

AGM 2024 General Council Reports

Emilia De Luca, Trustee and Graduates Representative

In the past year, I have worked on various projects and activities in my roles of trustee and a member of General Council (GC), where I am also the graduate rep. This is my final year as a trustee and member of GC after 6 years on the board, as I will no longer be eligible to be a member of SCM after the summer.

As graduate rep, I am interested in the work SCM can do with our members who are recent graduates. This year, this included running a graduates meet up and hosting a panel about vocation (of which I was a panellist) at Greenbelt festival, as well as running a graduates' workshop at the SCM national gathering.

I have also been involved in other activities such as representing SCM at the National Justice and Peace Network conference, attending the SCM Bonhoeffer trip, and working on a neurodiversity resource as part of SCM's affirming Christianity project alongside the usual trustee activities of attending meetings and voting on ideas and projects.

Alongside my trustee and GC roles, I am also co-lead of SCM Coventry, which I run with fellow trustee Abi. We have a small group that meets monthly, and the group is looking to expand in the next academic year.

Abigail Hollingsworth, Trustee and Theology & Resources Portfolio

I joined GC last August. Since then, I have helped restart SCM Coventry with Emilia. One highlight of this has been the joint workshop we attended with Birmingham SCM.

In my role as Theology and Resources portfolio holder, I have discussed with William his plans for the year, attended Phoebe and William's probationary meetings, and attended (and chaired) the Faith in Action project group meetings.

As a trustee, I have been keeping up with my emails and attending meetings.

I have also participated in the first Affirming Christianity course with my church.

Michael Dickinson, Trustee

This has been my first year as an SCM trustee. As a trustee without a portfolio I don't have responsibility for a specific area of the movement's work, but some of my work with SCM this year has involved attending General Council meetings, being part of a member of staff's annual review, writing for *Movement* magazine, and I will soon be working on the annual Trustee's Report.

Becca Mann, Trustee and LGBTQ+ Students' Rep

Since taking on the LGBTQ+ portfolio for SCM I have enjoyed getting more involved in the movement. Over the last year I was invited to attend several of the Church of England Living in Love and Faith (LLF) stakeholder meetings, where I was able to be involved in discussions surrounding the marriage/blessing of LGBTQ+ couples in the CofE. Whilst challenging, these meetings have been very insightful, and I appreciated the opportunity to represent progressive students in this process.

Recently, I was also interviewed by DIVA, a magazine for LGBTQ+ women and non-binary people to discuss my own perspective on Christmas as a Queer person of faith. At present, I am continuing to support SCM's work on LGBTQ+ matters, including through the Honest Church campaign.

Joanna Ramsey, Trustee

As a trustee without a portfolio, my role mainly consists of attending general council meetings and responding to emails and messages in between, helping to make important decisions about the movement along with the other trustees.

Since last year's AGM, I helped to carry out the interviews for our faith in action workers, William and Phoebe, and I enjoyed attending the national gathering which was a great opportunity to deepen my faith and get to know other members.

I am also currently working with some of the other trustees to write the annual trustee report that will detail the work SCM has been up to over the past year.

As my term is ending, I will sadly be stepping down as a trustee at the end of the year, but it's been a really rewarding experience being able to contribute to the running of the movement.

Melody Lewis, *Movement* editor

Leo Matou, Social Justice portfolio

Jennifer Blackledge, International portfolio

Russell Frost, Trustee and Finance portfolio

Josh House, Trustee and Members & Groups, Safeguarding portfolio