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ESSTEEPEE (STP) is a silkscreen training project operating on behalf of, and under the discipline of, the progressive community.

We are a staff of 5 at present. Responsibility for running the project is shared with an elected management committee, drawn from the ranks of progressive organisations.

The broad aims of STP are to train people in silkscreening skills.

- This involves:
- * the running of training courses at our workshop and in communities
 - * the compiling of a training booklet
 - * encouraging organisations to establish their own media committees and buy their own equipment for use once they have been trained
 - * encouraging the setting up of regionally-based workshops to serve organisations in a particular region
 - * providing facilities for the use of organisations who want to be trained or who have been trained
 - * encouraging a broader understanding of the role of media in organisational work

We also provide a banner-making facility, a badge-making facility, a small resource library on media, information and guidance on an ongoing basis, and we are collecting media locally and internationally for archival and exhibition purposes. Of late we have also begun to offer an offset litho printing service, whereby we advise people on how to prepare artwork for offset printing and assist them to get the printing done. This especially in cases where large amounts of posters are needed, with two or more colours. Printing these by silkscreening them would be time-consuming and often not cheap.

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