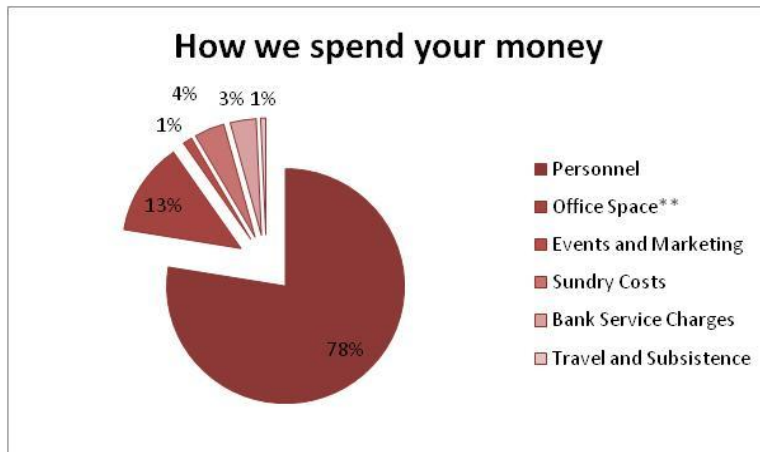


How we spend your money

We make every penny we receive from the Open Rights Group community count for your digital rights. When we moved into our current HQ in 2007, we spent a grand total of £35 on equipment for the office, using donated hardware and free/open source software to kit ourselves out with, if not state of the art, then at least workable technology. We don't dash about in cabs, or spend your money on cake. We buy tickets for the 0600 train to Brussels, just to save money.

The ORG Board scrutinises company expenditure every month, comparing it to an agreed annual spending plan. Our annual accounts are independently examined. You can read our latest set of Company Accounts here:

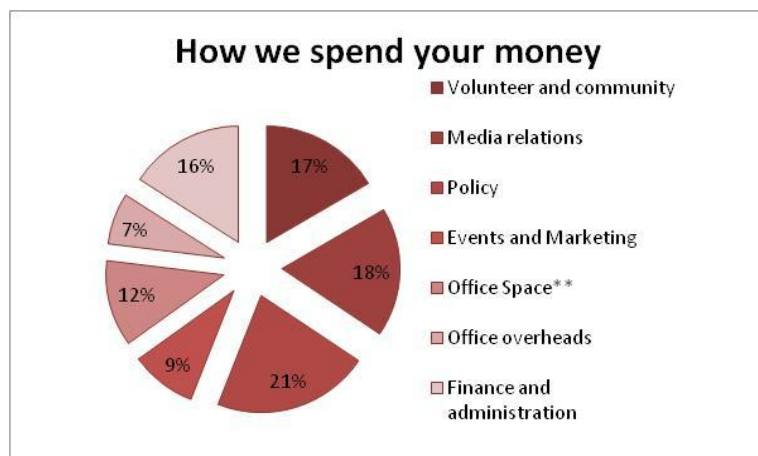
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1,500 fivers each month provides a monthly income of £7,550. It's prudent to keep £500 of that aside each month for unforeseen costs. Of the remaining sum, most will be spent on salaries for ORG's two full time members of staff.

But this chart only tells one part of the story about where your money goes. The chart below shows how each of our core areas of work will be funded by your support.

Having two members of staff means that one can be in Westminster (or Brussels) cornering elected representatives, while the other is manning the phones on the latest digital rights story. It means that ORG can plan and execute long-term campaigns that leverage the power of the community and effect real change. It means that the scores of volunteers and activists who are committed to digital rights make the most out of their time - and occasionally get nagged into doing stuff too, with nobody having to worry about hard feelings!



****A note about office space:** We currently get our office space (and our coffee!) for free, thanks to Venda UK, who let ORG squat in their offices in Grays Inn Road, London. But this situation is not going to last forever, and if we want ORG to be sustainable, we need to plan for eventually paying for office space. But we'll squat with Venda for as long as they'll have us, and dedicate the money we save to more events, policy work and community outreach.