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Foreign Communities of Alba - Trustees' Annual Report for the period: 2024-2025

23-08-2024 — 13-03-2025

Names of the trustees on the date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

1. Gustaw Karol Fit - Chairperson / Treasurer
2. Anna Bogumiła Nosal - Vice Chairperson / Secretary
3. Magdalena Rozmysłowska - Vice Chairperson

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period):

N/A

Structure, governance and management:

Type of governing document: Constitution; The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 23 August 2023. It has a two tier structure.

Trustee recruitment and appointment:

The management committee, which regularly meets on Facebook Messenger and one Tuesday of each month in person, are the charity's trustees and the CEO. Membership of the management committee is open to all members or anyone with sufficient qualifications. To allow for some continuity of the committee it is also open to interested members of the community or our business partners. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting which is held in May. There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of eight trustees.

Charitable purposes

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; organizing 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.

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

Summary of the main activities in relation to these subjects

The FCA Association organized multiple successful community events. The main activities are regular football meetings in Bathgate and hiking trips. These two activities promote an active and healthy lifestyle and we had about 350-450 members of the public participate in a year.

Among the recreational activities organized this year, we count:

- *GOCC 2025 Edinburgh*

We have provided a socializing and recreational platform to around 3000 people of Polish, Scottish and other origins. We have received many recommendations and opened a few separate projects which address mental health, poverty, wellness and are targeted at removing social isolation. Fundraising about 119,453.70 PLN for GOCC Poland. About 180 people helped us as volunteers.

- *Andrzejki event*

On the 30th of November, together with Konieczynka Peebles, MAPA and Bar Mleczny, FCA Association has organised the second annual St Andrew day (Andrzejki) community party. The venue this year was Inch House. The theme was 1980's PRL (Polish Socialdemocratic Republic; Polska Republika Ludowa). This was an evening of fantastic fun. 90 people participated.

- *Commemoration of Gen. Stanislaw Sosabowski, August 2024*

Among other activities, we attended the Polish Scottish Ceilidh dance, which was a 1940s-style evening alluding to past events with Polish soldiers and Scottish lassies during the 2nd World War. At the present day event we danced solidarily with Polish and British soldiers. The photos from the event below. We have also organized a hiking trip for 30 people, commemorating the celebrations. More about that hike here:

<https://fcaassociation.org/guide/1-polish-parachute-brigade-and-general-sosabowski-commemorative-trail/>

- *Polish-Scottish Community for victims of flooding in Poland*

As soon as we got to know that the south of Poland was affected by catastrophic flooding, we were contacted by Patrycja Aleksandra Fredek and Agnieszka Skrobas, who were the original coordinators. We have decided to help their initiative, which has grown since significantly. We have concentrated on helping family members of our fellow Poles, whose families were in the affected regions. And it grew from there.

We have collected roughly 3400 GBP and 23 pallets of goods. This, after getting in touch with one of the most affected cities in Poland – Łądek Zdrój, will be sufficient to help many people. Also the dehumidifying equipment we have bought is top of the class and will help significantly to make the homes habitable before winter. Around 50 people helped us as volunteers.

- *Recognising and celebrating Polish heritage around Edinburgh – Tour guide*

We have launched an interactive tour guide on our website to celebrate places around Edinburgh important to the Polish diaspora. It had over 500 visits since launch. Guide:

<https://fcaassociation.org/guide/>

- *Football Tournaments*

FCA Association organized a series of charitable football tournaments. The events, held with the generous support of the Polish Consulate General in Edinburgh, brought together teams and supporters from across the region.

We have provided a recreational facility, while promoting sport and better mental health. About 600 GBP was fundraised for the specific causes we supported. About 400 people participated overall.

- *LLAMA project stage 2 (Life, Legal and Material Assistance)*

As part of this project, we have:

- Assisted 4 individuals in legal/life assistance cases
- Prepared and distributed 30kg of food for families in need

Achievements and Performance

We have supported various charitable activities. We really foster the spirit of social integration through sports, outdoor activities like camping, and walks in scenic locations. Additionally, we partnered with platforms like Neighbourly to expand volunteer opportunities and emphasize rural social enterprises, highlighting sustainable development and community involvement. The demand on our services is high, we had four, thousand+ people events organized the last financial year, are looking forward to further developments and are very proud of our work.

Financial review

Our main source of funding remains donations and grants (we also apply for Polish government grants). We do not plan to dramatically change this the next financial year and want to continue so that all of our activities can be accessed without tickets. We have a healthy P&L balance, allowing us to pay for all of our engagements timely. We plan to run a few fundraising events next year for more causes we plan to support (like The Great Polish Map of Scotland).

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to retain 3 months worth of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Our standing costs are currently about £900.00, but mainly related to football pitch hire, which can be canceled without a cancellation fee. We plan to keep our charity without any long-term payment or subscription commitment, until we reach a point where we believe we should invest in a community space. Separately, we hold a reserve of £150.00 per annum for payments and receipts accounts examination.

Plans for future period

Our main goal is to open a community centre for Polish-Scottish integration. We are actively looking for partners. But 2026 will be a continuation of building the charity's visibility and increasing the social impact, so that we can build more trust into bigger partners and start cooperating with them.

Signed by

Gustaw Fit — COO and Chairman of the Trustee Board

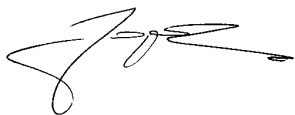

Jarosław Jopek — CEO

Julia Anna Nosal — Vice-Chairman of the Trustee Board

Magdalena Rozmysłowska — Vice-Chairman of the Trustee Board



Magdalena Rozmysłowska 

Addendum for the Accounts document

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the club.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.