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Foreign Communities of Alba  
**ASSOCIATION**

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## **Foreign Communities of Alba Annual Summary 2023-2024 (23-08-2023 — 23-07-2024)**

### **Executive Summary**

The FCA Association organized multiple successful community outreach event, providing essential resources and support to vulnerable populations in need. Volunteers distributed food, making a positive impact on the lives of those facing hardship. At the same time, the FCA Association forged strategic partnerships with local businesses to support its charitable initiatives. Through collaborative efforts, the organization secured donations and sponsorships to fund critical programs and services for the community. Volunteers were honoured for their invaluable contributions to the organization's mission, inspiring others to get involved and make a difference.

Among the activities organized this year, we count:

- GOCC 2024 Edinburgh
- Hiking Winter Skills Project
- Mapa Event
- Connected by the Map Youtube channel cooperative

### **Mission and Objectives**

*Our mission*

Enabling social engagement and cultural integration of ethnic minorities in Scotland through sport, recreational, cultural and social events and activities.

### *Our objectives*

The advancement of public participation in sport, by (but not limited to) running football training and forming teams to compete in local leagues; organising hiking and trekking groups and excursions; other sporting activities as directed by the membership

The organization of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, including social activities for families; community events and events to celebrate the many ethnic backgrounds represented in our communities

The advancement of public participation in non-profit, charitable movements and general activation and integration of ethnic minorities in Scotland, through lectures, joint events, volunteering, encouragement to entrepreneurship and building a shared support platform.

### **Governance and Management**

Please refer to: <https://fcaassociation.files.wordpress.com/2023/10/fca-association-organization.pdf>

### **Programs and Services**

Please refer to: <https://fcaassociation.org/category/projects-and-testimonials-and-case-studies/> and

<https://fcaassociation.org/regular-activities/>

### **Impact and Outcomes**

With the pilot LLAMA project, we were able to reach 9 families with material help and upskill our members for further stages of the project. We provided a training to better winter hiking skills to decrease the risk of fatalities while hiking. This project helped to train 5 individuals. We have provided a socializing and recreational platform to around 600 people of Polish, Scottish and other origins through our GOCC project. We are providing a regular socializing and sports opportunity to 30 individuals weekly with our football trainings. Through our volunteering engagement, we were able to find opportunities for about 40 people in total. Members and non-members to improve the lives of others.

Our organization ran the first project for the public, which was fully supported and paid by a sponsor. It was “Safety in Mountains” project, focusing on learning winter skills needed in mountains to hike safely in the harsh, winter conditions. It was two days, weekend course, the first of the upcoming series of courses and events.

Through the Mapa project, we have organized (as co-organizer) a 300+ people event, which connected Scots and Polish people. We are currently extending this endeavour by cooperating on a Youtube channel and more. All to provide a better link between Scottish and Polish cultures.

## **Financial Performance**

We are currently at about, 8150 GBP of annual turnover and 2540 GBP available funds on our account.

Please refer to:  FCAA approved accounts - FY2023-24.xlsx

## **Volunteer Engagement**

We would like to thank about 40 volunteers that have helped us to deliver in our sports, socializing and training events this year. It is thanks to their engagement, that all of what we have done and still have planned are possible.

## **Partnerships and Collaborations**

Please refer to: <https://fcaassociation.org/partnerships/> for the list of our current partners and sponsors.

We would like to highlight our very successful cooperation with the Polish Consulate General on our GOCC and project LLAMA engagements. Hoping to do more in the near future.

## **Compliance and Governance**

We currently have 30 registered members, and we have completed our first elections on the 11th of March 2024. We have a healthy account balance and have not found any issues with the charitable purposes we are providing.

## **Challenges and Opportunities**

Low financial turnover and lack of partners were our main issues for grants rejection initially. We have worked hard in this area over the last 3 months and could see many improvements. Our biggest challenge remains to be the lack of our own building to be able to offer a community house (more outlined in our strategy for 2024).

### **Looking Ahead**

Our capabilities have significantly grown since, and we have decided we will need to amend our constitution to be able to offer a wider set of services to the community. We also still have about 12 different activities and 10 wider projects planned for this and next financial year.

### **Signed by**

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Jarosław Jopek — CEO

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