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## The IES mission

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IES achieves this by increasing the understanding and improving the practice of key decision makers in policy bodies and employing organisations.

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### From our President



The last financial year (2010/11) was, as the Annual Review details, an extremely challenging one for IES, as it was for many other charities and bodies engaged in the public policy field.

Sir Richard Sykes President

Following the change of government in the UK in May 2010, and the introduction of stringent austerity measures in public spending, the commissioning of research and evaluation activities by government departments and public agencies in the UK was dramatically and rapidly curtailed. Inevitably, such a large contraction in the Institute's main funding sources, following 15 years of growth, required the organisation to slim down, and staff numbers were reduced during the year, in line with detailed plans prepared in advance with the Board of Trustees. The impact was partly offset by success in other areas of IES work, notably its HR management work for employers (in both private and public sectors), which grew during the year, despite the continuing impact of recession. The strategy to diversify into European public policy research, in place for several years, also bore fruit during the year, and this stream of work continued to expand.

Throughout the adjustment period, the Institute remained in operating surplus, and its financial reserves remain at a healthy level. While the strength of commitment of the UK government to evidence-based policy-making is unclear, the Institute's resilience and capacity to achieve its charitable mission of improving employment policy and practice remain undimmed, despite the challenges of the last year. As always, the commitment and support of the IES Council and its Board of Trustees (led by Stephen Haddrill) have been crucial in steering the IES through a difficult period, and I would like to extend my thanks to them all.





## Director's introduction

The financial year 2010/11 was a turbulent and challenging one for IES, as it was for many other organisations in our field. During the year, the Institute responded and adapted to the impact of major policy changes and spending reductions in the UK, while the economy continued to struggle to return to sustained growth.



Nigel Meager IES Director

While a change in the nature and volume of public policy work had been predicted and planned for, it is probably true to say that the speed and extent of that change, following the election of the coalition government in the UK, exceeded expectations. Whatever view is taken of the need for 'austerity' and public spending reductions on this scale, it is clear that the impact on organisations such as IES, which had previously and successfully responded to a continued growth in demand from government and its agencies for 'evidence-based policy-making', has been dramatic. Following the election, there was an extended period of hiatus, during which little or no new research and evaluation work was commissioned. When commissioning did resume, towards the end of the year, it was at a level much lower than before. Many government departments and bodies were operating with research budgets at 50 per cent or less of their previous levels, and indeed some such bodies had ceased to exist or continued only in greatly attenuated form, following the much-vaunted 'bonfire of the guangos'.

Overall, the impact on IES was mitigated to some extent by a growing emphasis on international public policy work, which has been part of the Institute's strategy for several years, and the Institute now has for the first time a significant work stream for all of the main European institutions in our field. This welcome development was reinforced by our work for employers and our corporate membership programme, which grew slightly during the year, despite the economic environment and continued difficulties in much of the private sector. Our corporate membership programme (the HR Network) has been revamped and restructured with a new modular format offering a variety of HR expertise and support, to appeal to a wider range of employers (including smaller employers than we have traditionally served). Additionally, we are developing a broader range of services for employers, including new work on the effectiveness of corporate Boards, in light of current concerns about corporate governance and changed regulatory requirements. It is important to note, however, that a significant share of our work on HR policy and practice is with public sector employers, and while there will continue to be a stream of work associated with the management of major change in the public sector as the cuts bite, the overall volume of commissioning in this area is also likely to fall.

Against this background, it was necessary for IES to restructure internally and reduce its activities and staffing levels. Inevitably and sadly, given the scale of the change, this involved redundancies, most voluntary. It is a tribute to the staff of the Institute that these major changes were managed and implemented in a co-operative fashion, while the Institute continued to win and deliver new work in the changed environment, and adapt to other organisational challenges (including the move of our London office to new premises at Charing Cross). As the pages of this Annual Review detail, the Institute continued throughout the year to produce high quality, relevant work on all the major current concerns in the employment policy and HR fields.

Also notable is that fact that demand for comment and expertise from IES in the media and related outlets was higher than ever during the year, and our press coverage and dissemination (much of it on topics related to the labour market climate under the new government) was several times larger than in recent years.

While the shape of the UK government's approach to research and the use of evidence remains somewhat hazy, current signs are that there will continue to be a demand for rigorous, independent policy-relevant research and evaluation from government, albeit on a smaller scale than before. It is also clear that IES remains at the forefront of this area of work, and is well-placed to meet the needs of policy-makers in the new environment: in this context it is worth noting that IES has recently been selected to lead a consortium of prominent research organisations in a major four year evaluation of the UK government's flagship welfare-to-work scheme (the Work Programme).

Looking back, 2010/11 was undoubtedly one of the most difficult years the Institute has faced, but it has come through it in good shape, with strong financial reserves, a high quality staff base, and a betterbalanced portfolio of work streams which will ensure that it thrives in the coming years. In conclusion, I would like to thank not only the IES staff for their exceptional efforts during the year, but also the IES Board and Council who have been unstinting in their (often challenging) support and advice throughout this period of change.



## How IES works

Since its creation in 1968-69, IES has become the UK's leading independent centre for research and evidence-based consultancy in employment, labour market and human resource policy and practice. Increasingly its work also has an international perspective. It is notfor-profit, its activities being funded through research and consultancy commissions, and from its corporate membership programme.



Several key principles underlie the operation of IES:

#### Independence and dissemination

The purpose of IES, set out in its mission, is to help bring about sustainable improvements in employment policy and human resource management. It does this through its research and consultancy work, by increasing the understanding and improving the practice of key decision-makers in public policy bodies and in employing organisations in the private and public sectors. Crucial to the Institute's mission, and underpinning its charitable status, is that it should inform not simply those who directly commission our research and consultancy, but also the wider community of policy- and decision-makers. This provides the Institute with an imperative to publish and disseminate the findings of its work as widely as possible.

#### Multidisciplinary, rigorous and ethical

IES deploys a wide range of expertise in its work, approaching problems from different disciplinary perspectives and, where appropriate, combining those perspectives in its research and consultancy projects. IES has around 40 staff, including 30 professional researchers and consultants, among whom are economists, econometricians, statisticians, sociologists, management scientists, geographers and occupational psychologists. In addition, we work with an extensive network of individual associates and partner organisations, enabling us to bring a further range of specialist expertise to individual projects as required. IES sets great store by the independence and rigour of its work. It is not a campaigning organisation or 'think-tank' and it does not take a political stance in its work. It aims to ensure that its staff deploy appropriate and state-of-the-art methodologies to its research and consultancy assignments, and it invests in staff training and development to support this. It also upholds high standards of research ethics in the conduct of all its research.

#### A dual focus on public policy and employers

A unique and constant feature of the Institute is its dual focus on work for public policy-makers on the one hand and employers on the other. This stems from a recognition that the employment and regulatory policies of the state and its agencies, and the HR policies and practices of employers are two sides of the same coin, and that to meet its mission. IES must pursue a balanced portfolio of work for both sides. This portfolio is set out in more detail in the following pages. On pages 6 to 9 we detail the past year's range of research on public policy topic areas, together with our international work. Pages 10 to 13 highlight our work with and for employers. which falls under two broad headings: project work for employers or employer bodies, which is a mixture of research and consultancy, training, coaching and continuing professional development; and our corporate membership programme, the IES HR Network, which brings employers together to learn from and contribute to the evidence base on HR policy and practice.

## Building the evidence base for public employment policy

In these austere times it is more important than ever that we understand how the labour market is changing and the best way in which public policy can bring about higher employment and skill levels. The Institute retains a critical role here in providing independent, robust and informative research and evaluation to help policy-makers use scarce funds as effectively as possible. In so doing we draw not only on our extensive portfolio of work across the UK, but also our growing programme of international research, particularly in Europe.



#### UK labour markets and employment policy

Since the review of public spending, all government departments have faced cutbacks in their research budgets. However, projects are still being commissioned and familiar themes still dominate our work for UK policy bodies. Over the past year we have particularly focused on:

- evaluating programmes to help people who are out of work back into employment, and studying how public employment services can help jobseekers meet the needs of the modern labour market;
- working with learning and skills agencies to help them identify employers' skills needs;
- understanding the changing nature of higher education, and
- assessing the impact of policies to improve health and safety at work, and to support sickness absentees in returning to work.

#### Unemployment and welfare reform

Although the level of unemployment in the UK has not hit the heights that some commentators expected, the labour market has remained persistently weak for nearly three years, and public employment services have a major task supporting people who have lost their jobs to find alternative employment. The task is made even more challenging by the reform of the welfare system, and the assessment of the work capability of previous Incapacity Benefit claimants to test their eligibility for the Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).

IES has been exploring how Jobcentre Plus advisers can best identify the skills that jobseekers offer

potential employers and how these can be enhanced, if required. We found that some advisers needed to display more effective interpersonal skills and questioning techniques to identify claimants' skills needs, and that Jobcentre Plus needed to work more closely with agencies such as Next Step (the adult career guidance service) to help access relevant training or other skill development support. Other research conducted this year found that Jobcentre Plus needed to maintain links with existing employers and to engage and work closely with new employers to understand their recruitment needs better.

Our evaluations of the impact of the controversial introduction of the ESA itself, have continued over the past year and include a follow-up survey of ESA claimants to look at their ongoing experiences of claiming the new benefit and their current activities. We found that the health of ESA claimants was as likely to have deteriorated as improved and very few of those receiving help to find work (i.e. claimants placed in the Work-Related Activity Group) had found employment by the time of the follow-up survey, some seven to nine months later. We have also explored the views and experiences of people who have applied for ESA but whose claim was unsuccessful (because they were found fit for work, or because they withdrew their claim or it was closed by Jobcentre Plus). The majority of people whose claim was closed or who had withdrawn their claim had done so because they had moved back into work following an improvement in their health condition, whilst many of those who were found fit for work disagreed with this decision.

As well as national evaluations, IES has been working with local authorities to look at their activities in relation to worklessness. We have undertaken an analysis of long-term unemployment and inactivity for the London Borough of Newham, to identify ways in which this might be addressed. We have also been working with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to improve its response to worklessness in the Borough, and to support projects funded by the Working Neighbourhoods Fund to improve their practice and secure external funding.

#### Youth unemployment

Young people are having a particularly hard time finding jobs and almost a million 16 to 24 year olds are not in education, employment or training (the so-called 'NEETs'). Our evaluation of the Activity Agreement pilots for 16 and 17 year olds identified the role of financial incentives as an engagement tool, the need to develop individualised programmes of learning to meet the complex needs of vulnerable and long-term inactive groups of young people and the high level of competence among operational staff that is needed to work with the hardest to reach and hardest to help groups of young people.

Volunteering can also help young people engage or re-engage with the labour market and our recent evaluation for v, the national young volunteers service, found that such activity helped volunteers improve their employability by enabling them to develop generic and specific skills and to enhance their CVs.

### Behavioural change

The government's commitment to reducing regulation and the reduction in public sector spending have led it to look for alternative levers in a number of policy areas, drawing on insights from studies into behaviour change, co-ordinated by the Behavioural Insights team at the Cabinet Office, commonly called the 'Nudge' Unit.

Researching behaviour change requires knowledge of a range of theoretical perspectives to draw on insights from economics, psychology and sociology among other disciplines. Multidisciplinary teams of IES staff have used current thinking about behaviour change in studies as diverse as analysing barriers to employer investment in training for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and encouraging compliance with food hygiene regulations for the Food Standards Agency.

Most recently, we have begun a project for The Scottish Government that is integrating theories of behaviour change to understand the impact of workplace initiatives on low carbon behaviours by staff. Our research highlights the importance of tapping into individuals' (or organisations') interests and inclinations and shaping social norms in achieving changes in behaviour.

#### Learning and skills

On the learning and skills front we have continued to help Sector Skills Councils and others identify future skill needs in their sector and develop their approach to gathering labour market intelligence. We have also examined the skills and skill needs of the growing numbers of self-employed people. Our study, for the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES), underlined the importance of social and cultural factors (often acquired through family and social networks) in helping people succeed in self-employment.

Also we have been researching employers' attitudes to and experience of Investors in People – now under UKCES' remit – to help the Commission develop their approach to enhancing the standard as a business improvement tool.

#### **Higher education**

Higher education reform remains a major policy priority and over the past year we have continued to explore the role that the financial regime plays in students' decision to go to university. Most recently we are conducting a major study for the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills on the prospects for expansion of part-time undergraduate study.

#### Work, health and wellbeing

A further major area of research for the Institute continues to be the relationship between health and work, including health and safety at work. On the former, the major evaluation of the Fit for Work Service (FFWS) pilots, conducted by a consortium of social research organisations led by IES, is ongoing following the extension of the pilot programme for a further two years. We are also evaluating the Wellbeing through Work programme in Wales which, like FFWS, is designed to help people with health conditions stay in work and/or quickly return to their job after a period of sickness absence.

Meanwhile, over the past year we have completed our evaluation of employers' duty to manage asbestos and the role of supply chains in the construction sector in changing workplace behaviour towards health and safety.

Our work on the way health and safety is managed on the London Olympic site also continues, with new case study research exploring the contribution of leadership and worker involvement to the low rates of accidents across the Olympic Park.

Finally we have completed our research into the safety of learners for the Skills Funding Agency, which demonstrated the importance of the supervisor and organisational safety climate in creating a safe learning environment and encouraging young people to adopt safe working behaviours.

### **IES Policy Conference**

IES's policy conference, held in November 2010, was very well attended, bringing together experts, stakeholders and interested parties to debate issues relating to the health of our working population. This remains an area of high policy priority under the new government, with a continuing emphasis both on reducing the costs of sickness absence from work, and on preventing short-term ill health leading to long-term benefit dependence and inactivity.

Delegates heard contributions from UK experts and speakers who set the UK experience in an international context. The conference was chaired by David Brindle, public services editor of the Guardian.

- After a welcome and introduction by Jim Hillage, Director of Research at IES, Dame Carol Black, National Director for Health and Work, opened the conference, discussing the current picture and the future of the health and work agenda.
- Professor Peter Goldblatt, Senior Research Fellow at University College London,

presented the Marmot Review of Health Inequalities, focusing on the need to 'create fair employment and good work for all' (one of six main policy objectives of the Review).

- Christopher Prinz, Senior Economist at the OECD, asked what the UK might learn from other high-income countries' experiences, in his presentation Sickness, disability and work: lessons from across the OECD.
- The welfare reform White Paper had been released only days before the conference, and its impact on those with mental health problems was summarised by Roy Sainsbury, Professor of Social Policy and Research Director of SPRU at the University of York.
- In his presentation Age, health and employment Professor Alan Walker, Director of the New Dynamics of Ageing Programme at the University of Sheffield, asked how employment policy and practice can facilitate an extended working life by maintaining the health of older workers and ensuring healthy working environments.

# International labour markets and employment policy

The Institute has made international employment policy work a specific focus over the past few years and has now significantly expanded its range of international project work and clients. IES is now carrying out work for all the major European institutions that are commissioning work in employment and related fields, including the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound), the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), and the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), in addition to the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

IES usually works on international projects in collaboration and partnership with other research institutes and organisations around Europe. Our international work covers the following themes:

- comparative industrial and employment relations
- working conditions and 'flexicurity'
- restructuring and change management
- employment and labour market policy
- occupational health and safety
- training and skills development
- labour standards and decent work

The recession of the past three years has had a severe impact not only in the UK but also on the EU's economy and labour markets. The focus of many of our international projects of the past year has therefore been to try to understand the impacts of the crisis and how to manage the inevitable corporate restructuring that has been the result of this. For example, we are continuing to work with the ILO on the issue of restructuring, looking, for example, at how good practice in Finland can be transferred to the Baltic States.

Some groups of workers – such as young workers in particular – have been hit harder than others by the crisis. One current project, for the European Commission, examines the labour market impacts of the crisis for women and young workers. Two further projects for the European Commission also focus on young workers, looking at the issues of traineeships and apprenticeships in the EU Member States.

IES's evaluation expertise is also now being applied to the activities of some of the EU institutions: we are currently carrying out an evaluation of EU-OSHA's 2009-2014 strategy. IES will also be carrying out impact assessments of the European Parliament's activities, in partnership with Matrix Consulting.

Providing fitness checks and impact studies of EU legislation is another area in which IES is becoming involved. We have recently provided information about the implementation of the posted workers Directive in the UK and are currently providing UK information for an EU-wide fitness check of the information and consultation provisions of three EC Directives.

The growth of the green economy and the skills needs that this will entail was the focus of a recentlycompleted project for CEDEFOP, which aimed to identify challenges and priorities for green skills. The aim of the project was to ensure that education and training systems can respond to demand expressed by businesses and benefit from the transition to sustainable, smart and inclusive growth in selected occupations.

Finally, during the year, through our co-ordination role in the programme of Peer Reviews in Social Protection and Social Inclusion, we continued to help the European Commission identify and disseminate good practice in social policy across EU member states, in collaboration with our Austrian partners (ÖSB Consulting).

## IES work with and for employers

For employers and employer bodies in all sectors of the economy we offer a range of services. The largest component is bespoke research and consultancy for individual clients based upon a body of research knowledge built up over the years. Using similar content we also offer a corporate membership programme, the HR Network.

### HR research and consultancy

Our project work is diverse in client and content, and in the past year there has been a number of projects in our traditional areas of strength, including talent management, reward, workforce planning and employee engagement, but with a greater focus on themes relating to change (both organisational and functional) and leadership.

#### **Change management**

It is hardly surprising that the management of change has been in the forefront of the minds of organisational leaders and HR directors. It has been a continuing issue in the public sector and we have contributed to the ongoing debate, especially in local government. As well as delivering many presentations on the nature and process of change, we conducted research to identify leading practice in workforce productivity and efficiency for sector Chief Executives, which was tested with suppliers and other interested parties. We also examined different back-office models, particularly shared services, for the National Health Service (NHS), building on earlier local government work on cross-organisational partnerships as a way of improving efficiency.

As in previous years, a number of our projects on change have specifically concerned the HR function and its transformation. In practical terms this has included working with Greater Manchester Primary Care Trusts in their visioning and implementation of HR shared services and with a consortium of North Western local authorities on further collaboration beyond a joint payroll service, as well helping NHS North West trusts work towards 'world class' HR performance. This has dovetailed with work we are doing for South East London boroughs on partnership opportunities for collaboration on HR activities, including a review of a cross-borough learning and development procurement exercise. We completed and reported on a nine-month action learning set for some west London boroughs on better functional communication and integration. For other organisations, we have helped HR teams prepare for change, not just in relation to their own roles but in assisting them think through their contribution to wider organisational change.



#### Leadership

A key component in change is leadership. We held several over-subscribed events on outstanding leadership (how to define it and prepare for it) which included examining the link between leadership and what we know about neuroscience – how the brain works and how this relates to leadership behaviours. Workshops on the brain science of leadership have also been delivered to individual organisations, as have master-classes in outstanding leadership. Work for the Health and Safety Executive on the role of leaders in creating climates of safety and wellbeing and understanding better how they make a substantial difference to safety in high risk industries, is an example of how we have been applying our leadership understanding. IES has also been participating in the Department for Business. Innovation and Skills' Leadership and Management Network Group, which is working on creating a national strategy on management and leadership for the UK.

#### **Programme evaluation**

A strong suit at IES is the evaluations we do on a wide range of programmes, and increasingly this year we have seen them reflect the broader emphasis on change and leadership. For example, together with The Work Foundation, IES is undertaking an evaluation and impact study for the National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services on its newly developed and still developing portfolio



of Children's Services Leadership provision. The Department of Health commissioned IES to review the second phase of its rapid spread methodology. This focuses on sustainability, culture, management, communication and individual and team behaviour. and is designed to achieve rapid change founded on evidence-based good practice. Additionally, we have tested a coaching evaluation methodology for the NHS National Leadership Council, and evaluated a major change programme at the UK's Health and Safety Executive. The latter looked particularly at a major office relocation and the support given to employees. We are also evaluating the effectiveness of the partnership between the NHS and local government in delivering the national dementia programme.

#### Pay and reward

We have undertaken several projects in this area during the year, which has seen a continuing emphasis on the relationship between equal pay and the labour market. Our work here has ranged from inputs into policy (gender pay gap measurement and reporting for the Equality and Human Rights Commission and the Government Equalities Office) to practical help for individual organisations. In addition to the regular assurance audits, a key employer concern is the justification of pay premia both in relation to the external labour market and internally concerning other staff. We have helped by examining the evidence, both external (using Office for National Statistics and occupational/sector data) and organisational (recruitment and retention statistics). We have also looked at performance management systems, such as that of the Department for Communities and Local Government, from a diversity perspective. This kind of approach is especially pertinent where performance-related pay is in operation, and ties in with a major exploration of the continuing problems with performance management processes, that is currently underway through the Institute's corporate membership programme (the HR Network – see over the page).

Besides equal pay, we have developed for individual employers, reward strategies specifically aiming to seek higher employee engagement and increased productivity, as well as being cost-effective. We have continued our interest in 'total reward' by preparing a paper on the subject for the NHS Employers organisation.

#### Surveys

This year as in previous years, we have conducted a number of surveys for organisations in different sectors. For some, such as the Institute of Cancer Research and the Housing Ombudsman Service, the focus is on understanding levels of employee engagement. Others, such as the Bar Council and Bar Standards Board, and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, aim to gain a better understanding of their members' working lives and views of their profession. Sometimes we are asked to support the analysis of survey results. For example, at the Health and Safety Executive we used a series of staff focus groups and senior manager interviews to clarify the drivers of employee engagement.

#### Workforce planning

A traditional IES strength is workforce planning, and the year saw several examples of new work in this area. A private company commissioned us to examine local labour market data to help site a call centre and, for the heads of HR at Scottish universities, we reviewed models estimating workforce demand and workforce productivity. As part of the Haldane-Spearman Consortium, we completed a report on the future labour supply to the Armed Forces and are now exploring the experiences of leavers from the Armed Forces and investigating the 'offer' to Service personnel.

Following a review of the quality of workforce plans across the global operation of Plan International (a Woking-based children's rights charity), we are assisting the organisation redesign its approach to talent management across the world. This involves stakeholder consultation as well an examination of current procedures, with a view to creating something that will meet business needs and be supported by leaders in different geographies.

IES's work with Birmingham City Council has widened this year from succession and talent management into integrating workforce planning with business and financial planning and also equipping the internal team with Organisational Development (OD) skills.

#### Other developments

In a different vein, we have been partnering Working Families in surveying the performance of organisations in achieving the right balance between work and home. This has supported Working Families' awards to employers on their family-friendly working practices and their embedding of them into workplace culture.

For the year ahead, building on a project with the NHS, we plan to extend our work on board effectiveness to commercial organisations; offer more leadership development, and to do further work on employee engagement and working families.

### Corporate Membership: the IES HR Network

The HR Network is a key means by which IES delivers its charitable mission and strategic vision: *"increasing the understanding and improving the practice of key decision makers in policy bodies and employing organisations".* 

Membership is by invitation and is open to employing organisations that we believe will benefit from the services and contribute to the network.

The network provides members with the opportunity to access a mix of research, seminars, diagnostic tools, an online knowledgebase, in-house CPD and consultancy.

This year our research has looked at: measuring customer perceptions of HR; team coaching; workforce planning during a recession/hard times; careers in OD; the engaging manager; evaluating management learning, and performance management. Our annual review with essays from various team members was entitled 'From restructuring to rebuilding.'

Our events programme for corporate members engaged participants on a diverse range of topics such as HR transformation (including a case study from the Netherlands government), governance (with inputs from Shell, RBS and SAP); questions of convergence with learning and development and OD; managing difficult people (contributions from Surrey Police and the Arts Council England) and improved implementation of performance management (including BT and Oxfam – two of the research case studies – describing their approaches); change and leadership; branding (contributions were from Professor Graeme Martin of Glasgow University and from representatives of E.ON and Lloyd's Register); talent management in difficult times (with speakers from Organisation Change Solutions, DWP, Birmingham City Council and PWC); and the evaluation of management and leadership development and OD interventions.

The flagship events this year were the annual conference in October and the HR leaders' retreat in June. The theme of the former was '*Trust in Crisis*', exploring how the principles of good governance need to permeate the whole organisation, requiring an increased emphasis on listening to employees, valuing their contribution, and ensuring they are well managed. Speakers included Stephen Haddrill (Chief Executive of the Financial Reporting Council and Chair of the IES Board), David de Cremer (of the London Business School), Greg Horton (Managing Director, Fairbairn Private Bank) and representatives from the TUC and the Lloyds Banking Group.

Our fourth HR leaders' retreat began by examining various aspects of change and leadership with external speakers Dr Alan Beggs (a sports psychologist and academic) and Carolyn Gray (Group Director of HR at the Guardian Media Group). The second day focused on the psychological contract and Geoffrey Podger (Chief Executive of the Health and Safety Executive) gave a case study on leading through troubled times. IES is in the process of restructuring our membership offer as part of our constant desire to improve the value we provide to our members. Our approach is to build a core set of benefits for all members, offered alongside a number of options for organisations to choose from to create the package that best meets their needs. The events and research offered under the new membership model will continue to centre on the key HR themes of:

- Leadership
- Performance, motivation and engagement
- Talent management and workforce development
- HR strategy and effectiveness
- Reward and recognition
- Organisational development (OD) and change

The modular structure of the new membership offer is as follows:

- For all Members: whichever modules organisations take, there is a core range of benefits which include attendance at the IES Annual Conference, access to the Members-only website and knowledgebase, involvement in our research and a place at the annual HR Directors' Retreat.
- **Additionally**, there are three modules that can be bought separately or in combination.
  - HR Director or Leader module: this module provides support for someone at or near the top of the HR function who wants the kind of professional challenge unavailable inside the organisation. This might be personal support (we have a range of expert and highly regarded coaches) or take-up of an operationally focused 'critical friend' type support designed to stretch thinking, challenge approaches and focus actions. We offer a programme of activity including a leadership diagnostic, mentoring, coaching or challenge sessions, a critical friend review

of the HR strategy, and an annual provocation event.

- HR team professional development module: aimed at developing the next generation of HR leaders and experts, this module educates practitioners on both highly current issues and longstanding perennial HR challenges. Our aim is to provide effective learning opportunities both across the network to encourage peer learning, and in-house to build team capability. Members can send people to each of four masterclasses and we will also run three inhouse bite-size learning sessions (Knowledge Knibbles). Members can also access a simple HR skills audit to determine the development needs of the HR team.
- Solving business problems together -. collaborative working module: our third module looks outwards from the HR function to HR's change role within organisations and is deliberately structured to provide practical support on the kinds of live people management issues for which there are no easy answers. People often learn best by working on real business problems with other people so this module provides four collaborative problem solving workshops with other Members, three action learning/action research projects as well as three critical friend sessions in the member organisation with one of our experts to deal with specific challenges.
- Optional additional modules: In addition to the three main modules. Members can also purchase additional blocks of five days of support which can be used for consultancy, CPD, action learning or mentoring/coaching sessions. These five day blocks are available at highly preferential rates compared with purchasing them separately from IES membership.

### HR Network members

BUPA	Institute of Cancer Research	
Cancer Research UK	Local Government Improvement and	
Centrica plc	Development	
Circle	London Councils	
Civil Aviation Authority	MCCH Society Ltd	
Department for Business, Innovation and	Ministry of Defence	
Skills	National Offender Management Services	
Department for Communities and Local	National Policing Improvement Agency	
Government	NHS North West	
Department for Culture Media and Sport	Ordnance Survey	
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs	Plan International	
Department for Transport	Royal Bank of Scotland	
Department for Work and Pensions	Royal Navy	
Department of Energy and Climate Change	SAP Deutschland AG & Co. KG	
East Sussex County Council	Shell in the UK	
Environment Agency	Siemens IT Solutions and Services	
Family Action	Surrey Police	
Foreign Office	Transport for London	
Government Communications Headquarters	University of Birmingham	
Home Office	University of Brighton	
Housing Ombudsman Service	Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute	
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## IES Council and Board of Trustees

Our Council provides guidance, advice and support to staff in furthering the Institute's mission and long-term objectives. The IES Board is a subgroup of the Council, chaired by Stephen Haddrill. Board members act as the formal trustees of the Institute and in a governance role.

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As a knowledge-based organisation, IES depends crucially on the skills and expertise of its staff. The IES staff is multidisciplinary, drawing on a wide range of academic and practical backgrounds. We operate high standards of recruitment and IES is an Investor in People, committed to providing skill and career development to all our staff. We also work with a network of associates whose skills and experience supplement those of our staff.

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IES works with a wide range of partner organisations in the UK and across Europe, in order to share complementary skills and local or specialist knowledge.

### Organisations with which IES worked in partnership during 2010/11 included:

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### Financial summary

The Institute was affected during 2010/11 by major cutbacks in research funding from the UK government. While other funding sources (international work, and work for employers) held up well during the year, the difficulty of immediately replacing this income and the consequent introduction of a redundancy programme resulted in a deficit of income over expenditure on operating activities for the year, before transfers, of £76,000 (2009/10: surplus of £118,000).

At £4.6 million, our gross financial turnover was down on the previous year (£5.9 million), reflecting the changed funding environment. Most of the Institute's income derives from research projects and consultancy. Income from our corporate membership programme (the HR Network) remained stable during the year.

Staff costs were inflated by redundancy-related payments, and accounted for over 60 per cent of expenditure. IES fund balances continue to be maintained at a healthy level of £2.2 million, meeting our stated policy of covering six months' operating costs and enabling us to continue to invest in our future. IES has no borrowings.

A summary financial statement based on management accounts for the last two years is given here. (A full copy of the audited accounts is available from the Company Secretary at IES).

# Summary Income and Expenditure Statement 2010/11

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INCOME	£000	£000
Project	5,563	4,247
Membership	331	332
Other (Events, Publications, Interest	) 55	34
Total Income	5,949	4,613
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs	3,204	3,005
Partners and subcontractors	1,593	859
Other direct costs	212	151
Management and administration	822	674
Total expenditure	5,831	4,689
Surplus (undesignated funds)	118	(76)
Fund balances	2,274	2,196
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## Clients

IES funds its activities from a wide range of research and consultancy assignments carried out for UK and international employing organisations, policy bodies and foundations.

> The diversity of clients and assignments ensures IES retains a broad perspective and representative experience of current employment issues, and of the organisations and people they affect. Among our clients over the last year were:



Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS)	Chartere Accounta
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	Cheshire HR Services
-	Circle
-	Crafts Council
-	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
-	Department for Children, Schools and Families (now Department for Education)
-	Department for Communities and Local Government
-	Department for Culture Media and Sports
-	Department for Environment and Rural Affairs
-	Department for Work and Pensions
-	Department of Health

Dorset County Council Independent Housing Ombudsman Ltd East of England LGA Institute of Cancer Research European Agency for Safety and International Labour Organisation European Centre for the Jobcentre Plus Development of Vocational Joseph Rowntree Foundation Training (Cedefop) Kingston University European Commission Learning and Skills Council European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Local Government Improvement Working Conditions and Development European Training Foundation London Borough of Lewisham FAS (Irish National Training and London Borough of Newham Employment Authority) London Borough of Southwark Food Standards Agency London Borough of Tower Hamlets Gatsby Foundation London Councils German Federal Institute for Ministry of Defence Vocational Education and Training Napp Pharmaceutical Group Ltd German Federal Ministry of Labour National Offender Management and Social Affairs Services Government Communications National Policing Improvement Headquarters (GCHQ) Agency Government Equalities Office Network Rail Guardian Media Group NHS Education for Scotland Health and Safety Executive NHS Employers

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SummitSkills Surrey Police UK Border Agency UK Commission for Employment and Skills University of Southampton University of the Arts, London V Wellcome Sanger Trust Institute West Midlands Strategic Health Authority Wigan Council Worcestershire County Council Working Families

## An active institute: publications, papers and presentations

The active dissemination of results and recommendations from IES research is central to our purpose. During the last year IES staff authored 59 publications. Of these, 8 were in the IES Report Series, 7 were other papers, and a further 44 reports published by our clients.

Our website attracts wide international interest with an average of 28,700 visits per month. The site carries news, briefings of current research, summaries of new publications, profiles of our work, and interactive research, media coverage and press releases, and a substantial members' area for the HR Network. Our three news publications reach audiences on employment policy (Employment Studies), corporate HR (HR Insight), and our HR Network (Research Digest). Sent electronically as well as in print, all news content appears on our website.

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Brown D, 'Chair, Creating the workforce you need for the challenges ahead', *The Guardian HR Summit 2011*, London, January 2011

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Brown D, 'Appraisal and the KSF', *NHS Employers Annual Conference,* Liverpool, NHS Employers, November 2010 Reilly P, 'The model for shared services in the Dutch government', *PPMA HR Transformation Meeting*, London, PPMA, November 2010

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Brown D, 'Conference chair', *CIPD Performance Management Conference,* London, CIPD, October 2010

Miller L, Newton B, 'Employers! Put your best where it will do the most', *The point of partnership: understanding employer engagement in education,* University of Warwick, October 2010

Marangozov R, 'Work-focused services in children's centres', 2nd Annual Conference, Tackling Worklessness through Local Partnerships, London, Neil Stewart Associates, October 2010

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