



The SRF 2003-10

growth in understanding of Russia

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The Scotland-Russia Forum: the issues



- The aim of the SRF is to promote understanding of Russia and its neighbours
- It is a Scottish charity based in Edinburgh and founded in 2003
- The SRF is run on a voluntary basis by members and an elected committee
- In 2008 a donation from S&N plc enabled us to rent premises for 3 years. We opened a Russian cultural centre, the Scotland-Russia Institute
- Funding runs out in June 2011

**We have experienced very rapid growth since 2008
How can we find funding to allow this growth to continue?**

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What we do



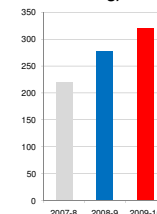
- Exhibitions
- Talks
- Business meetings and conferences
- Promotion of Russian in schools
- Language classes for adults
- Lending library
- Weekly e-bulletins
- Biannual journal "The SRF Review"
- Receptions for visiting delegations
- Social events
- Shop
- Theatre productions

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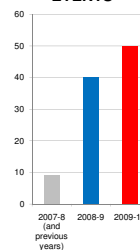
Growth in members and services



MEMBERSHIP at year end (1 Sept-31 Aug)



NUMBER OF EVENTS



EVENTS AND SERVICES

2003-8:
• Monthly talks
• E-bulletins
• Monochrome journal

In 2008-9 we added:
• MORE talks
• Exhibitions
• Colour journal
• Receptions
• Shop

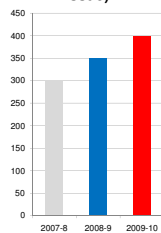
In 2009-10 we added:
• Language classes
• Business events
• Theatre production

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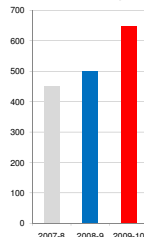
more people are reading our news



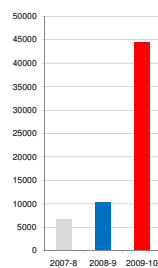
NEWSLETTER CIRCULATION (average per issue)



E-BULLETINS (average no of direct addressees)



WEBSITE HITS

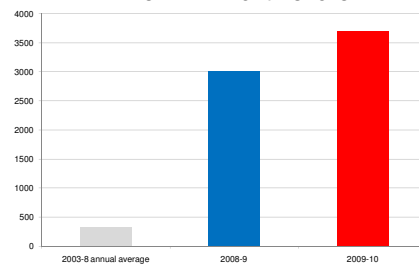


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and FAR more people are taking part in events or visiting us



EVENTS ATTENDANCE + VISITORS



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Our lease runs out in June 2011: what next???



- Funding for our premises runs out in June 2011. We have the opportunity to extend our lease for a further two years **IF** we can find funding
- The volume and nature of our work makes it unsuitable for a totally voluntary workforce – we would like professional help to sustain our current ambitious programme and to continue to expand it

How much do we need?

- **£15,000** a year would secure the premises
- A further **£10,000** a year would enable us to hire part-time administrative help
- More would enable us to appoint full-time professional staff

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Can you help?



If you would like to discuss the work of the Scotland-Russia Forum and think you might be able to help us in some way please contact:

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