

Experiment with Light Network Annual Report for May 2015 to November 2016

The highlight of this period was Rex Ambler's attendance at Friends General Conference in Minnesota, USA (July 2016) where he gave the keynote address on "Living in Dark Times". The week-long residential gathering provided plenty of opportunity to introduce more Friends to Experiment with Light and for Experimenters from throughout North America to come together to establish their own network.

Earlier, in May 2015, Helen Meads and Andrea Freeman led a well-received Experiment with Light retreat at Belgium & Luxembourg Yearly Meeting. The international nature of our discipline has also been acknowledged recently by including a Spanish language version of one of the Light meditations on our newly restructured meditations' webpage. Our newsletter, now renamed 'Journal of the Experiment with Light Network', also contained contributions from way beyond the UK, including several articles on the activities during the Friends General Conference gathering.

We were pleased that Europe & Middle East Section of the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC-EMES) chose Experiment with Light as their offer to Friends from all over the world at the FWCC Triennial held in January in Peru.

Our Steering Group has met four times, with another meeting scheduled immediately after our Annual Business Meeting, which will be Rex Ambler's last meeting as a Steering Group member. We thank him for having followed his calling many years ago, which led to the establishment of our discipline, and for all the work he has done since.

Our Steering Group meetings continue to be steeped in our process, with Light meditations being held at each one of them, focusing on topics we feel need particular attention. During this period this included, for example, the question "What are the edges of Experiment with Light?"

In October 2015, Susie Tombs, with assistance from other experienced workshop facilitators, completed our new workshop leaders' handbook that collates practical guidance, templates, checklists and reflections on how to run a variety of workshops and retreats.

Our own Experiment with Light events during this period had at times low take-up, but usually very positive feedback from participants. We have started the process of advertising them beyond the Quaker fold, while still keeping our focus on holding workshops at Quaker centres.

Until the end of 2015, we enjoyed generous funding by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, for which we are very grateful. One of the challenges for this coming year will be to establish new steady sources of income.

We look forward to our Conference at Glenthorne in March 2017 which will be an opportunity for a deep sharing of our experience of Experiment with Light. We hope to publish a history of Experiment with Light in Summer 2017 and, following on from our last Annual Business Meeting, have started to explore organising another International Gathering.

Klaus Huber
Clerk of the Experiment with Light Network Steering Group
November 2016

EwL Performance against Budget, 2015

		2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	
BALANCE B/F		12,001	12,001.50	
INCOME				
Grants	JRCT	6,000	6,000.00	
	Edith Ellis (not conferences)	3,000	1,000.00	
	Francis Camfield Trust	0	0.00	
	Other charities, appeals	0	0.00	
Payments	Workshops	50	2,240.00	
	Gatherings	0	0.00	
	Individuals	50	100.00	
	Quaker Centre Events	0	0.00	
	Intn'l Gatherings / bursaries (from Budget-Gatherings)	0	0.00	
Sales (net)	Book & CD sales & royalties	400	529.70	
	Newsletter sales	100	334.00	
Bank Interest		5	5.92	
Loans				
TOTAL		9,605	10,209.62	
EXPENDITURE				
Overheads	SG Meeting costs	Accommodation & meals	2,000	981.42
		Travel expenses	2,000	748.25
	Regional Gatherings	Planning meetings	100	0.00
		Facility hire	100	0.00
		Facilitator travel	500	0.00
	National Events	Planning meetings	300	166.07
		Training places	300	0.00
		Elder acc. & travel	600	263.11
	Bursaries		900	448.00
	Workshop Administration	Travel, communication, accom	0	2,049.25
	Occasional Gatherings	(from Budget-Gatherings)	0	0.00
	Teaming	Planning, travel, other	50	0.00
	Support/Nurture	Newsletter	500	517.00
		Web-site	200	52.80
		EwL Introducers Pack	100	50.00
		Publications - Booklets & CDs	3,000	2,558.50
	Fundraising	Planning, travel, other	50	0.00
	Promotion/advertising	The Friend etc.	1,000	1,108.90
	Office costs	Print, copy, post, stat, tel.	500	207.74
TOTAL		12,200	9,151.04	
SURPLUS/LOSS		-2,595	1,058.58	
BALANCE C/F		9,406	13,060.08	

D. Halliwell
EXAMINER 5/5/16.

EwL ACCOUNTS 2015

Current Account

Opening Balance	994.57	1	
Credit	12,204.23		
Debit	<u>12,151.04</u>		
Current Balance	1,047.76		> total opening balance £12,001.50

Deposit Account

Opening Balance	11,006.93	J	
Credit	3,000.00		
Debit	2,000.00		
Interest	<u>5.39</u>		
Current Balance	12,012.32		

Total Assets 13,060.08


D. Packin
5/5/16.

Experiment with Light Accounts 2015

No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination with these 2015 accounts, which in my opinion should be brought to the attention of Trustees.

Examiner Roger C. Paddison BA(Open)

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