

Study Group Name - Sociology of Sport Study Group

Year 2022 – 2023

1. Established: 1995

2. Current Membership Figure: 249 (239 in 2022, 217 in 2019, 202 in 2018, 180 in 2016)
Members BSA/ Non Members BSA - approximately 50% BSA

3. SG Expenditure: £0.00
SG Income: £0.00
SG Balance: £1327.90

4. Aim/s of SG:

To promote research and scholarship in the sociology of sport; represent, in appropriate fora, the professional interests of those engaged in the sociology of sport; raise the profile of expertise in the sociology of sport in public debate and within appropriate user constituencies; generate links and liaison with appropriate national and international groups with complementary scholarly interests.

5. Review of Year:

The Sport Study Group has continued to attract a steady flow of new recruits – up from 143 (February 2015) and now stands at 249 (May 2023). The decision to allow non-BSA members to join the group via the jisc mail list may explain the increase in membership numbers. From April 2017 the study group has been convened by Mark Doidge (Brighton). From September 2018, Mark was joined by Dr Aarti Ratna (Northumbria).

6. Key Activities during year 2021 - 2022:

There has been limited activity since Covid, partly as things settle after covid. Some conversations have taken place with active members about relaunching some online sessions or hosting a regional event. This will be on either teaching sociology of sport or activism in sport. There were dedicated sessions on sport at the BSA annual conference.

7. Concluding Remarks:

The study group remains fairly active in its 28th year. The first year of covid in 2020 led to a flurry of activities, but these have tailed off in 2021. Returning to face-to-face conferences brought the return of the business meeting at the annual conference in Manchester 2023.

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