

Charity Registration 1072694

Company Registration No. 3614685 (England and Wales)

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
DIRECTORS REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Charity Information	1
Report of the Trustees	2-4
Independent Examiners Report	5
Statement of Financial Activities	6
Balance Sheet	7-8
Notes to the Financial Statements	9-14

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
(A private company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

WORKING NAME: Albanian Youth Action

TRUSTEES: Valbona Mejzini
Arta Dedaj-Salad
Vera Ora
Burbuqe Bakalli
Artan Llabjani

COMPANY SECRETARY: Caroline French Blake

REGISTERED OFFICE: The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London, England, N7 6PA

REGISTERED NUMBER: 3614685 (England & Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1072694

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 12th August 1998. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 25th August 2007.

Trustees

Trustees are elected by the charity's members at the annual general meeting for a period of three years, and can then be re-elected for a further period of three years. Trustees are offered an induction including presentations by staff, background material and information on the charity's principal activities.

Trustees are all unpaid volunteers, and may claim reasonable out of pocket expenses.

The trustees who served during the year are listed on page 1.

Organisational Structure

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. During the year, the organisation had three part time staff and volunteers who lead sessions in areas include Art, English, IT, Albanian Drama and Sport as well as the family learning programme, Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities. The Board appoints trustees, including a Chairman. A treasurer is being sought. These officers work together to support the chief executive and they have delegated powers to take any necessary decisions between scheduled Board meetings.

The day to day operations of the Charity are managed by the Chief Executive Officer. Trustee Meetings are held at least Quarterly, where the CEO gives an account of the progress with each of the Charity's projects and raises any other issues requiring particular attention or comment. The Project Co-leaders report to the CEO and manage volunteers and casual staff taking part in delivery of projects. The financial administration is outsourced to an external financial manager, who meets monthly with the CEO and prepares management information for the Board.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Objects

The British Albanian Kosovar Council was established in 1998 to support the new population of unaccompanied asylum seeking children and young people from Albania and Kosova who were arriving in the UK. The Charity's object and its principal activity is that of providing assistance to Albanian speaking people, children and families, and older people, as well as unaccompanied refugee minors. This is done through running group activities that are recreational, educational or involving sport, and offering advice to individuals on accessing services. The work of the Charity also includes liaison with statutory and other agencies, and advocacy on behalf of Albanian speakers with service providers such as social services.

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024
(continued)

Aims, Objectives, Strategies and Activities for the Year

The aim for 2023-24 was to implement two projects: one targeting young Kosovars and the other focused on the elderly members of the Kosovar community. These projects were developed based on insights gathered from our focus group discussions, which highlighted these two groups as the most in need of outreach and support. The initiatives were designed with a clear set of objectives aimed at fostering personal growth and community unity. We focused on enhancing confidence and social cohesion by encouraging interaction between different groups, strengthening bonds within the community. Additionally, we prioritised skill development and technological empowerment to equip individuals with essential tools to navigate the modern world and stay connected. Promoting physical well-being and connection with nature was also a key objective, aiming to improve overall health and provide a sense of tranquillity through outdoor activities. Finally, we encouraged community engagement and contribution, motivating participants to actively contribute to their local environment and society, reinforcing a sense of purpose and collective responsibility. A variety of activities were carried out to support both elderly and young Kosovars, promoting inclusion, well-being, and resilience. Volunteers helped older adults learn to use social media, while group sessions provided support with health guidance, loneliness, academic help, and fitness through yoga and cooking. Technology workshops improved digital skills, communication, and scam awareness. Both groups were supported with the development of home management skills, and navigating intergenerational challenges, especially for migrant communities. The Youth Forum led discussions on issues like the environment, inequality, and politics, encouraging civic engagement.

A great deal of effort has been made to secure further funding, but this has proven difficult despite the clear need and positive impact of the activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

The achievements and performance of the Charity during the Year ended 31st August 2024 are the successful delivery of the Aims and Objectives for the Year, as described above.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Net outgoing resources for the year were £1,582 (2023 £20,082 net outgoing). At 31st August 2024 the free unrestricted reserves were £3,968.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use or invested in fixed assets should be maintained at a level equivalent to between 3 and 6 month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. These reserves at 31st August 2024 stood at £3,968. This figure is available to meet the charity's very low fixed operating costs, but as the reserves have reached this very low figure the Charity will only have sufficient funds in the coming financial year to meet very basic expenses and will be unable to undertake further project activities until further funding can be raised.

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024
(continued)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the financial activities of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to
any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it
is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for ensuring that the company maintains an adequate system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss or unauthorised use and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

.....

Artan Llabjani, Director & Chairman

Date : 19/06/2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

As the charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached..

Kingston Business Management

10 Silver Street,

Warminster

BA12 8PS

Date : 19/06/2025

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Totals
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grants Received	-	44,332	44,332	22,255
Services Income	350		350	600
Other Income	204		204	212
Total Income	554	44,332	44,886	23,067
EXPENSES				
Salaries		34,982	34,982	34,569
Pensions		247	247	577
Consultancy		7,185	7,185	5,363
Other Direct Project Costs			0	459
Administration	2,136	1,081	3,217	249
Accountancy		234	234	1,263
Bank Charges			0	79
Insurance		603	603	590
Total Expenses	2,136	44,332	46,468	43,149
Net incoming (outgoing) amount for year	-1,582	0	-1,582	-20,082
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds as at 31st August 2024	3,968	0	3,968	25,632
Transfers Between Funds	0	0	0	0
Total Funds as at 31st August 2024	3,968	0	3,968	5,550

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024
Company Registration No. 3614685 (England and Wales)

		2024	2023
		£	£
Current Assets	6		
Bank		9,168	11,416
		9,168	11,416
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	5,200	5,866
Total Assets less current liabilities		3,968	5,550
Funds of the Charity	8		
Restricted Funds		0	0
Unrestricted Funds		3,968	5,550
Total Funds		3,968	5,550

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024
Company Registration No. 3614685 (England and Wales)
Continued

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477(1) of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st August 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2024 in accordance with Section 476(1) of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 394, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

The financial statements were approved by the board on 19/06/2025.

.....
Artan Llabjani,
Director & Chairman

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

1) Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Advantage has been taken of Section 396(5) of The Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statements to be adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's operation and in order to comply with the requirements of the SORP.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The British Albanian Kosovar Council meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The Trustees are of the view that the level of reserves will support the charity going forward.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Incoming Resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants and events utilising the charity's facilities is included in incoming resources when receivable except as follows:

When events are due to take place in a future accounting period and when donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

Grant claw backs are deducted from incoming resources if they occur in the same accounting period. Grant claw backs made in subsequent accounting periods are shown as outgoing resources in preference to negative income.

Gifts and services in kind are included at their estimated open market valuation.

Tax reclaims on Donations & Gifts : Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA in the same financial period as the gift to which they relate.

Volunteer Help : The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Directors' annual report.

Investment Income : This is included in the accounts when receivable.

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Expenditure & Liabilities

Expenditure is included when incurred. Costs which are identified as relating to restricted activities are allocated directly to those activities. Costs which relate to the general running of the charity are allocated against unrestricted funds, and within the statement of financial activities these expenses are shown as cost of activities in furtherance of the objects of the charity and governance costs. Governance costs are those relating to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. The charity is VAT registered and therefore income and expenditure is shown exclusive of VAT.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the Directors' meetings and cost of any legal advice to Directors on governance or constitutional matters.

Employee benefits

Short term benefits including holiday pay are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

Legal Status of The Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Funds of the charity:

Designated Funds

Designated funds are allocated out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes. The use of such funds is at the trustees' discretion.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by donors as to how they may be used. The details of the restricted funds are set out in note 5 to the accounts.

Pension Scheme

The charity operates a government backed defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme. The charity is under no further obligation to make any extra payments irrespective of how that pension fund performs.

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Fixed Tangible Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing balance basis over their estimated useful lives. A rate of 30% per annum is applied.

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	2024	2023
			£	£
2) Income				
Grants	-	44,332	44,332	22,255
Services	350		350	600
Other	204		204	212
	554	44,332	44,886	23,067

3) Total Resources Expended

Charitable Activities

Staff costs & pensions		35,229	35,229	35,146
Consultancy		7,185	7,185	5,363
Other Direct project costs		0	0	459
Office & Admin costs	2136	1684	3,820	918
Total	2,136	44,098	46,234	41,886

Support & Governance Costs

Professional Fees	0	234	234	1,263
Other support costs	0	0	0	0
Total	0	234	234	1,263

4) Directors

A total of £nil (2023 : £nil) was paid to the directors for travel and entertainment costs.

No director was paid a salary.

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

5) Employees

The average number of staff employed during the year was as follows:

Direct Project / Management Staff	2
Total	<u>2</u>

<u>Analysis of Staff Salaries:</u>	£
Gross Staff Salaries	34,982
Employer Pension Contributions	247
	35,229

6) Debtors

Amounts outstanding as at 31st August 2024:

Trade debtors £ Nil (2023 : Nil)

7) Creditors

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one Year:	£	£
Trade Creditors	603	1,263
Other Creditors	4,603	4,603
Deferred Income	0	0
Accruals	0	0
	5,200	5,866

8) Fund Balances

	As at 31/08/2023	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Transfers	As at 31/08/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Postcode Society Trust	0	24574	24574	0	0
BBC Children In Need Grant	0	19,758	19,758	0	0
	0	44,332	44,332	0	0
Unrestricted Funds					
General unrestricted funds	5,550	554	2,136	0	3,968
	5,550	554	2,136	0	3,968
Total Funds	5,550	44,886	46,468	0	3,968

THE BRITISH ALBANIAN KOSOVAR COUNCIL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

9) Going Concern

As at the time of writing the Charity has not been successful in securing funding for its next financial year. The fixed expenses of the Charity are very low and the Trustees expect the amount of reserves remaining to be sufficient to see it through a period of inactivity until such time as further funding can be obtained.