



Gambians & friends in Scotland Community Association (GAMSCA)

33 Drumoyne Circus, Glasgow, G51 4DE



Charity No: SC052339

## Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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Charity Trustees:

Trustee Name	Role,	Date of Appointment
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### Structure, Governance, and Management

#### Governing Document

Gambians and Friends in Scotland Community Association (GAMSCA) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and is governed by its Constitution, which sets out its purposes, membership, and trustees' responsibilities. The charity is regulated by the OSCR.

#### Appointment of Trustees

The trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by members of the charity. Trustees may also be co-opted throughout the year where necessary, in accordance with the governing document.

#### Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are provided with an induction pack, which includes the charity's constitution, recent financial statements, and key policies. Trustees are briefed on their legal responsibilities under charity law and receive ongoing support and training to ensure they carry out their roles effectively.

Management

Day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the trustees, who meet regularly to review progress, plan activities, and ensure compliance with all legal and financial regulations. No paid staff were employed during the year, and all activities were carried out by volunteers.

### Objectives and Activities

#### Charitable Purposes

GAMSCA's purpose is to promote education, and integration of Gambians and friends of The Gambia living in Scotland.

Our objectives include:

(A) The advancement of citizenship and among the Gambian community in Scotland.

(B) The advancement of formal and informal education among the Gambian community in Scotland, including life and personal development skills.

(C) The advancement of the arts, heritage, and cultures of The Gambia and Scotland, amongst Gambians living in Scotland and the wider general public.

(D) The promotion of racial harmony.

The charity seeks to advance these purposes through a range of activities designed to meet the needs of the Gambian and wider Scottish community.

### Main Activities Undertaken to Further Charitable Purposes

During the year ended 31st December 2023, GAMSCA carried out the following key activities to support our charitable objectives:

**Community Support and Welfare Services:** We provided advice and support to 75 members of the Gambian community, focusing on issues such as housing, employment, and accessing local services.

Here's a simpler summary of the information for a young person:

#### Cultural Events:

In August 2023, GAMSCA hosted a big cultural event in Glasgow with about 190 people from different communities, like those from Sierra Leone, Kenya, Pakistan, Guinea, Senegal, and Scotland. The event celebrated the diversity of these communities with cultural showcases and sports activities, promoting understanding and connections.

#### Educational Workshops:

GAMSCA also organized workshops to help people, especially women and young people, improve their language skills and learn new job skills. About 40 people from various backgrounds took part.

#### Youth Project:

In July 2023, GAMSCA organized a youth project that included skill development with Mo Tie and Die, a trip to Edinburgh Zoo, and a visit to Pollok Park Museum. About 30

young people joined these trips, learning tie-dye skills and getting the chance to see live animals like lions and others.

#### Scottish Refugee Week:

GAMSCA joined Scottish Refugee Week to talk about the challenges refugees face and how they can settle into life in Scotland. Volunteers from the Scottish Refugee Council also participated.

### Achievements and Performance

#### Impact on Beneficiaries:

GAMSCA's activities have greatly helped the Gambian community in Scotland by creating a strong sense of belonging, cultural pride, and support. Many people have gained from our welfare and educational programs, and our cultural events have helped connect us with the wider Scottish community.

#### Feedback:

We surveyed people after our events, and the feedback was very positive. Participants appreciated GAMSCA's help, especially in supporting new Gambians to settle in Scotland and find important services.

### Financial Review

#### Financial Position:

The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 show total incoming resources of £17,945 and total outgoing resources of £14,743, resulting in a net surplus of £3,500.

#### Income Sources:

The charity's main sources of income were donations, Members' contribution, and grants from local authorities and other funders.

#### Expenditure:

Our spending focused on key charitable activities, including event organization, project work, educational programs, and volunteer expenses.

#### Reserves Policy:

The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to sustain the charity's operations during unforeseen circumstances. At the year-end, unrestricted reserves were £2,000, considered adequate to cover six months of core operational costs.

#### Plans for Future Periods:

In 2024, GAMSCA plans to expand community outreach and enhance support for vulnerable individuals by securing additional funding through grants and partnerships, particularly for mental health and youth development programs. We also aim to strengthen educational collaborations with other charities in Scotland.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement:

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in line with legal requirements, ensuring they present a true and fair view of the charity's financial position and activities. They must select appropriate accounting policies, make reasonable judgments, and prepare the statements on a going concern basis.

Trustees are also accountable for maintaining accurate records, complying with relevant laws, safeguarding the charity's assets, and preventing fraud and irregularities.

Declaration

This report was approved by the trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Gambians and Friends in Scotland Community Association (GAMSCA)

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024



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**Charity No: SC052339**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

for the period 01<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and Comparative.

The financial report commences with an overview of the charity funding sources, which are categorized into grants, donations, and funds raised through various activities. A detailed breakdown of these financial details is provided in Section A of the statement of receipts and payments.

### **RECEIPTS**

#### **Donations**

The primary sources of donations for the charity mainly from Eid celebrations and various community events held throughout the year, including cultural events. In the year 2023, the total donations amounted to £2,202, compared to £375 in 2022.

#### **Emergency Contribution**

Consisting of members' monthly contributions of £5 each, the total amount raised in the year 2023 reached £3,500, this is a 15.3% increase from the £3,035 raised in 2022.

#### **Grants**

For the year ending 2023, the charity received a total of £9,540 in grant funding from its main donors. In contrast, the total grant funding in 2022 amounted to £16,300, indicating a 41% decrease.

Exploring alternative funding sources is advised to mitigate the decline in funding from local government and other bodies.

## **Fundraising Activities**

Fundraising activities primarily revolved around cultural weekend events such as Tanabirr, club nights, and the 2023 independent celebration. A total of £2,703 was raised, with 85% of the funds originating from nightclub events.

## **TOTAL FUNDS**

The overall funds raised in 2023 totalled £17,945, compared to £22,466 in 2022.

## **PAYMENTS/EXPENSES**

The total expenditure for the fiscal year ending 2023 amounted to £14,743, slightly lower than the £14,810 spent in 2022.

This leaves the charity with a closing cash balance of £3,202 in 2023.



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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from

01 JANUARY 2023 to 31 DECEMBER 2023

**Section A Statement of receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds 31/12/2023	Total funds 31/12/2022
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	2,202				2,202	375
Emergency contributions		3,500			3,500	3,035
Grants	9,540				9,540	16,300
Receipts from fundraising activities	2,703				2,703	2,756
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>14,445</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,945</b>	<b>22,466</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>14,445</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,945</b>	<b>22,466</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	14,743				14,743	14,810
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>14,743</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,743</b>	<b>14,810</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>14,743</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,743</b>	<b>14,810</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(298)</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>7,656</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(298)</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>7,656</b>

Statement of Balances

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total 31/12/2023	Total 31/12/2022
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash and bank balances at start of year	7,172	11,245			18,417	10,761
Surplus shown on receipts and payments account	(298)	3,500			3,202	7,656
					-	
					-	
<b>Cash and bank balances at end of year</b>	<b>6,875</b>	<b>14,745</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,620</b>	<b>18,417</b>
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation	31/12/2022
			to nearest £	to nearest £
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Details	Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	31/12/2022
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Details	Fund to which liability relates		Amount due	31/12/2022
			to nearest £	to nearest £
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Details	Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estimate)	31/12/2022
			to nearest £	to nearest £
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



## APPENDIX 3



		<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b>						v2
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>		Charity name <b>Gambians and Friends in Scotland Community Association (GAMSCA)</b>						
<b>Registered charity number</b>		<b>SC052339</b>						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>		Period start date				Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		<b>01</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Set out on pages</b>								(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>		The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.						
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>		My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.						
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>		<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> <p>have not been met, or</p> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>						
<b>Signed:</b>								
<b>Name:</b>								
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>								
<b>Address:</b>								

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

**APPENDIX 3**

**Disclosure section**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose