



## **Social Policy Association Strategy 2017 to 2021**

### **Mission and principles**

The Social Policy Association is a learned society and charity. Our purpose is to advance the teaching, research, and dissemination of knowledge in the field of social policy, and to represent the interests of our members.

We are committed to the principles of integrity, inclusiveness, openness and transparency.

### **Strategic goals**

1. Promote the identity of social policy as an academic endeavour, in research and teaching and learning.
2. Maximise the impact of social policy for the public good and raise public awareness of its contribution to society.
3. Support opportunities for members to engage with each other and to further the aims of the SPA, within their institutions, the wider academy and society.
4. Support opportunities for members to engage with policy-makers and other policy stakeholders in order to contribute to wider policy debates.

### **Priority areas**

1. Develop, enhance and promote services and activities for members.
2. Develop effective systems of communication within the SPA.
3. Enhance impact of social policy research and teaching.
4. Promote dissemination of social policy research.
5. Promote the teaching of social policy.
6. Maximise membership retention and attract new members.
7. Develop international profile, membership and links.
8. Maintain appropriate systems of governance and management.

The SPA Executive will agree a plan of activities on an annual basis and interim updates on progress will be included in the Chair's annual reports to the AGM. There will be a fuller review after 3 years, including further discussion with members.

SPA Executive Committee  
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