

- In April 2015 a community fringe event was organised alongside the BSA annual conference, through a partnership between the ASF and GRAMNet (Glasgow Refugee Asylum and Migration Network), with the title 'Scotland's future and the UK migration debate: 'How can communities and academics work together to advance social justice?'. This took place just weeks before the May 2015 General Election, in which immigration was a key focus of discussion. A panel of academic, activist and community speakers addressed the meeting, which was attended by around 30-40 people. There was positive feedback from those present on the importance of such spaces for activist-community-academic-practitioner conversations. The event was free to attend, to maximise community participation, and the BSA paid for the venue hire of £75 (the only expenses paid from the ASF budget during the 2014-15 period).
- The BSA-ACTIVISM-IN-SOCIOLOGY-FORUM Jiscmail list continues to be used as a means of sharing information, calls for papers and calls to action, and publicising events. The list has 209 subscribers. In the summer of 2015, due to the volume of discussion emails on the list a separate list was created, BSA-ASF-DISCUSS, in order to keep the main list clear for announcements, and to give people more control over the kind of emails they receive via the forum.
- The ASF Facebook page has been used to distribute information and generate debate, with 661 followers as of 12/10/15.
- We had a change in convenors. Lisa McKenzie, LSE, has left the position of AS Forum convenor early in summer 2015. Rumana Hashem, post-doc researcher at UEL, has joined Spyros Themelis and Tom Vickers as the forum convenors in October 2015.

Plans for the 2015/16 academic year:

- Local discussion meetings to be organised in Nottingham and Norwich
- Forum members in other parts of the country have been offered support to organise their own local meetings.
- Panel proposal for the 2016 BSA annual conference.
- A community meeting during the 2016 BSA annual conference, with the aim to organise this in partnership with one or more local networks
- Continued sharing of information and discussion through the two ASF Jiscmail lists and the Facebook page.
- Recruitment of one-two new convenors.
- Organisation of key event in London.

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