

AFSEE

Impact Report

Advancing Social and Economic Equity

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FOR SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC EQUITY

What We Do

The Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) programme brings together activists, researchers, policymakers, and artists dedicated to tackling inequalities. Fellows engage in a structured learning programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and continue lifelong engagement as Senior Fellows.

Main AFSEE activities:

- Active Fellowship Year: Immersive learning through residential and non-residential modules, leadership training, and research.
- Senior Fellowship Tenure: Lifelong access to collaborations, funding, training, and networking.

The programme blends academic research with practical action, equipping changemakers with the skills to lead social transformation.

Key Outcomes & Impact



Building a Global Community
Fellows reporting enhanced global networks and collaborations.

Interdisciplinary Action
Found the programme helped cross-sector partnerships.



Shifting Narratives
Reported the programme influenced a more evidence-based approach to tackling inequality.

Driving Change on Inequalities

Driving Change on Inequalities: Fellows launched initiatives on wealth inequality, digital rights, and labour justice.

Our Community of Fellows

100+ 
Senior Fellows from 44 countries

65% 
Engage with AFSEE media and communications weekly or monthly.

85% 
Engage with other Fellows at least monthly.

Active participation

In workshops, research collaborations, and advocacy projects.

Global Partnerships

AFSEE collaborates with organisations tackling inequalities worldwide, including:



Oxfam
Supporting research on wealth inequality.



Hawkwood College
Developing creative communications to tackle inequalities.



The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town
Conducting interdisciplinary research.



New York University
Conducting interdisciplinary research.



Centro de Estudios de Conflicto y Cohesión Social (Chile)
Conducting interdisciplinary research.



Wider LSE Community
Engaging with the International Inequalities Institute and cross-departmental collaborations.

What Fellows Learn and Gain

Personal & Professional Growth

Fellows describe their AFSEE experience as a turning point in their careers and activism. Key benefits include:

- Academic and Leadership Development – Increased critical thinking, research capabilities, and confidence.
- Exposure to Global Perspectives – Deeper understanding of international inequalities.
- Stronger Networks – Lifelong friendships and professional collaborations.
- Skill-building in Advocacy & Communication – Enhanced storytelling, media engagement, and strategic influence.

Survey Insights

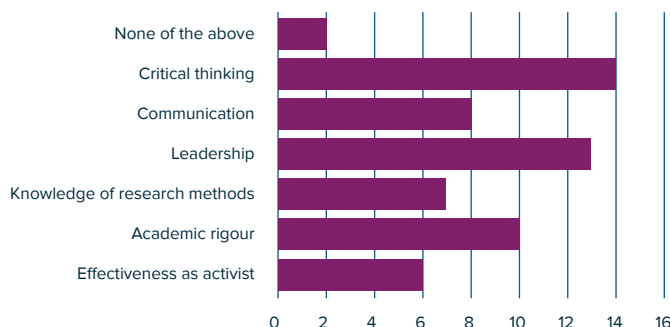
90%

of Senior Fellows believe the programme helped them influence change in their professional lives.

82%

say it positively impacted their career trajectory.

Benefits of being an AFSEE Fellow



Fellows in Action

Senior Fellows have led groundbreaking initiatives, such as:

- Supporting women farmers in Kenya to gain economic empowerment.
- Establishing unions for platform workers in Latin America.
- Addressing urban inequalities at international policy levels.

Supporting women farmers in Kenya

What she did

A 2020 fellow, Barbara Van Passen used learning from AFSEE to advance her work on food security.

Who with

She partnered with Oxfam and supported women farmers in Kenya.

What difference did it make

They were able to pool resources, collectively bargain and develop more environmentally friendly practices, leading to enhanced opportunities and better food security.

Grassroots responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic - a partnership

What we did

We explored grassroots responses to the Covid-19 pandemic in low income populations. We developed a toolkit for analysing inequalities.

Who with

This was a partnership between AFSEE and Oxfam.

What difference did it make

Oxfam use the toolkit to deepen its analysis on inequality, create stronger cross-country approaches, and build stronger programmes and a more powerful movement for change.