hire. Their retreat in Snowdonia is a core activity - many members of the society go, and they have done their absolute best to minimise costs, so we want to help it be affordable.
- SCC Christian Union: £180 for Ground Hire. 50 people go on this club's annual trip, and even with this additional subsidy they'll have to pay almost £50 each, despite the fact that the trip is as cheap as it could possibly be.
- SCC Conservative: £20 for Cultural Activities. This club has worked really hard this year and managed to reverse a declining trend in membership and activities, so we really want to be able to offer them a significant Grant increase to reflect that. Yes, £20 is significant to them.
- SCC Erasmus: £35. This club's annual trip is the only money we are giving them, and will cost more than £60 per person even with this additional subsidy.
- SCC Sci Fi: £100 for Copyright and Royalties. Owing to the cut the Management Group received, Sci Fi's Grant has been reduced from £450 last year to just £200 this year. They do have SGI, so we are still proposing a substantial cut to them, but their SGI would easily be spent in one year of normal club operation. It has been generated through non-core activities and the club members would be fully entitled not to run those activities in future, so it seems unreasonable to force them to do so by taking their Grant away.

SCC SIFE: £150 for Travel Expenses and Conferences. This club has a membership target of 60 people and we have been almost unable to offer a subsidy for their most important activities.

SCC Speakers: £100 for Affiliation Fees. Even with this increase, we will be subsidising only a fraction of the society's £2000 affiliation fee for the Toastmasters group, which they need to access the best competitions, evaluations and training.

Where the money could come from:

Option 1: Bearing in mind the information Henry sent out about the increased Contingency budget due to the money rolling over from last year, take the whole amount from Contingency. This would leave over £4000 in Contingency.

Option 2: Take 10% from the increase of every Management Group that received an increase, and then make up the difference from Contingency. This would be:

A&E: £116.14
CAG: £89.80
GSA: £34.72
Medics: £180.08
OSC: £8.85
RAG: £30.81
RCC: £116.68
Silwood: £35.54
Motor: £50

Contingency: £137.02

Option 3: Split the amount between the three highest funded Management Groups, roughly proportionately to their total budgets, giving:

ACC: £400
Medics: £200
RCC: £200