



Foreign Communities of Alba
ASSOCIATION

Members offer

Who are we

Foreign Communities of Alba Association (known under trading name 'FCA Association'), is registered with OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator): [SC052771, as a SCIO](#). We are a charitable organization focused on Sports, Recreation, Integration and Removing Social Isolation. We are operating in West Lothian, Falkirk and North Lanarkshire councils in Scotland. We were formed in August 2023.

Our mission

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

Our key strategy pillars

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 citizenship or community development, to promote integration and mutual understanding between Scottish and Polish communities by any means available, including cultural events, educational programs, heritage projects, and community initiatives.

The advancement of health, through organisation of workshops, events, sport events and other amenities, supporting holistic approach to health and vitality.

Since 2024, we also offer life, legal and material assistance to members of said communities through our [BPO project](#).

We are open for anyone to join.

Our current offer

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Activities on offer:

- [Sports, recreation and socialising](#)
- [Volunteering](#)
- [Trustee and member meetings](#)

Our plans:

- Find a permanent location (an office or a building)
- Start an entrepreneurship group and help them kick off a local business (with sales aiming at 1000GBP in 2024), which will also support our charity
- Open a discussion with local politicians on possibilities of cooperation
- Open an official cooperation with one other ethnic group

You can find more information on: <https://fcaassociation.org/regular-activities/>. All of these are open to general public as well as members.

Member benefits

- Members have the priority to attend an activity organized by the FCA Association
- Members will be invited to regular networking / conference / knowledge sharing events
- Members are provided with structured volunteer opportunities, or the chance to take part in hands-on projects.
- Members can become project or activity leads
- Members can vote in general trustee elections and submit suggestions to the management board
- Any ideas for new activities coming from members will be prioritized

We are also expecting our members to be active in our community, provide help and guidance where required.

Membership Fees

Members:

- All members are required to pay a £20.00 annual fee

Members are entitled to apply for a fee waiver. Please see our T&C for this further in the presentation.

All fees collected will be invested into our statutory community goals, as outlined in our [FCA Association constitution](#).

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Fee waiver T&Cs

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You can apply for a fee waiver if you cannot afford to pay the fee because you:

- do not have a place to live in the UK and you cannot afford one
 - have a place to live but cannot afford essential living costs like food or heating
 - have a very low income and paying the fee would harm yours or your family's/dependants wellbeing
- all activity group leaders are empowered to make common sense decisions for a fee waiver before an activity starts
 - membership fee waiver requests are being reviewed fortnightly by our trustees. To submit one (in free form) please use: <https://fcaassociation.org/contact-us/>

Both members as well as the general public are entitled to apply for a fee waiver.

Thank you very much!