

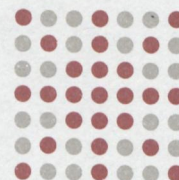
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Dear Mr Thatcher

I enclose notes on the British Council's work in Norway which I hope you will find useful for your forthcoming visit with the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

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John Nickson
Acting Director
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THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN NORWAY

NOTE FOR MR DENIS THATCHER

1. BACKGROUND

The Council began operations in Norway in 1946. The cuts in 1954 reduced both resources and space and the library was handed over on permanent loan to the Oslo Municipal Library. The collection was eventually presented to the municipality in 1980. The bilateral Cultural Convention, which provides a framework for the Council's work in Norway, was signed in 1948. Many Council activities in Norway are carried out in partnership with Norwegian organisations on a cost-sharing basis, particularly in the field of the arts.

2. AIM

The aim of the British Council in Norway is to promote an enduring understanding and appreciation of Britain, especially among Norwegians whose attitude to Britain is not significantly affected by war-related experience.

3. BUDGET

3.1 Country Programme: Estimate for 1986/87

3.1.1 Analysis of Country Programme by Funding: (Source: Geographical Analysis Report 2)

	£'000
FCO Grant-in-Aid (100%)	495
ODA Grant-in-Aid (0%)	0
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Total Mixed Money	495
ODA Aid Administration, ex-IUC & ex-TETOC	0
Revenue	29
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Sub Total (Gross Main Country Programme)	524
FCO Agency Funds	20
ODA Agency Funds	-
Other Agency Funds	-
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Total Country Programme	544

3.1.2 Analysis of Country Programme by Expenditure: (Source: Geographical Analysis Report 1)

	£'000
Local Gross Main Budget (see para 3.2.1 and 3.2.2)	295
Apportionment of HQ Services & Overhead Costs	229
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Sub Total (Gross Main Country Programme)	524
Agency Expenditure (see para 3.2.1)	20
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Total Country Programme	544

3.2 Local Budget: Estimate for 1986/87

3.2.1 Summary Analysis of Local Budget Expenditure and Revenue by Activity Category: (Source: Activity Analysis Report A)

Activity Category	Gross Main Budget Expenditure	Agency Expenditure	Revenue
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Movement of People: from Britain eg Specialist Visits	31	0	0
Movement of People: to Britain eg Fellowships	102	20	0
Books, Libraries and Information Work	23	0	0
Promotional Activity and General Management	70	0	0
English Language and Literature Activities	4	0	0
Science and Technology Activities	-	-	-
Education and Social Science Activities	1	0	0
Arts Activities	64	0	1
Total	295	20	1

3.2.2 Summary Analysis of Local Budget Expenditure by Subject Area: (Source: Activity Analysis Report C)

Subject Area	Gross Main Budget Expenditure
	£'000
English Language and Literature	33
Science and Technology	50
Arts	109
Other Subjects	103
Total	295

NOTE: There is no subject area analysis of agency expenditure on country budgets.

4. STAFFING

Representative Mr P A Thompson
One other London-appointed officer
4 locally engaged staff.

5. MAIN ACTIVITIES

5.1 English Language Teaching/English Studies

The Council is mainly concerned with help to the state education system in improving English language teaching and subsidises two British consultants on English language teacher training in the Norwegian Ministry of Church and Education. During 1985/86 a workshop on the use of computers for the teaching of English was supported by the Council.

5.2 Science, Technology and Medicine

The Council pays special attention to the joint British/Norwegian interest in the energy resources of the North Sea and in research. Norway's own resources for the training of engineers and technologists are inadequate for the demand and many Norwegians look to Britain to assist in making up the shortfall. During 1985/86 the Director of the Norwegian Science Policy Research Council visited Britain and sponsorship was obtained for the endowment of a scholarship at a British university and an exchange of postgraduate students in engineering between Norway's technical university in Trondheim and a British university.

5.3 Education

The Council engages in projects which are of current importance for both countries, for example the relationship between school and employment, the education of the 16-19 age group, special education and the use of British educational software in Norway.

5.4 Information and Books

There is no lending library. The office contains a reference collection for information and advice on study in Britain and on general educational, cultural and scientific matters. The office receives over 5,000 enquiries per annum. The Council also cooperates closely with British and Norwegian publishers in promoting the sale of British books in Norway.

5.5 The Arts

Because of high costs the Council usually supports a major event only once every few years and smaller events annually, particularly in towns outside Oslo. The Norwegian contribution in most cases is substantial. The preferred audience are young people interested in contemporary Britain.

6. SPECIAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

6.1 Norwegian Students in Britain

It is Norway's policy to provide education overseas in those subjects where there is insufficient domestic training capacity. In the academic year 1985/86 Britain was the second most popular destination after USA (total number of Norwegian students studying overseas = 6331 of whom 1760 were in USA, 1294 in Britain and 1285 in Sweden). Those coming to Britain

represented 20.4% of the total. The main subjects in which Norwegian training capacity is insufficient are most aspects of engineering, computer science, business studies and medicine. Britain has done well in engineering (711 Norwegian students of civil engineering in Britain in 1985/86). Places for most of these are negotiated on a group discount basis through the University of Trondheim and the Norwegian Ministry of Education. 8 British universities (Glasgow, UMIST, Newcastle, Salford, Strathclyde, Surrey, Heriot-Watt and Imperial College) have formed a consortium for the purpose of negotiating with the Norwegians. Heriot-Watt receives the greatest number and its engineering degrees have the highest status in Norway. In computer science and business studies USA until recently took almost all Norwegians studying abroad, but the Council is trying to increase the number coming to Britain. In medicine Britain has priced itself out of the market; many Norwegian medical students train in the Federal Republic of Germany.

August 1986

NORWAY

STATISTICAL PROFILE 1985/86

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE	Numbers of People		Origin of Funds
	1985/86	1984/85	
To Britain			
British Council Fellowships	9	4	BC
FCO Scholarships & Awards Scheme	6	3	FCO
European Young Lawyers Scheme	4	4	BC
Study Visits (normally 2-3 weeks)			
partly funded	40	32	BC
programme arrangements only	21	18	Private
Group study visits	27	19	Private
	(2 groups)	(1 group)	
Participants in:			
Specialist courses in Britain	25	46	Private
Summer Schools in Britain for teachers of English	8	7	Private
Academic interchange:			
reciprocal scheme	5	6	BC/Norway
Academic Travel Grants	6	7	BC/Norway
Youth Exchanges	91	28	BC/Norway
	(2 groups)	(3 groups)	
From Britain			
Visiting specialists	30	12	BC
Academic interchange:			
reciprocal scheme	4	6	BC/Norway
Academic Travel Grants	8	10	BC/Norway
Youth Exchanges	89	94	BC/Norway
	(3 groups)	(3 groups)	
RESOURCES			
Films: in stock	24	97	
on short-term loan from London	28	10	
loans	6	24	
Periodical subscriptions	74	84	
Speech records: stock	290	290	
loans	14	56	
Music records: stock	717	717	
loans	20	82	

COUNCIL-SPONSORED ARTS EVENTS

Most events were arranged on a cost-sharing basis.

Drama and Dance Tours

People Show Cabaret, Oslo
Janet Smith Dancers, Harstad and
Trondheim
Fulkerson, Rowe and Higginson,
Trondheim

Music Tours

Alan Price and his Band, Oslo
concert
Nicholas Braithwaite, conductor,
North Norway
Yorkshire Imperial Brass Band,
Stavanger Brassdagene
James Blade, percussion seminars,
Oslo
The Scholars, Oslo concert
First House, award-winning
quartet, Molde International Jazz
Festival
Cambridge Buskers, Festival of
North Norway and Trondheim
Brodski Quartet, Bergen Chamber
Music Society
Barry Guy, bassist, Oslo concerts
The McGibbon Ensemble, Petter Dass
Festival, North Norway
Mark Tucker, conductor, Handel
concerts, Trondheim
Capercaillie, Voss Festival
Barbara Thompson's Paraphernalia,
Stavanger Festdagene

Fine Arts

Bob Chaplin, artists exchange with
Svolvaer
Tony Cragg, sculptors workshop,
Henie-Onstad Centre, Oslo
Anish Kapoor, exhibition
Kunsternes hus, Oslo
Ron Hasledon and Sharon Kiveland,
exhibition Oslo

Film Festivals

Haugesund International Film
Festival
Moss British Week

BOOK EXHIBITIONS

Prize-winning Fiction (2 showings)

LIST OF STAFF

London Appointed

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Title of Post</u>	<u>Post Holder</u>	<u>Date Arrived</u>
D	Representative	Mr P A Thompson	September 1984
F	Assistant Representative	Miss R H Elliott	March 1986

Locally Engaged

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Number of Posts</u>
2	1
3	2 (one filled on a job share basis by 2 people)
4	1

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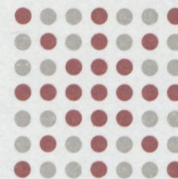
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