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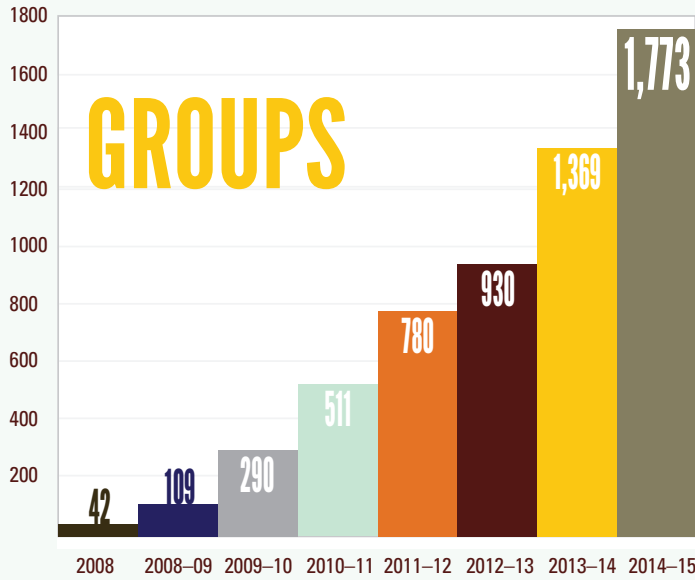
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## 2014-2015 HIGHLIGHTS



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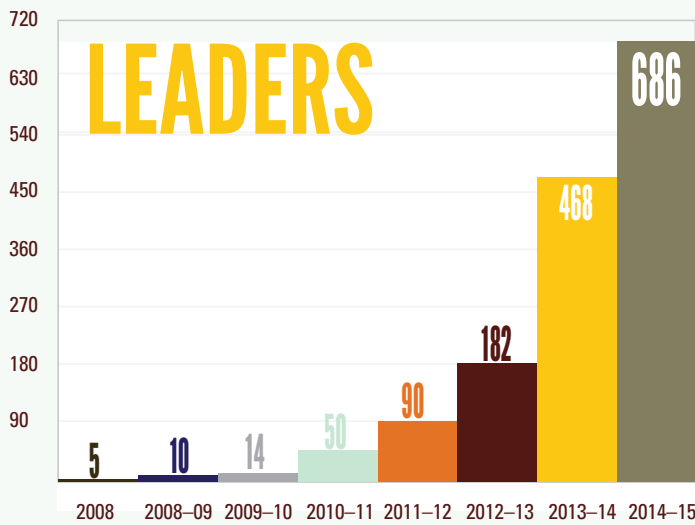
**58** FOR **10,707**  
CONFERENCES ATTENDEES

UP FROM 37 CONFERENCES &  
 7,350 ATTENDEES IN 2013-2014.

2015 ISFLC ATTENDEES

**1,719**

UP FROM 1,275 IN 2013-2014.



**1,317**  
 MEDIA HITS  
 (tracked)

UP FROM 806 IN 2013-2014.

**1,885,460**

PAGE VIEWS

**706,377**

VISITORS

MAY 2014 - APRIL 2015

UP FROM 817,848 PAGE VIEWS,  
 & 462,486 VISITORS, FROM  
 MAY 2013 - APRIL 2014

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The world has changed in Students For Liberty's seven years of existence: two US presidential elections, a devastating economic recession, the legalization of marijuana in four states, revelations about the National Security Agency's violation of individuals' privacy around the world, the passage of the Affordable Care Act mandating that Americans purchase health insurance, the legalization of same-sex marriage in 26 US states, the surprising election of national politicians opposed to liberty in countries like Chile as well as the election of national politicians calling for economic liberalization in countries like India, the rise of neo-fascism in Eastern Europe and the Islamic State in the Middle East, and the use of social media to drive revolutions. Some of these developments are welcome advances for liberty, while others are significant setbacks.

But the world isn't the only thing changing. Students For Liberty (SFL) is changing as well. When we began, SFL was a rag-tag group of undergraduates running what was supposed to be a one-time roundtable discussion for 30 students. Today, SFL is an international organization comprised of tens of thousands of high schoolers, undergraduates, graduate students, alumni, staff, and supporters that is making waves on every inhabited continent in the world. Just looking at the Highlights page at the front of this report, you can see how large SFL became this past year: we trained 686 student leaders, ran 58 conferences with 10,707 attendees, distributed hundreds of thousands of resources to students, including 300,000 copies of *Peace, Love, & Liberty*, helped place students and alumni in media outlets 708 times, and expanded operations to all six inhabited continents with 1,773 active student groups.

SFL is larger and more complex than we ever could have imagined seven years ago. As SFL grows, it is important that we remain focused on what matters most to us as an organization. Mission creep and programmatic overreach have the potential to slow down SFL's momentum. In contrast, we intend to focus SFL's efforts on what has made SFL successful to date and can serve as the foundation for the success of SFL moving forward: *people*.

There are two things that change the world: people and ideas. Ideas motivate people, and people implement ideas. Liberty is the right idea, philosophically consistent, and empirically proven to produce prosperity. What's missing to bring about widespread liberty are the people. What we have not developed nearly enough of are the right people advancing those ideas, both in terms of quantity and quality. We need more people supporting the ideas of liberty, and we need them to have stronger advocacy skills to succeed in promoting the ideas. SFL seeks to change that by expanding the number of people who support the cause of liberty, developing more leaders to be effective advocates for liberty, and empowering them to act to bring about a freer future, a world with economic, social, and intellectual freedom for all people.

This is embodied in SFL's new mission statement adopted over the past year to codify SFL's greatest lessons and core commitments:

***"SFL's mission is to educate, develop, and empower the next generation of leaders of liberty."***

This is our three-step approach to social change. This report is formatted to explain what each step means and how SFL has executed those steps over the past year; the educational resources and programs we offer to young




people to introduce them to the principles of a free society; the leadership training programs that combine traditional classroom-style learning with hands-on experiential education; and the ways we are empowering both SFL's students and alumni to go out and make an impact for liberty today.

SFL is committed to bringing about a world that is meaningfully freer than it is today in all areas of people's lives and has the capacity to remain that way for a long time. To change the world, we need the people of the world to embrace that change. We need widespread public calls for libertarian policy, politicians getting elected on pro-liberty platforms, journalists accurately representing current events, business leaders who stand up for and support liberty, academics publishing research that verifies the need for liberty, and more.

We don't just need tens of thousands of students involved with SFL or hundreds of students receiving SFL leadership training. We need millions of individuals, both students and alumni, involved in the cause of liberty, and tens of thousands of them taking leading roles in their schools, industries, and communities to promote the cause of freedom.

SFL is on track to make a difference, to bring about a freer future. This will take time. It will take patience. While there is no quick fix or silver bullet for all of the woes of the world today, there is hope. By supporting all of SFL's students, alumni, leaders, and supporters, we are able to change the world.

Sincerely & For Liberty,



Alexander McCobin  
Co-Founder & President  
Students For Liberty

## MEDIA

### TOP 10 HITS

*Students For Liberty was cited in media outlets ranging from the Washington Post to Time Magazine. Here are 10 of the top hits from the past year.*

#### MSNBC

*GOP pushback on marijuana legalization*  
Alexander McCobin

#### Daily Beast

*The Libertarian Civil War on Ukraine*  
James Kirchick

#### Washington Post

*Hey, can somebody in D.C. let this nice young Libertarian crash on their couch?*  
Ben Terris

#### ReasonTV

*What We Saw at the Students For Liberty Conference 2015*  
Joshua Swain & Robert Marinari

#### Independent Journal Review

*Students For Liberty Seeking to Set the Tone for the Future of Millennial Politics*  
Nick Morpus

#### Politico

*Beware GOP: Millennials Don't Like What We're Hearing*  
Benjamin Domenech

#### Bloomberg

*Bow Ties and Slam Poetry: This Is Libertarianism in 2015*  
David Weigel

#### Bloomberg

*Rand Paul and Edward Snowden Will Speak at the Same Conference This Weekend*  
David Weigel

#### BBC

*Rand Paul and his Ron Paul Conundrum*  
Anthony Zurcher

#### Time

*Libertarianism Is on the Verge of a Political Breakout*  
David Boaz

### TOP 10 YOUNG VOICES HITS

*Young Voices is SFL's project to provide media outlets around the world with access to the next generation's advocates. By connecting students and young professionals with producers and journalists, we ensure they are able to represent their unique viewpoints and concerns. Our advocates are the voices of the Millennial generation. We make sure that the world is listening.*

#### Rolling Stone

*Prostitutes Are People, Not Criminals*  
by Miriam Weeks

#### Baltimore Sun

*Marijuana Legalization is the Only Option*  
by Daniel Takash

#### Salon

*My unusual libertarian journey: How a former outlaw broke the political mold*  
by Brandon Loran Maxwell

#### Forbes

*I've Been Arrested at Six Anti-Putin Protests in Russia*  
by Vera Kichanova

#### Orlando Sentinel

*War on Drugs Is Not Working*  
by Casey Given

#### Houston Chronicle

*Perry needs to stop criticizing other states*  
by Casey Given

#### The Hill

*Want to Really Treat ALS? Legalize Pot*  
by Andrew Gargano

#### Time

*I Lost My Financial Aid*  
by Miriam Weeks

#### Townhall

*The Surprising Rise of the Hispanic Libertarian*  
by Rachel Burger

#### Al Jazeera America

*Siri, You Can Drive My Car*  
by Matthew La Corte





*“Not all of us Russians believe Vladimir Putin’s propaganda machine. While the Western media broadcasts images of pro-Kremlin protesters supporting Russia’s military actions in Ukraine, rarely are anti-war demonstrators like myself mentioned. In March, 50,000 of my fellow countrymen went out in the streets of Moscow, holding Russian and Ukrainian flags side-by-side, in protest of our government’s aggressive actions in Crimea. Many Russians know that Putin is not the same thing as Russia.”*

*– Vera Kichanova*

*Forbes: I’ve Been Arrested at Six Anti-Putin Protests in Russia by Vera Kichanova  
Vera Kichanova is a Young Voices Advocate and an elected local council deputy in Moscow. She also writes for Slon.ru.*



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### **SLOANE FROST**

Sloane is a co-founder of SFL and chairwoman of the Board of Directors. Sloane graduated from Cornell University in 2008 with her B.S. in Policy Analysis and from the University of Chicago in 2011 with her M.P.P. Sloane spent a year between Cornell and Chicago serving in City Year, an Americorps program. Since graduating with her M.P.P., Sloane was previously a Research Analyst at Mathematica in Princeton, NJ, and is now a consultant in Chicago, IL.



### **SAMECKMAN**

Sam is a co-founder of SFL. Sam graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2008 with his B.A. and from the University of Chicago Law School with his J.D. in 2013. During his time at Chicago, Sam served as Editor-in-Chief of the University of Chicago Law Review. For the past year, Sam has been clerking for Justice Alex Kozinski in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Federal Appeals, and he is clerking for Justice Antonin Scalia of the US Supreme Court.



### **JEFF GIESEA**

Jeff Giese is an entrepreneur based in Washington, DC. He's chairman of the digital marketing agency, Three Ships, and is in the process of building a new company around his latest passion, executive coaching and leadership development. Previously, he built and successfully sold two digital media businesses. Originally from Portland, Oregon, Jeff is a graduate of Stanford, where he was editor of *The Stanford Review* and a Koch Fellow. He also serves on the board of the Foundation for Economic Education.



### **DAN GROSSMAN**

Dan is a seasoned veteran in both for-profit and nonprofit activities. Dan graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1964 and received his MBA from Columbia University in 1966. From 1966 to 1994, Dan founded and operated his own business until he decided to devote himself full time to building up nonprofit organizations he is passionate about. He is the former chairman of the Foundation for Economic Education and is currently the chairman of the Atlas Network.



### **ALEXANDER MCCOBIN**

Alexander is a co-founder as well as the founding and current president of Students For Liberty. Alexander graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with his B.A. in philosophy and economics and M.A. in philosophy in 2008, as well as from Georgetown University with an M.A. in philosophy in 2014. During undergrad, Alexander founded and ran another nonprofit organization, and spent the year after undergrad working at the Cato Institute.

## SFL STAFF

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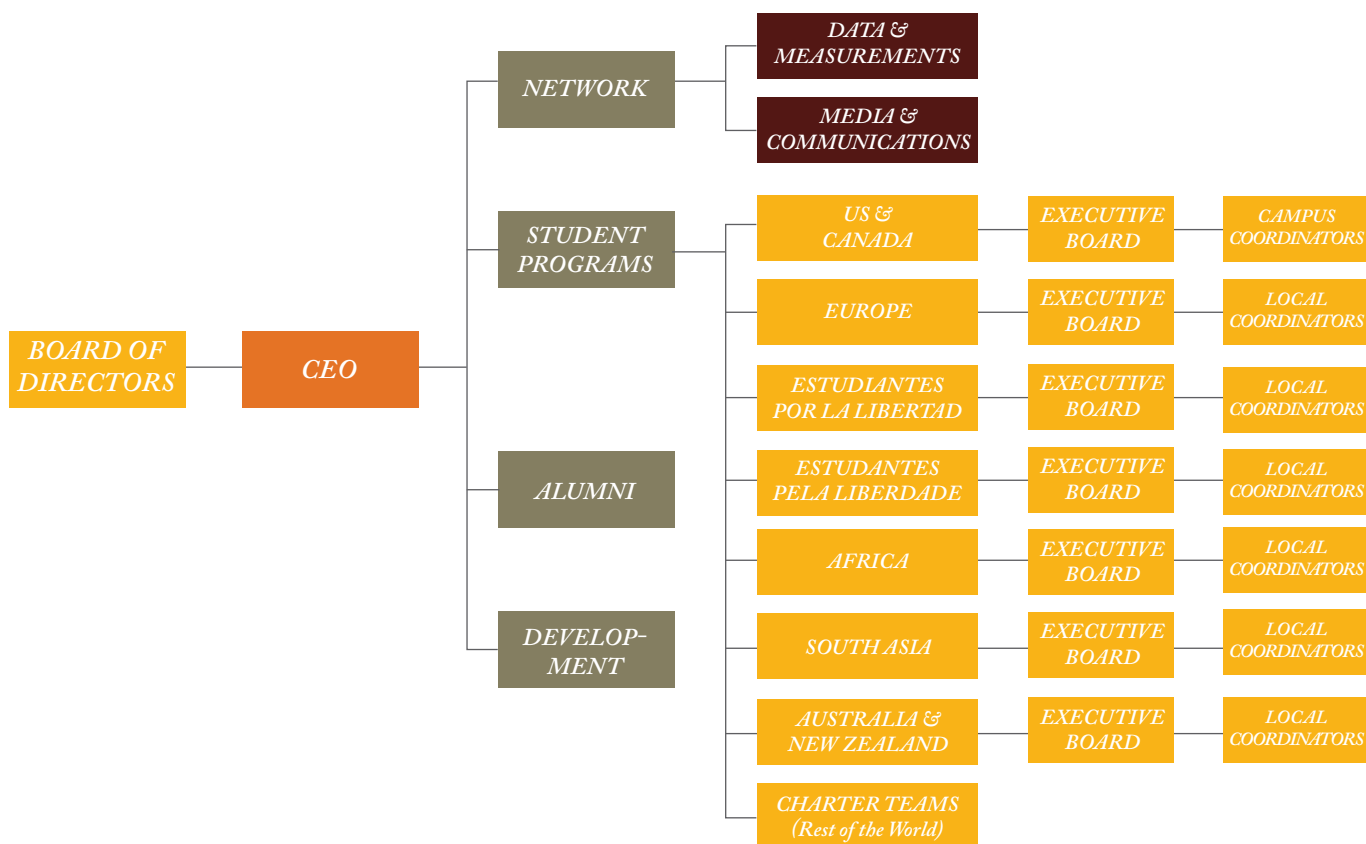
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## SFL LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE



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## VISION & MISSION

### *VISION: A FREER FUTURE.*

We are here to change the world, to create a freer future for everyone. Our sights are not set on short-term victories or silver bullet strategies. Rather, Students For Liberty (SFL) is committed to bringing about a libertarian world that is meaningfully freer than it is today in all areas of people's lives and has the capacity to remain that way for a long time. To change the world, we need the people of the world to embrace that change. We need widespread public calls for libertarian policy, politicians getting elected on pro-liberty platforms, journalists accurately representing current events, business leaders who stand up for and support liberty, academics publishing research that verifies the need for liberty, and more. We are at a pivotal moment where this is within our reach: today's youth is the libertarian generation, there is a trajectory available that leads to a freer world, and the momentum is behind SFL to succeed. With the right investments, the right people, and sound execution of SFL's strategy, we can change the world. It will take patience (perhaps another 20 years), and it starts with today's youth, but it will end with a freer future for everyone.

### *MISSION: TO EDUCATE, DEVELOP, AND EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS OF LIBERTY.*

This mission statement embodies SFL's strategy of social change, a three-step process to empower the next generation to change the world:

1. *EDUCATE* young people about the philosophy of liberty by (a) helping young people learn about the principles of a free society, in contrast to the traditional statist education they receive, and (b) identifying those young people who are already supportive of liberty.
2. *DEVELOP* leadership skills of those who support liberty to help them be more effective organizers, managers, writers, speakers: in general, better leaders to effect change for liberty.
3. *EMPOWER* SFL students and alumni to make the world a freer place by providing the resources, network, infrastructure, and any other kind of support we can, to help them become more active in advancing the cause of liberty. This is the culmination of everything SFL does, the way we will ultimately bring about change.







## *EDUCATE*

The first step in supporting the next generation of leaders of liberty is to introduce the philosophy of liberty to them. Educating today's youth about libertarianism requires employing a diverse set of curricula, messaging tactics, and tools.

For those students who have never heard of libertarianism before or have been politically apathetic, we offer introductory material that introduces the principles of liberty to young people. While many young people are naturally sympathetic to liberty, many have never heard the term "libertarian" or considered applying it to themselves. SFL seeks to change that by educating them about why liberty is philosophically correct, valuable in practice, and the natural consequence of their beliefs.

For those students who are libertarian before they ever interact with SFL, we offer advanced educational services

to help them better understand the principles of liberty. Supporting limited government and questioning the morality of state intervention in people's lives are a good start. But for individuals to really make a difference as leaders, they must understand why these positions are correct and be able to apply the principles of liberty to new problems, policies, and situations on their own.

While SFL has many resources to educate students about liberty, we are only the first point of contact for this. We provide an introductory education, not a comprehensive one. To supplement SFL's work in this area, we refer students to other organizations who have more opportunities and tools for them, such as the Institute for Humane Studies and Foundation for Economic Education.

## EDUCATE

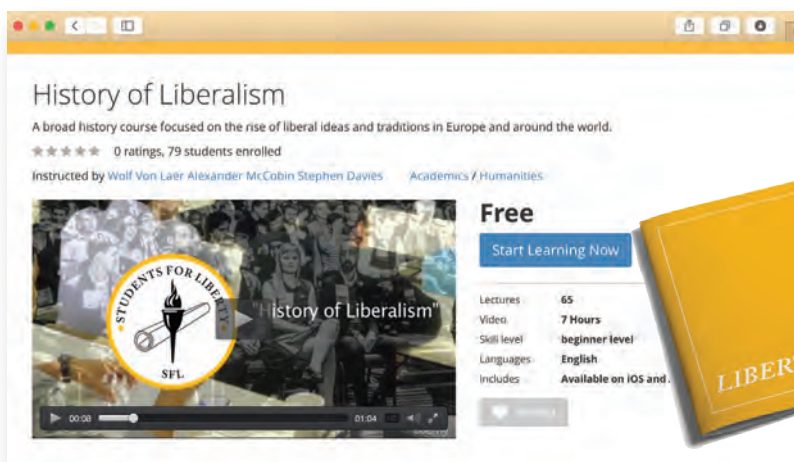
### CONTENT

SFL's educational work seeks to help young people understand the principles underlying classical liberal philosophy, politics, and economics, and the intellectual traditions surrounding these principles. Rather than telling students what stances to hold on issues, we help them learn how to both apply the theories and values that make up the classical liberal tradition to social and political institutions, policies, and practices today, as well as critically evaluate the intellectual, social, and political movements within this tradition. SFL's approach is to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the ideas of liberty that facilitates a personal, intellectual commitment to liberty.

### TOOLS

SFL employs a diverse set of approaches to education:

- **CONFERENCES** – SFL conferences examine many issues, including developing strategies, networking, and building commitment. But the focus of every conference is on education. Every conference covers both introductory and advanced material for students to learn about libertarianism at every level.
- **PEACE, LOVE, & LIBERTY BOOKS** – SFL published 300,000 copies of our fifth book, *Peace, Love, & Liberty*, which were distributed free to students around the world.
- **LIBERTARIANISM PAMPHLETS** – SFL produced 50,000 copies of a 20-page pamphlet providing a clear and simple explanation of the meaning of libertarianism for individuals who have never been exposed to the idea before.
- **SPEAKERS BUREAU** – SFL connects student groups with pro-liberty speakers around the world who can visit campuses either virtually or in person.
- **WEBINARS** – SFL leaders around the world organize webinars with leading pro-liberty scholars to discuss the intellectual foundations of a free society ranging from economics and philosophy to public policy.
- **LIBERTY FUND SYMPOSIA** – SFL partnered with Liberty Fund to organize three symposia on the foundations of a free society for 45 students.











## *DEVELOP LEADERS*

The first step in SFL's approach to social change is to educate, to introduce the ideas of liberty to young people. The second step is to then develop leadership skills of those young people committed to liberty to help them become effective advocates of these ideas. SFL's emphasis on leadership development has been the key to the organization's success over the years. SFL teaches young people entrepreneurship, event-planning, volunteer management, effective writing, public speaking, and other skills that they can use throughout their lives, and gives them experience applying these skills in building the student movement for liberty.

What makes SFL's leadership development unique is that it's not just theoretical. Students don't just sit in a classroom and listen to lectures about what it means to be a leader. After students go through a rigorous summer-long training program including a combination of lectures, readings, and homework assignments, each SFL leader becomes responsible for growing the student movement for liberty in their area. They become responsible for visiting nearby

campuses to introduce the ideas of liberty to other young people and help them start new student groups. They take ownership of putting together 150-person+ conferences, managing budgets of several thousand dollars. And they train other students in how become leaders themselves, creating a self-reinforcing cycle that builds the student movement for liberty.

In the following pages, you can see some of the highlights of SFL's leadership development in various regions across the world: how many leaders are being trained, how many groups they are supporting, and what students are doing on the ground to build the student movement for liberty.

By developing more high quality leaders of liberty, SFL is developing multipliers for liberty who will not only make a difference on their campuses while students, but also in society when they are alumni.



# NORTH AMERICA

ISFLC ATTENDEES: 1,719 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: 4,321 ATTENDEES AT 27 CONFERENCES  
STUDENT GROUPS: 850 CAMPUS COORDINATORS: 190 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 15

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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*Queen's University*

## HIGHLIGHT

### FREE SPEECH

Freedom of speech is under attack across the United States and Canada. Over the years, we have seen students' free speech walls torn down by students who don't believe people should be free to say what they want and defaced by professors using box cutters who were offended by political messages. SFL leaders have been told they can't hand out Pocket Constitutions on Constitution Day because they didn't receive prior permission. More times than we can count, critical voices have been silenced by administrators because they didn't have the proper permit or they were restricted to a "free speech zone" far away from where anyone might actually hear them. But SFL's North American leaders have been fighting back. They are creating "Free Speech Balls" to roll around campus to remain mobile while letting students and professors write whatever they want. And they are suing universities with unjust and sometimes illegal restrictions on their speech. Best of all, they're winning; Modesto Junior College settled out of court for \$50,000 for restricting the distribution of Pocket Constitutions on Constitution Day in 2013.



## EUROPE

ESFLC ATTENDEES: 500 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: 3,228 ATTENDEES AT 18 CONFERENCES  
STUDENT GROUPS: 260 LOCAL COORDINATORS: 120 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 14

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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### HIGHLIGHT

#### UKRAINE SUMMIT

The ESFL Ukraine Summit was held in the center of Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. The event was held bilingual, with some sessions held in English and others in Ukrainian, with translation for all sessions.

The opening consisted of a memorial for Kakha Bendukidze. He was due to be the keynote speaker at the event, but unfortunately passed away two weeks prior. He was the former Georgian minister of Economy, designated minister of Economy for Ukraine, and the most influential libertarian figure in Eastern Europe.

A wide and balanced range of topics were discussed—ranging from an introduction to the ideas of liberty (Tom Palmer's renowned *Why Liberty?*), the rise of Putin's regime in Russia, energy security, the role of government, journalism in times of war, Russian propaganda, case studies of deregulation in Georgia and Nagorno-Karabakh, and many more.

This summit brought together over 520 speakers, young people, and students from Russia and Ukraine, allowing them to come together and recognize they are fighting a similar battle for individual freedom, no matter what their governments tell them.





# SPANISH SPEAKING AMERICAS- ESTUDIANTES POR LA LIBERTAD

CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: 838 ATTENDEES AT 2 CONFERENCES

STUDENT GROUPS: 80 LOCAL COORDINATORS: 183 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 12

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Marroquín*

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Asunción*

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Santa Cruz de la Sierra*

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*Universidad Dr. José  
Matías Delgado*

## HIGHLIGHT

### HONDURAS ESTUDIANTES POR LA LIBERTAD DEFEAT MARXIST SHUTDOWN EFFORT

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, having recently shut down classes at the National Autonomous University of Honduras Valle de Sula for 17 days, the Marxist Federation of Student Associations and the Revolutionary Student Movement Lorenzo Zelaya threatened to do so again at a “student assembly” called for on November 5<sup>th</sup>. But for the first time since the early 1990s, an opposing student movement, without political affiliation, rose up to prevent a few students from shutting down the university with threats and intimidation. Upon learning of the planned shutdown, the Honduran branch of Students For Liberty, supported by faculty members within the Economics Department, quickly rallied opposition against the impending closure and successfully prevented the protesters from closing the school.



## ESTUDANTES PELA LIBERDADE-BRAZIL

EPLC ATTENDEES: 300 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: 708 ATTENDEES AT 5 CONFERENCES  
STUDENT GROUPS: 57 LOCAL COORDINATORS: 291 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 9

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rafael Rota Dal Molin  
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### HIGHLIGHT

#### PROTESTS RAGE ACROSS BRAZIL

Protests are taking place across Brazil, including hundreds of thousands of individuals challenging the failed policies of the current Brazilian government. There are calls for the president, Dilma Rousseff, to leave office. These protests are being led by libertarian students.

Media outlets ranging from the *Washington Post* to *Foreign Policy* are commenting on the success of libertarian youth in mounting opposition to the current government, highlighting the work of Estudantes Pela Liberdade and the success of these ideas.

Change is taking place in Brazil. Students across the country are awakening to the power of libertarian ideas and are standing up for change.





# AFRICA

ASFLC ATTENDEES: 1,180 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: 1,276 ATTENDEES AT 3 CONFERENCES  
STUDENT GROUPS: 50 LOCAL COORDINATORS: 80 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 9

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## HIGHLIGHT

### GOVERNMENTS CRACKDOWN ON SFL'ERS

During this past year, African Students For Liberty has seen numerous governments crack down on students' efforts to peacefully educate their peers about the meaning of liberty.

In The Gambia, SFL leader, Sait Matty Jaw, was arrested multiple times on trumped up charges of conducting polling research without a permit. He still awaits trial.

In Ethiopia, one of SFL's leaders, Kidus Mehalu, was beaten by police for organizing a reading group without government permission.

The more influential SFL becomes and the more libertarian ideas spread in the continent, the more governments will attempt to silence young people. But SFLers are not backing down. They are standing up for liberty in the face of grave odds, which should inspire all of us to do more.



## SOUTH ASIA

SASFLC ATTENDEES: 250 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: 44 ATTENDEES AT 1 CONFERENCE  
STUDENT GROUPS: 20 LOCAL COORDINATORS: 80 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 6

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Yavnika Khanna  
*Chairwoman*

Kiran Reddy  
*Symbiosis Law*

Naga Sravan Kilaru  
*Rashtrreeya Vidyalaya College  
of Engineering*

Riya Basnet  
*Kathmandu School of Law*

Anuj Niroula  
*Tribhuwan University*

Abhinav Singh  
*Sri Venkateshwara College*

### HIGHLIGHT

#### FIRST SASFLC CONFERENCE

The first South Asian SFL Conference was held in January 2015 with over 250 attendees. To open the conference, Dr. Tom G. Palmer addressed the fundamental principles of liberty and explained the dangers of big government throughout history. Professor Christopher Lingle then argued for the value of democracy as a means to the ends of liberty rather than an end in itself. Barun Mitra of the Liberty Institute in New Delhi explained the nature and importance of property rights as protection for the “little guy.” Professor Ken Schoolland made the case for open borders across South Asia and the world. Over two days, there were speeches on everything from freedom of speech to the Indian liberal tradition, workshops on becoming a leader for liberty, and networking opportunities both during the day and at a reception at the end of the conference.





# AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

ANZSFL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: 47

STUDENT GROUPS: 10 LOCAL COORDINATORS: 30 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 7

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Aidan Carter  
*Victoria University of Wellington*

Austen Erickson  
*University of New South Wales*

Kerrod Gream  
*University of Sydney*

Nikolai Umashev  
*University of Queensland*

Lara Jeffrey  
*University of New South Wales*

Rachel Connor  
*University of Queensland*

Tesla Kavanagh  
*Deakin University*

## HIGHLIGHT

### FIRST ANZSFL CONFERENCE

On July 5, 2014, Australia and New Zealand Students For Liberty held their first ever Regional Conference at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. With 47 attendees from over 11 different institutions and faculty backgrounds, the event was a resounding success. The weekend featured academic and student speakers alike, covering topics from the regulatory state to the drug war; left-Libertarianism to freedom of speech; internet censorship to the market for sex. We were graced with the presence and support of Professor Jason Potts of RMIT University's Economics Department; Dr. Julie Novak, Senior Fellow with the Institute of Public Affairs; Chris Berg, Policy Director of the Institute of Public Affairs; Simon Breheny, Director of the Legal Rights Project and 2014 Young Libertarian of the Year (ALSFC); and Tim Wilson, Human Rights 'Freedom' Commissioner with the Australian Federal Government.



## 8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY CONFERENCE

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Students For Liberty Conference was SFL's largest event to date, drawing 1,719 attendees. Featuring an all-star line-up of speakers, including Dr. Ron Paul, Judge Andrew Napolitano, Dr. Deirdre McCloskey, Mr. Vicente Fox (former president of Mexico), and Edward Snowden, the conference rallied students' excitement for liberty and provoked significant media attention, with more than 30 articles published in major outlets such as BBC, *Forbes*, and the *Washington Post*.







*Estudiantes por la Libertad-Honduras wins Event of the Year for their protest against a Marxist shut-down of Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras.*



*African Liberty Students Organization at University of Ibadan win Student Group of the Year.*



*Professor Deirdre McCloskey delivers a Keynote Address.*



*Vicente Fox, former president of Mexico, delivers a Keynote Address.*



**1,719**

**2015 ISFLC ATTENDEES**



*Yeonmi Park, North Korean escapee and human rights activist, speaks at a breakout session.*

## EMPOWER

Step 1 is to educate young people in the ideas of liberty. Step 2 is to develop their leadership skills. Step 3 is to empower them to make the world a freer place. Once they have the right ideas and the knowledge of how to spread them, we want to provide them with the physical tools, network, infrastructure, and encouragement to make a difference.

The physical resources we offer range from our educational resources to activism kits to posters, stickers, and other promotional material (lovingly called “swag”). We actively provide students with resources they need that serve as both introductions to liberty and help more advanced students study the ideas in-depth.

SFL’s network of leaders, students, and alumni provides a community of support that young people can rely upon. Knowing that there are others out there passionate about freedom spurs them. The experience and knowledge of other organizers for liberty can be spread to more people through the network’s connections.

SFL’s leadership programs provide an infrastructure in which students can direct their activities toward what will produce the greatest results. SFL leaders are held accountable for their performances. They also receive assistance needed to achieve their goals.

This philosophy of empowerment has been the key to SFL’s growth and success over the years. SFL’s student leaders are the driving force of the organization, creating

new student groups, organizing events, introducing liberty to more young people. SFL’s Local Conferences are organized by students. Not only are conferences organized by individuals on the ground more likely to succeed than those coordinated from afar, but by giving students the financial resources, infrastructure, and advice on how to put together a 100–300 person event, we are giving students an unparalleled opportunity. Few other organizations place so much responsibility on students’ shoulders and give them the chance to make such a difference. Through SFL, young people have the chance to change the world both today and in the future.

There is no silver bullet for liberty. There is no single strategy or tactic that will work. To create a freer future, we need leaders of liberty at all levels in all fields. We need journalists, academics, politicians, businessmen, nonprofit leaders, PTA members, and people doing everything in between to create a freer future. By educating, developing, and empowering the next generation of leaders of liberty, SFL is ensuring that the liberty movement has enough of the right kind of people who can do just that. Liberty is the right idea. SFL seeks to give it the right people who can turn that idea into reality.







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## EMPOWERMENT/ALUMNI FOR LIBERTY

Graduation isn't the end of an individual's commitment to liberty, and it shouldn't be the end of their involvement with Students For Liberty. To both keep alumni involved in SFL's activities and to provide ongoing support for SFL's programs, we created Alumni For Liberty.

**VISION:** Alumni For Liberty will be the most robust non-profit alumni association in the world.

**MISSION:** Alumni For Liberty empowers alumni to reach their potential while remaining engaged with and supporting the student movement for liberty through networking, career services, and philanthropy.

There is one Key Performance Indicator for Alumni For Liberty: the number of dues-paying AFL members. All AFL programs and activities will be carried out with the aim of increasing this number. Programs will have

secondary benefits such as providing networking and career services to alumni, but their success will be based on attracting new members and retaining existing members.

Over the course of the 2014-2015 year, Alumni For Liberty launched a new website at [www.alumniforliberty.org](http://www.alumniforliberty.org) to connect AFL members with one another. Each AFL member is now able to search the entire database of AFL members for the location, alma mater, career, employer, and contact information of every other member.

AFL has begun to offer professional support services to members, including career counseling, resume and cover letter editing, and introductions to experienced leaders in their field.

### SFL ALUMNI CURRENTLY WORK FOR:

#### BUSINESS

- Amundsen Travel (CEO)
- KPMG
- LiveJournal (CEO)
- Thumbtack (Founder & CEO)
- Uber
- Wolfprint3d (CEO)

#### LAW

- Columbia Law School
- Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis
- Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison

#### LIBERTY NONPROFITS

- Cato Institute
- Foundation for Economic Education
- Institute for Humane Studies
- Manhattan Institute
- Niskanen Center
- Reason Foundation
- Tax Foundation

#### ACADEMIA

(Pursuing or have received PhDs from)

- College of William & Mary
- Harvard University
- King's College London
- New York University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Yale University



## SALOMON-MORRIS SOCIETY

Hyam Salomon and Robert Morris were two of the principal financiers of the American Revolution. Without their support, the United States could not have become a free and independent country. In the same way, SFL's donors provide this generation with the financial resources to bring about a freer future. The Salomon-Morris Society highlights the connection between the financiers of freedom in the past and today by recognizing those donors who give \$5,000 or more to Students For Liberty.

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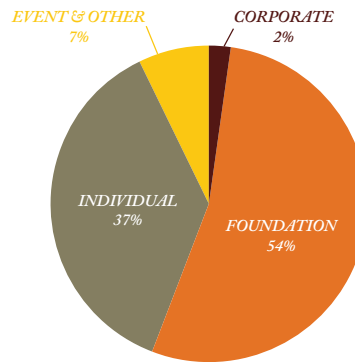
# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Over the past year, SFL increased our revenue by more than \$300,000 compared to the previous year. Due to increased investments in SFL's programming, 2014-2015 was the first Fiscal Year that SFL's expenses exceeded income. SFL had prepared for this in previous years and so maintains a strong financial position with over \$900,000 in net assets at the end of the Fiscal Year. A combination of sizable donations already given to SFL and pledged for the following Fiscal Year places SFL on even stronger footing and the path for even greater investments in the 2015-2016 year.

Below is the unaudited financial information for SFL's Fiscal Year that ran from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015.

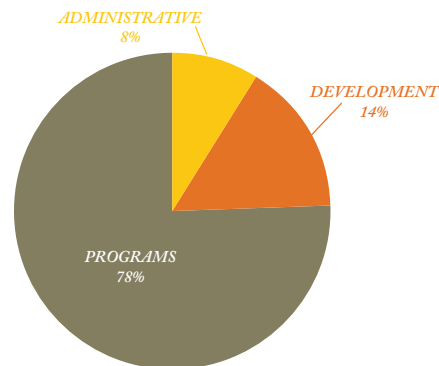
## INCOME

*Corporate:* \$76,129.08  
*Foundation:* \$1,709,914.82  
*Individual:* \$1,172,947.17  
*Event & Other Income:* \$225,247.92  
**TOTAL INCOME:** \$3,184,238.99



## EXPENSES

*Administrative:* \$297,136.01  
*Development:* \$516,309.47  
*Programs:* \$2,829,966.66  
**TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$3,643,412.14



## NET ASSETS:

\$913,743.49

## *SFL in 2008*



*Registration at the first International Students For Liberty Conference in 2008.*

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