

YEAR IN REVIEW 2024



**CENTER FOR
REDUCING SUFFERING**

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The Center for Reducing Suffering aims to answer a simple question:

How can we best use our limited resources to alleviate as much suffering as possible?



Year In Review - 2024

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the Center for Reducing Suffering and our work.

2024 has been a busy year, as we continue to publish, write and share new work and research.

We also ran our first fellowship, introducing a cohort of talented individuals to the fundamentals of s-risk research.

We're excited for 2025, and have some ambitious plans for the year ahead.

As ever, we are grateful for your support, as we continue to grow and spread our ideas.

Center for Reducing Suffering

Our Values

- ✔ **Suffering-focused**
We develop ethical views that give priority to suffering, and research how to best reduce suffering.
- ✔ **Anti-speciesism**
We believe all suffering matters, regardless of species.
- ✔ **Long-term outlook**
The long-term future is likely to contain the vast majority of sentient beings - so we focus on reducing long-term suffering to have the greatest impact.

Meet the Team

Head to our website to learn more about our team members and their work



Magnus Vinding
Writer/Research

✉ Get in touch



Tobias Baumann
Writer/Research

✉ Get in touch



Brian Tomasik
Advisor

✉ Get in touch



Teo Ajantaival
Writer/Research

✉ Get in touch



Alistair Webster
Communications

✉ Get in touch

Simon Knuttson

Works part-time on specific texts for the CRS website, and provides feedback to CRS staff on their texts

2024 was a busy year for CRS. Here is an overview of our activity:

○ New Book from Teo Ajantaival

Teo Ajantaival's published his Minimalist Axiologies series as a book

○ First CRS S-Risk Fellowship

We organised and ran the first CRS fellowship - an Intro to S-Risk. During the program, participants met regularly to discuss the reading list and the fellowship featured guest Q&As with the CRS team and prominent individuals from the s-risk community and beyond.

○ Magnus Vinding Book

Magnus Vinding continued work on his latest book: *Compassionate Purpose: Personal Inspiration for a Better World*.

○ New Audio Content

Audio versions of CRS research and posts were added to website.

○ Book Distribution

We distributed thousands of copies of CRS books via digital and physical channels

○ Ongoing Outreach

We continued to engage with individuals on a one-to-one basis, share newsletters and social media posts, and promote the research of CRS and the wider SFE community. We conducted outreach activities and attended EAG London, EAG Boston and EAGx Virtual events

○ New Intro to SFE

Magnus Vinding and Simon Knutsson published a new and accessible Introduction to Suffering-Focused Ethics.

○ New Community

We also launched a new Reddit community, which we intend to expand in 2025.

New Posts & Publications:



Various other essays, such as Thoughts on AI pause and A Gödelesque argument against being a pure consequentialist

By Simon Knutsson



Introduction to Suffering-Focused Ethics

Magnus Vinding and
Simon Knutsson



Answers in population ethics were published long ago

By Simon Knutsson



CRS Open Research
Questions Updated



Start Here Page
Updated

Read more on the CRS Website

Priorities for 2025

- In general, compared to previous years, we expect to focus more on practical themes, accessible content, and community building
- We intend to run new cohorts of the fellowship and potentially expand to also offer an SFE fellowship
- We aim to release an Intro to S-Risk video course. We will then promote this widely.
- We intend to publish and promote *Compassionate Purpose*
- Research will explore and address psychological bottlenecks for s-risk work
- We aim to grow the Effective Suffering Reducers Community
- We will arrange informal online reading and discussion groups for CRS books
- We plan to distribute books at more EAG events

In 2025, we will focus on accessibility, community building, and outreach through fellowships, research, publications, and discussion groups while expanding book distribution and engagement efforts.

Have your say:

We are always interested in hearing from our supporters. Please feel free to get in touch with any ideas, suggestions or questions.

Get in touch at: centerforreducingsuffering.org/contact/

We are committed to being transparent and open about our funding and spending. Here is a breakdown of our expenditure for the previous year.*

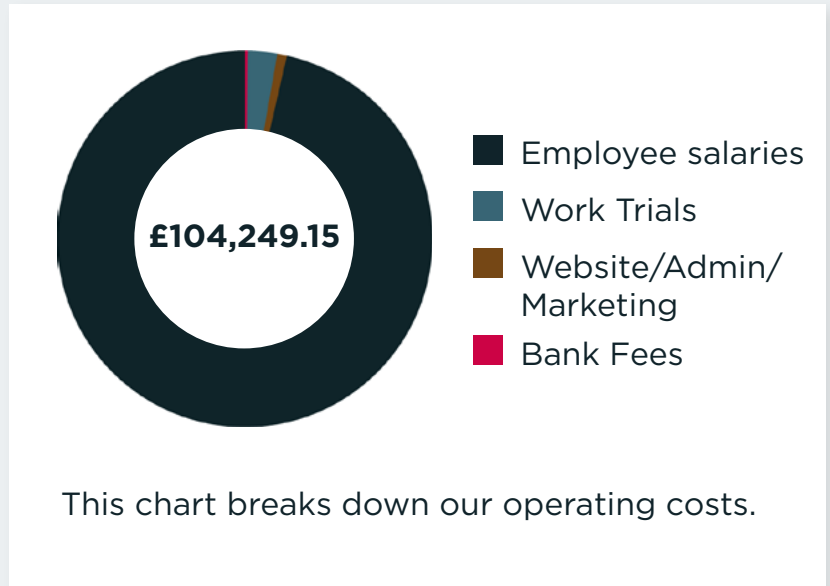
2024 Funding breakdown

Our total funds available for 2024 amounted to **£172,454.89** GBP (£60,760.41 starting balance + £103,812.80 in donations).

Of that total, we spent **£104,249.81** and will carry **£60,324.06** forward.

Expected budget for 2025

Next year we expect to be working with a similar budget. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.



Fundraising Appeal

As we approach the end of the year, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of CRS and our research.

It's been a busy year, and we've achieved a lot, releasing new research, sharing our ideas and working to create a future with less suffering.

We're excited for the new year, when we'll be looking forward to the publication of new books from Magnus Vinding and Teo Ajantaival, as well as the launch of a new introductory video course on s-risks.

To help us continue our work to reduce suffering, we're now aiming to raise \$100,000 as part of our end-of-year fundraiser.

If you are able to, any support you can offer would be gratefully received, and used to fulfill our strategic priorities.

Support CRS

\$0

\$150,000

Thank you for reading our year in review and for your support in 2024.

To find out more about what we do, read our publications, or get in touch with the team, please visit:

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