

# FOURAH BAY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1189939

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-06-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF ALL STUDENTS AT FOURAH BAY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE IN FREETOWN IN SIERRA LEONE, BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS WAYS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY, WITH MUTUAL RESPECT AND POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. 2. TO RELIEVE STUDENTS OF POVERTY AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF ASSISTANCE PACKAGES AND SCHOLARSHIPS WHERE NECESSARY. 3. TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT FOURAH BAY COLLEGE BY PROVIDING TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES AND A SAFE TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS IN SIERRA LEONE.

**Activities:** To provide financial support and scholarships, assist in providing teaching and learning resources and safe teaching and learning environment to improve quality of education. To undertake projects to safeguard against a relapse of degradation and degeneration in the College and refurbish key pre-existing infrastructures including college buildings such as the library and sanitation facilities.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- Sierra Leone

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £9,391  | £4,257      | -      | -         |
| 2024-03-31 | £12,654 | £8,025      | -      | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £2,747  | £2,395      | -      | -         |
| 2022-03-31 | £2,414  | £3,072      | -      | -         |
| 2021-03-31 | £2,750  | £350        | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                         | Role  | Appointed  |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Magnus Nathaniel Cole</b> | Chair | 2021-02-24 |
| Bamikole Roberts             |       | 2021-02-24 |
| Fatumata Gassama             |       | 2021-02-24 |
| Frank James Musa             |       | 2025-09-25 |
| Henrietta Harding            |       | 2025-09-25 |
| Ivor Patnelli                |       | 2025-10-11 |
| Mohammed Sadiku Dabo         |       | 2019-10-05 |
| ROWLAND GORDON               |       | 2019-10-05 |

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# Accounts

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# **Fourah Bay College Alumni Association, United Kingdom (FBC AA UK) Trustees Report For Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Charity Report on the Trustees for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

The Trustees of Fourah Bay College Alumni Association, United Kingdom (FBC AA UK) present their accounts for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

## **Brief History of Fourah Bay College**

Since the founding of the University of Timbuktu in the Malian empire in the late 16th and early 17<sup>th</sup> century, the founding of Fourah Bay College in 1827 was the fulcrum of Freetown, Sierra Leone's description as the 'Athens of West Africa/Africa' and it was the subsequent significant development of this type in the region in the 19th century. The UNESCO's website states that Fourah Bay College was the region's first institution of higher learning since the collapse of the University of Timbuktu.



## **Our Structure**

Fourah Bay College Alumni Association, United Kingdom (FBC AA UK) was launched in November 2017 at the House of Commons, Westminster, London, under the sponsorship and auspices of the

Right Honourable James Cleverly MP for Braintree, who later became the UK Minister of State for the Middle East, North Africa and North America, and subsequently the UK's Foreign Secretary, and is also a former Co-Chairman of the Conservative Party. FBC AA UK became a registered UK Charity on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. As a charity, we aim to advance educational equality for all students at FBC (USL) by providing aid in various ways, as set out in our charity objects clause and governance document. As a result of its registration, the charity is managed by a Board of Trustees. The Board meets regularly to plan and implement fundraising programmes and activities,



discuss implementation activities to meet our strategic goals, and monitor the outcomes and progress of the programmes and activities.

Our enlarged Executive and Establishment comprises six committees for the delivery of strategic aims and objectives.

**These committees are:**

- Constitutional and Governance
- Finance and Bid-Writing
- Communications and Public Relations
- External Relations - including a UK scope and Global Alumni
- External Relations in Sierra Leone will include building relationships
- The Secretariat – comprising an executive secretary, an administrative secretary, and an organising secretary. It is responsible for the organisation's administrative support with strategy and events planning.

Our stakeholders comprise the Executive Administration (The University Senate), Lecturers and Tutors, the Student Body, and global and Sierra Leone-based alumni.

**Risk management**

The Trustees have a control system for the authorisation, payment, and monitoring of programmes and activities.

**Our Vision**

To facilitate the advancement of education at Fourah Bay College as a beacon of tertiary learning while supporting the student population, executive administration, lecturers and faculties through relationship building with global alumni and all stakeholders.

**Our Objective**

To advance the equality of education of all students at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, by aiding in various ways based on equality of opportunity, with mutual respect and positive encouragement to develop their full potential and contribute to their academic, professional and personal development in relation to their communities as a whole.

To relieve students of poverty and financial hardship by providing financial support through assistance packages and scholarships where necessary.

To improve the quality of education at Fourah Bay College by providing teaching and learning resources and a safe teaching and learning environment for students in Sierra Leone.

**General Summary**

After registration with the Charity Commission, the organisation undertook a full strategic review and prepared a rolling five-year strategic plan. This plan will continue to give a clear direction for the future and increase our activities and programmes.

**Charity Trustees**

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| ▪ Mr Magnus Nathaniel Cole | Chair               |
| ▪ Mrs Henrietta Harding    | Vice Chair          |
| ▪ Ms Fatumata Gassama      | Executive Secretary |

- Mr Rowland Gordon Financial Lead (Treasury + Bid-writing)
- Mr Frank Musa Constitutional & Governance Lead
- Mrs Ajaratu Sesay Public Relations & Communications Lead
- Mr Ivor Patnelli Non-Executive Trustee
- Mr Victor Benjamin Non-Executive Trustee
- Mrs Kankay Barlay Non-Executive Trustee

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Commission and the United Kingdom Statement of Recommended Practice.

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP.
- Make reasonable, prudent judgments and estimates.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume the charity will continue in business.
- They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and, hence, for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

### **Constitutional and Governance Committee Report (2024/25)**

- The Committee met bi-monthly to ensure compliance with the Association's Constitution and UK charity law, and to provide governance oversight and expert advice.
- A revised Constitution was completed, approved, and submitted to the Charity Commission. Key changes include a new Dispute Resolution section, a three-year concurrent term for all Trustees, and the separation of policies into a standalone Governance Document for flexibility and clarity.
- The Committee reviewed and endorsed the formal operation of the Outreach Support Committee, enabling structured assistance to members in line with approved policy guidance.

**STRATEGY COMMITTEE** - an initiative as part of the External Relations role.

The Strategy Committee, as part of the External Relations role, was established during the period April 2024 – March 2025.

The objective was to provide a clear, practical remit to ensure that proposed initiatives are well aligned, responsibly funded, and effectively monitored.

### **Specifically, the Committee was mandated to:**

- Determine appropriate and sustainable funding models for initiatives that meet these objectives.
- Define the scope and nature of support to be provided, including funding sources, levels of financial commitment, and the allocation of other resources.
- Advise the Executive on which initiatives to support, how resources should be allocated, and how progress should be monitored and reviewed.

## Ongoing Projects:

### Library Fundraising

The Library Project continues unabated. In the previous financial Year, 2023/24, a fundraiser, including Global Alumni, was held to raise funds for the purchase of new Library bindery equipment to replace the existing equipment installed since the inception of the Bindery Department in 1965.

The first of the three pieces of equipment (Letterpress machine) was purchased for £3,738, with an additional £589 for shipping. Replacement of the machines will ensure the Bindery Department remains fit to bind newspapers and other reading materials in the library and for student dissertations, as needed.



PräGnant 600 Blocking Machine

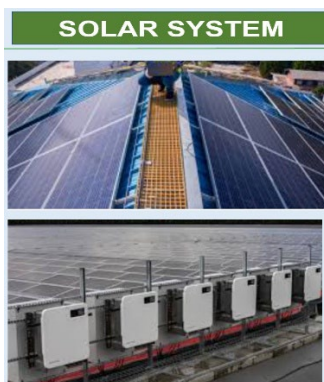
### Solar System Fund

In the current Year under review, 2024/25, another 'Global Alumni' fundraiser was held. A total of **£3,486.63** was raised to support plans to install solar power at the College Library to ensure a reliable, low-cost electricity supply.

The effective provision of these facilities in the College Library is key to improving the quality of education at the University.

Our medium-term plans as an Association include (a) Solar installation at the Library, (b) Continuation of replacement of the Library bindery equipment, and (c) Scholarship fund scheme, each of which will drive its own benefit.

### Proposed setup



### Electric power not available 2023/24 year's project



## **Completed Project: Noticeboards on FBC Campus**

**£880** was invested in installing noticeboards across the campus to improve communication and information sharing.



## **Review of activities and achievements – 2024/25**

### **Overview of Financial Performance**

During the financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, Fourah Bay College Alumni Association UK reported total incoming resources of £9,391 (2024: £12,654) and total expenditure of £4,257 (2024: £8,025). This resulted in a net surplus of £5,134 for the Year (2024: £4,629).

The surplus increased the Association's total funds from £6,724 at the beginning of the Year to £11,858 at year end, reflecting a strong overall financial position.

### **Income Analysis**

Total income for the Year decreased compared to the prior Year, mainly due to the reduction in income from specific project funding. Key income streams were as follows:

- Subscriptions increased to £2,098 (2024: £1,710), indicating improved member engagement and contribution.
- Thanksgiving Service income rose to £2,930 (2024: £2,260), demonstrating strong community and alumni support.
- Library Project income declined significantly to £930 (2024: £7,112), reflecting the completion or winding down of major phases of the project.
- Solar 2024 income of £3,397 represents a new restricted funding stream introduced during the Year.
- Meet and Greet Event income (£1,013) and Scholarship Fund income (£420) were received in the prior Year but not repeated during the current Year.
- Other income remained minimal at £36 (2024: £139).

The Trustees note that while overall income fell year-on-year, this reflects project-specific timing rather than a decline in organisational support.

## **Expenditure Analysis**

Total expenditure reduced substantially to £4,257 (2024: £8,025), primarily due to lower project-related spending.

Key areas of expenditure included:

- FBC Projects expenditure of £944 (2024: £830), reflecting continued support for institutional initiatives.
- Library Project costs reduced significantly to £580 (2024: £4,957), consistent with reduced income and activity levels for the project.
- Thanksgiving Service expenses amounted to £1,731 (2024: £2,019).
- Subscription and licence fees increased to £504 (2024: £25), reflecting compliance and operational requirements.
- Website costs of £403 were incurred during the Year (2024: nil).
- Financial charges rose to £95 (2024: £49).

The Trustees consider the level of expenditure to be reasonable and proportionate in relation to the Association's activities and income.

## **Surplus and Fund Movement**

The net surplus of £5,134 for the Year (2024: £4,629) was added to opening funds of £6,724, resulting in closing funds of £11,858.

This increase reflects prudent financial management, lower project expenditure during the Year, and effective cost control.

## **Financial Position (Statement of Financial Position)**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, the Association held:

- Bank current account balance: £3,758 (2024: £6,724)
- Bank savings account balance: £8,100 (2024: nil)

Total net assets amounted to £11,858 (2024: £6,724). The transfer from current to savings accounts reflects the Trustees' intentional decision to safeguard surplus funds and improve financial resilience.

## **Fund Analysis**

Closing funds of £11,858 are represented by:

- Library Project Fund: £1,511 (2024: £1,161)
- Scholarship Fund: £1,432 (2024: £1,432)
- Solar 2024 Fund: £3,397 (2024: nil)
- General Funds: £5,518 (2024: £4,131)

Restricted funds continue to be applied in accordance with donor intentions, while unrestricted general funds increased, strengthening the Association's financial flexibility.

## **Reserves Position**

The Trustees define reserves as unrestricted general funds. At the year end, unrestricted reserves stood at £5,518 (2024: £4,131). The Trustees consider this level of reserves to be appropriate to meet short-term obligations, support ongoing activities, and provide a buffer against future income fluctuations.

The reserves position will continue to be reviewed annually.

## **Financial Management and Controls**

The Trustees maintain oversight of the Association's finances through:

- Regular review of income and expenditure
- Maintenance of appropriate bank accounts
- Clear separation of restricted and unrestricted funds
- Approval of significant expenditure by the Trustees

The Trustees are satisfied that proper accounting records have been maintained and that the financial statements give an accurate and fair view of the Association's financial position.

## **Concern Statement**

The trustees have considered the charity's financial position, forecast income and expenditure, and available resources for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of this report. They are satisfied that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a **going concern basis**, and the trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties that would cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue.

FBC AA UK relies heavily on donor and member funding, as well as fundraising activities. We thank all our donors and the entire organisation's membership for their generous donations and subscriptions. Our membership currently stands at over 50 and continues to grow from strength to strength.

**THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND MEMBERS.**

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**FOURAH BAY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UK**  
**Reports and Financial Statements**

**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Statement of Financial Position)**  
**FOR PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024 to 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

|  | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources:</b>                 |               |               |
| Subscription                               | 2,098         | 1,710         |
| Meet and Greet Event                       | -             | 1,013         |
| Thanksgiving Service                       | 2,930         | 2,260         |
| Library project                            | 930           | 7,112         |
| Scholarship fund                           | -             | 420           |
| Solar 2024                                 | 3,397         | -             |
| Other income                               | 36            | 139           |
| Total Incoming resources                   | <u>9,391</u>  | <u>12,654</u> |
| <br><b>Resources Expended:</b>             |               |               |
| FBC Projects expenditure                   | 944           | 830           |
| FBC Library project                        | 580           | 4,957         |
| Event expenses                             | -             | 145           |
| Thanksgiving service expenses              | 1,731         | 2,019         |
| Financial charges                          | 95            | 49            |
| Subscription & Licenses                    | 504           | 25            |
| Website cost                               | 403           | -             |
| Total Resources Expended                   | <u>4,257</u>  | <u>8,025</u>  |
| <br>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the period | <br>5,134     | <br>4,629     |
| <br>Opening Funds                          | <br>6,724     | <br>2,095     |
| Closing Funds                              | <u>11,858</u> | <u>6,724</u>  |

## Balance Sheet as at 31ST MARCH 2025

|                       | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£    |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Current assets</b> |               |              |
| Bank current          | 3,758         | 6,724        |
| Bank savings          | 8,100         | -            |
|                       | <hr/>         | <hr/>        |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>     | <b>11,858</b> | <b>6,724</b> |
|                       | <hr/>         | <hr/>        |

REPRESENTED BY (Note 2):

|                      |               |              |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Library project      | 1,511         | 1,161        |
| Scholarship          | 1,432         | 1,432        |
| Solar 2024           | 3,397         | -            |
|                      |               |              |
| General funds        | 5,518         | 4,131        |
|                      | <hr/>         | <hr/>        |
| <b>CLOSING FUNDS</b> | <b>11,858</b> | <b>6,724</b> |
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**Notes forming part of the financial statements for the period 1<sup>st</sup>  
APRIL 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025**

### 1. Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities, issued in March 2005, and follow the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.
- b) Income is received from members' subscriptions and donations, as well as from other sources, including appeals and merchandising, all in line with the organisation's aims and objectives. Income received is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is received.
- c) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT, which cannot be recovered.
- d) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received for the organisation's objects without a further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

e) Restricted funds are to be used for the specific purposes set out by the donor.

|                               |                      | Incoming<br>£       | Outgoing<br>£         | Closing<br>£         |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>2. Movement of funds</b>   |                      |                     |                       |                      |
|                               | <b>Opening<br/>£</b> |                     | (580)                 | <b>1,511</b>         |
| <b>Restricted Funds</b>       |                      |                     | -                     | <b>1,432</b>         |
| Library project               | 1,161                | 930                 | -                     | <b>3,397</b>         |
| Scholarship                   | 1,432                | -                   | (580)                 |                      |
| Solar 2024                    | -                    | 3,397               |                       |                      |
| <b>Total Restricted funds</b> | <u>2,593</u>         | <u>4,327</u>        |                       |                      |
| General funds                 | <u>4,131</u>         | <u>5,064</u>        | <u>(3,677)</u>        | <u>5,518</u>         |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>            | <u><u>6,724</u></u>  | <u><u>9,391</u></u> | <u><u>(4,257)</u></u> | <u><u>11,858</u></u> |

Signed on behalf of the trustees



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**Ivor Patnelli**  
**(Trustee)**

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# Accounts

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## Review of activities and achievements – 2023/24

The charity's total incoming for the financial year 2023/24, was **£12,654.24**. The total expenditure for the period was **£8,024.80**. A summary of the account is attached to this report.

### Ongoing project

In the current year under review, 2023/24, a fundraiser was held which included Global Alumni to raise funds towards the purchase of new Library bindery equipment to replace the existing ones that have been in place since the inception of the Bindery Department in 1965.



The first of the three pieces of equipment (**Letterpress machine**) was purchased and shipped including additional materials for the library totaling **£4,956.75**. Replacement of these machines will ensure the bindery department continues to be fit to bind newspapers and other reading materials in the Library and for student dissertations as needed.

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### New Letterpress machine



### Current machine



### 2022/23 year's project



Office furniture was also purchased and shipped to the University at a total cost of **£830**.

Our medium-term plans now include (a) Continuation of replacement of the library bindery equipment, (b) Scholarship fund scheme and (c) Solar installation at the library, each of which will drive its own benefit.

### Thank you to our donors and members.

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## **Constitutional and Governance Committee - Summary of Activities (2023/24)**

The following highlights the Committee's key activities during the reporting period. While some activities have been completed, others are nearing completion.

- 1. Monitoring Compliance on Communication Platforms**

The Committee regularly monitors members' adherence to the WhatsApp Rules of Engagement to ensure alignment with the Association's ethos and legal obligations.

- 2. Review of the Scholarship Committee's Statement of Intent**

The Committee reviewed and recommended that the executive team approve the scholarship committee's statement of intent. This included setting eligibility criteria for awarding scholarships to prospective beneficiaries from the Fourah Bay College (FBC) student body.

- 3. Clarification of the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

This MoU is intended to support FBC's Chemistry department's fundraising efforts in collaboration with FBCAAUK.

- 4. Notification and Coordination of Vacancies**

The Committee facilitated the advertisement and coordination of various vacancies, including Administrative Secretary, Non-Executive Trustee, and PR & Communications Lead positions.

- 5. Ongoing Constitutional Review (2024/25)**

The Committee reviews key sections of the Constitution, including Sections 12, 13, 16, and 27. A new section on Dispute Resolution is being developed to address potential conflicts among members.

### **Additional completed action:**

#### **Support for a Member**

The Committee provided moral and practical support to a member facing a particularly challenging personal situation.

This report reflects the Committee's dedication to upholding the Association's governance standards and supporting its objectives.

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### **Charity Trustees**

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**Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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**Trustee: Ivor Patnelli**

**Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Fourah Bay College Alumni Association (UK)**  
**Financial Statement**  
**For Period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

|   | <b>2023-24</b>  | <b>2023-24</b>          | <b>2022-23</b>  | <b>2022-23</b>         |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                         |                 |                         |                 |                        |
| Subscription                                      | 1,710.00        |                         | 1,505.00        |                        |
| Meet and Greet Event                              | 1,012.95        |                         |                 |                        |
| Thanksgiving Service                              | 2,259.90        |                         |                 |                        |
| Library Project                                   | 7,111.97        |                         |                 |                        |
| Scholarship Fund                                  | 420.00          |                         | 1,012.44        |                        |
| Hall Deposit Refund (Meet & Greet)                |                 |                         | 230.00          |                        |
| PayPal Deposit                                    |                 |                         | 0.01            |                        |
| Other Donations                                   | 139.46          |                         |                 |                        |
| <b>Total Income Resources</b>                     |                 | <b><u>12,654.28</u></b> |                 | <b><u>2,747.45</u></b> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                         |                 |                         |                 |                        |
| <b>Direct Expenses</b>                            |                 |                         |                 |                        |
| Office Furniture - Freetown                       | 830.00          |                         |                 |                        |
| Library Project                                   | 4,956.75        |                         | 1,029.07        |                        |
| Hall Hire - Meet and Greet Event                  |                 |                         | 750.00          |                        |
| Entertainment - Meet and Greet                    | 145.02          |                         | 150.00          |                        |
| Thanksgiving Service                              | 2,019.25        |                         |                 |                        |
| <b>Total Direct Expenses</b>                      |                 | <b>7,951.02</b>         |                 | <b>1,929.07</b>        |
| <b>Admin &amp; Management Expenses</b>            |                 |                         |                 |                        |
| Sum-up Reader                                     | 49.00           |                         |                 |                        |
| Monthly Mobile Phone Charges (Bami)               |                 |                         | 170.00          |                        |
| Website Hosting and Management                    |                 |                         | 136.80          |                        |
| Printing and Stationery                           |                 |                         | 159.20          |                        |
| Election Software Payment                         | 24.78           |                         |                 |                        |
| <b>Total Admin &amp; Management Expenses</b>      |                 | <b>73.78</b>            |                 | <b>466.00</b>          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                             |                 | <b><u>8,024.80</u></b>  |                 | <b><u>2,395.07</u></b> |
| Excess Income / Expenses                          |                 | <b>4,629.48</b>         |                 | <b>352.38</b>          |
| Opening Balance                                   |                 | <b>2,095.31</b>         |                 | <b>1,742.93</b>        |
| <b>Closing Fund Balance</b>                       |                 | <b><u>6,724.79</u></b>  |                 | <b><u>2,095.31</u></b> |
| <b><u>Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2019</u></b> |                 |                         |                 |                        |
| <b>Fixed Assets Net Book Value</b>                |                 | <b>0.00</b>             |                 | <b>0.00</b>            |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                             |                 |                         |                 |                        |
| Bank - Current Account                            | <b>6,724.79</b> |                         | <b>2,095.31</b> |                        |

**Current Liabilities**

**0.00**

**0.00**

**Total Assets**

**6,724.79**

**2,095.31**

**Represented by:**

**General Fund Balance**

**6,724.79**

**2,095.31**

**FOURAH BAY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189939

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# **Fourah Bay College Alumni Association, United Kingdom (FBC AA UK) Trustees Report For Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

This report sets our achievement during financial year 2022/23 and our intended work in the next financial year.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

## **Our Structure**

Fourah Bay College Alumni Association, United Kingdom (FBC AA UK) became a registered UK Charity on the 15th June 2020. As a Charity, we aim to advance the equality of education to all students at FBC (USL), by providing aid in various ways which is clearly set out in our charity objects clause and governance document. As a result of its registration, the charity is managed by a Board of Trustees. The Board meets regularly to plan and implement fund raising programmes and activities, discuss activities for implementation to meet our strategic goals and monitor the outcomes and progress of programmes and activities.



Our enlarged Executive and Establishment comprises of six committees for the delivery of strategic aims and objectives.

These committees are:

- Constitution and Governance
- Finance and Bid-Writing
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Our stakeholders comprise of The Executive Administration (The University Senate); Lecturers and Tutors, The Student Body and global and Sierra Leone based alumni.

## **Risk management**

The Trustees have in place a system of control for the authorisation, payment and monitoring of programmes and activities.

## **Our Vision**

To facilitate the advancement of education at Fourah Bay College as a beacon of tertiary learning while supporting the student population, executive administration, lecturers and faculties through relationship building with global alumni and all stakeholders.

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To advance the education of all students at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone in Freetown in Sierra Leone, by providing assistance in various ways on the basis of equality of opportunity, with mutual respect and positive encouragement in order to develop their full potential and contribute to their academic, professional and personal development and the community as a whole.

To relieve students of poverty and financial hardship by providing financial support in the form of assistance packages and scholarships where necessary.

To improve the quality of education at Fourah Bay College by providing teaching and learning resources and a safe teaching and learning environment for students in Sierra Leone.

## **Review of activities and achievements**

The financial year under review has seen an improved financial performance. During the financial year, our total receipts were £2,747.45 and our total payments were £ 2,395.07, giving us a surplus of £352.38.

There has been a significant increase in subscription received from members from £1,030 in 2021/22 to £1,505 in 2022/23 financial year. This amounts to an increase of £475 (46% increase). In real terms, this means that we had 19 more paid-up members in 2022/23. Subscription is a major part of our income and critical in ensuring that we continue our work at FBC in Freetown.

The 'Meet & Greet' was a successful event as we raised a gross amount of £1,012.44.

The Library Project continues unabated. In the previous financial year, 2021/22, we installed shelves to house the books we donated to FBC library in Freetown. We also provided the College with an iPad, costing £300, to capture and transfer information and electronically store Library information.

In the current year under review, 2022/23, we spent £1,029.07 to provide the College with binding materials and resources such as book cloth, gold foil, etc to bind newspapers and other reading materials in the Library. The effective provision of these facilities in the College Library are key in improving the quality of education at the University.





## Future Plan

Our medium-term plans now include (a) Replacing the library bindery equipment (installed in 1965) and (b) Scholarship fund scheme, each hoping to drive its own benefit.

## Thank you to our donors and members.

FBC AA UK relies heavily on funding from donors, members and fundraising activities. We wish to thank all our donors and the entire membership of the organisation for their generous donations and subscription respectfully. Our membership currently stands at over 50 and continues to grow from strength to strength.

## Charity Trustees

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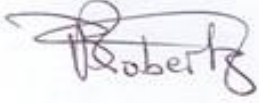
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**Charity Registration Number: 1189939**

**Bankers: Cooperative Bank**

**Trustee: Bamikole Roberts**

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**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Fourah Bay College Alumni Association (UK)**  
**Financial Statement**  
**For Period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

|  | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2022-23</b>  | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2021-22</b>  |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                    |                |                 |                |                 |
| Subscription                                 | 1,505.00       |                 | 1,030.00       |                 |
| Engineers for Change                         |                |                 |                |                 |
| Misc Credit                                  |                |                 | 248.94         |                 |
| Library Fundraising Event                    |                |                 | 1,135.00       |                 |
| Scholarship Fund                             | 1,012.44       |                 |                |                 |
| Hall Deposit Refund (Meet & Greet)           | 230.00         |                 |                |                 |
| PayPal Deposit                               | 0.01           |                 |                |                 |
| <b>Total Income Resources</b>                |                | <b>2,747.45</b> |                | <b>2,413.94</b> |
| <br><b>Resources Expended</b>                |                |                 |                |                 |
| <br><b>Direct Expenses</b>                   |                |                 |                |                 |
| Presentation in Freetown                     |                |                 | 212.00         |                 |
| AYV International                            |                |                 | 200.00         |                 |
| Symposium                                    |                |                 | 873.60         |                 |
| Library Project                              | 1,029.07       |                 | 1,100.00       |                 |
| Shipment of Books to Sierra Leone            |                |                 |                |                 |
| Printing Cards and Presentation Booklets     |                |                 | 480.00         |                 |
| Hall Hire - Meet and Greet Event             | 750.00         |                 |                |                 |
| Entertainment - Meet and Greet               | 150.00         |                 |                |                 |
| <br><b>Total Direct Expenses</b>             |                | <b>1,929.07</b> |                | <b>2,865.60</b> |
| <br><b>Admin &amp; Management Expenses</b>   |                |                 |                |                 |
| Monthly Mobile Phone Charges (Bami)          | 170.00         |                 | 146.00         |                 |
| <b>Website Hosting and Management</b>        | 136.80         |                 |                |                 |
| <b>Printing and Stationery</b>               | 159.20         |                 | 60.00          |                 |
| <b>Total Admin &amp; Management Expenses</b> |                | <b>466.00</b>   |                | <b>206.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                        |                | <b>2,395.07</b> |                | <b>3,071.60</b> |
| <br>Excess Income / Expenses                 |                | <b>352.38</b>   |                | <b>(657.66)</b> |
| <br>Opening Balance                          |                | <b>1,742.93</b> |                | <b>2,400.59</b> |
| <br><b>Closing Fund Balance</b>              |                | <b>2,095.31</b> |                | <b>1,742.93</b> |

## **Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2019**

|                                    |                        |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Fixed Assets Net Book Value</b> | <b>0.00</b>            | <b>0.00</b>            |
| <b>Current Assets</b>              |                        |                        |
| Bank - Current Account             | 2,095.31               | 1,742.93               |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>         | <b>0.00</b>            | <b>0.00</b>            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                | <b><u>2,095.31</u></b> | <b><u>1,742.93</u></b> |
| <b><u>Represented by:</u></b>      |                        |                        |
| <b><u>General Fund Balance</u></b> | <b><u>2,095.31</u></b> | <b><u>1,742.93</u></b> |

### **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with Charities Commission and the Statement of Recommended Practice in the United Kingdom.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Trustee: Bamikole Roberts**



**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**FOURAH BAY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UK**

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# Fourah Bay College Alumni Association, United Kingdom (FBC AA UK)

## Trustees Report For Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Charity Report of the trustees for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

The Trustees of Fourah Bay College Alumni Association, United Kingdom (FBC AA UK) present their accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

### Brief History of Fourah Bay College

Since the founding of the University of Timbuktu in the Malian empire in the late 16th and early 17th century, the founding of Fourah Bay College in 1827 was the fulcrum of Freetown, Sierra Leone's description as the 'Athens of West Africa/Africa' and it was the next significant development of this type in the region in the 19th century. The UNESCO's website states that Fourah Bay College is the first institution of higher learning in the region since the collapse of the University of Timbuktu.



### Our Structure

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### **General Summary**

We continue to develop the structure of the Association, reviewing our strategic plan and ensuring that it meets the needs of the students at Fourah Bay College. This plan will continue to give a clear direction for the future and increase our activities and programmes.

### **Review of activities and achievements**

During the financial year under review, the Charity raised total incoming resources of £2,413.94. We incurred expenses of £3,071.60. We spent £1,110 to purchase an iPad and construct shelves to store and display current and historical papers for preservation and accessibility.

## Ongoing project

We continue to make significant progress with our ongoing Library Project.

Following the donation of nearly 700 books to the library last year, the 'Library Project team' embarked on Archiving of the Sierra Leone collection of Newspapers which houses materials of archival value.



A zoom fundraising campaign was initiated and led that raised in excess of £1,000 for our Library Project. Using the funds generated,

- a. An iPad Tablet was donated to the library to capture the information on the Newspapers (as an e-version) using an installed pdf scanner which could be downloaded for free.
- b. Shelves were constructed to store and display current and historical papers for preservation and accessibility.



Our medium-term plans now include Online resources for the library, Transportation for the Students and a Bus Queue Shelter each hoping to drive its own benefit.

## Thank you to our donors and members

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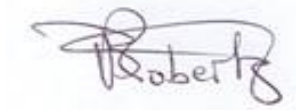
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**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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**Financial Statement**  
**For Period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

|   | 2021-22     | 2021-22                | 2020-21     | 2020-21                |
|---|-------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                         |             |                        |             |                        |
| Subscription                                      | 1,030       |                        | 1140        |                        |
| Engineers for Change                              |             |                        | 1610.59     |                        |
| Misc. Credit                                      | 249         |                        |             |                        |
| Library Fundraising Event                         | 1,135       |                        |             |                        |
| <b>Total Income Resources</b>                     |             | <u><u>2,413.94</u></u> |             | <u><u>2,750.59</u></u> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                         |             |                        |             |                        |
| <b>Direct Expenses</b>                            |             |                        |             |                        |
| Presentation in Freetown                          | 212.00      |                        |             |                        |
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| Symposium (Library Project)                       | 873.60      |                        |             |                        |
| Library Shelves (Buffy)                           | 1,100.00    |                        |             |                        |
| Shipment of Books to Sierra Leone                 |             |                        | 350.00      |                        |
| Printing of Bus Cards and Presentation Booklets   | 480.00      |                        |             |                        |
| <b>Total Direct Expenses</b>                      |             | <b>2,865.60</b>        |             | <b>350.00</b>          |
| <b>Admin &amp; Management Expenses</b>            |             |                        |             |                        |
| Monthly Mobile Phone Charges (Bami)               | 146.00      |                        |             |                        |
| Printing and Stationery (Sydney Williams)         | 60.00       |                        |             |                        |
| <b>Total Admin &amp; Management Expenses</b>      |             | <u>206.00</u>          |             | <u>0.00</u>            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                             |             | <u><u>3,071.60</u></u> |             | <u><u>350.00</u></u>   |
| Excess Income / Expenses                          |             | <b>-657.66</b>         |             | <b>2,400.59</b>        |
| Opening Balance                                   |             | <b>2,400.59</b>        |             | <b>0.00</b>            |
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| <b>Represented by:</b>                            |             |                        |             |                        |
| <b><u>General Fund Balance</u></b>                |             | <u><u>1,742.93</u></u> |             | <u><u>2400.59</u></u>  |

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### **General Summary**

After registration with the Charity Commission, the organisation undertook a full strategic review of the organisation and prepared a rolling five-year strategic plan. This plan will continue to give a clear direction for the future and increase our activities and programmes.

### **Review of activities and achievements**

During the financial year under review (our first financial year), the Charity raised total incoming resources of £2750.59. We incurred expenses of £350 for the shipment of books to Fourah Bay College. Due to the Co-vid 19 pandemic and the subsequent Lockdown, the organisation had to suspend all face-to-face fundraising activities and programmes planned for the first 3 months in 2021.

## Future Plans

Our immediate future plan is the Library Project. Our Library Project Lead and External Relations Lead (Sierra Leone) will hold discussions with Reverend Oliver Louis Harding, Chief Librarian to provide an archiving and storage mechanism and a structured approach to storing and displaying current and historical papers for preservation and



accessibility. We plan to implement a shelf construction to store the Library's collection of newspapers and provide a computerised storage facility. A tablet will be purchased and donated to the FBC Executive Administration to support the transfer of data (newspapers) to available computers as a form of archiving ensuring the protection and retrieval of this vital source of information in future years as and when required from the library as a resource unit.

Our medium term plans include the provision of Teaching and Learning resources such as PA system, Lecture room projectors, Whiteboards, etc to enhance quality education and the provision of computers and printers.

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**Charity Registration Number: 1189939**

**Bankers: Cooperative Bank**

**Trustee: Bamikole Roberts**

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**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

**Fourah Bay College Alumni Association  
Financial Statement  
Financial year ending 31st March 2021**

|   | <b>2020/21</b> | <b>2020/21</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                         |                |                |
| Engineers for Change                              | 1610.59        |                |
| Subscription                                      | 1140.00        |                |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>                   |                | <b>2750.59</b> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                         |                |                |
| <b>Direct Expenses</b>                            |                |                |
| Shippment of Books to Sierra Leone                | 350.00         |                |
| <b>Total Direct Expenses</b>                      | 350.00         |                |
| <b>Admin &amp; Management Expenses</b>            | 0              |                |
| <b>Total Admin &amp; Management Expenses</b>      | 0              |                |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                             |                | <b>350.00</b>  |
| <b>Excess Income / Expenses</b>                   |                | <b>2400.59</b> |
| <b>Opening Balance</b>                            |                | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Closing Fund Balance</b>                       |                | <b>2400.59</b> |
| <b><u>Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021</u></b> |                |                |
| <b>Fixed Assets Net Book Value</b>                |                | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                             |                |                |
| Bank - Current Account                            | 2400.59        |                |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                        |                | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                               |                | <b>2400.59</b> |
| <b><u>Represented by:</u></b>                     |                |                |
| <b><u>General Fund Balance</u></b>                |                | <b>2400.59</b> |

## **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

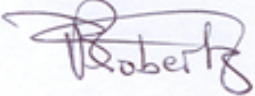
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with Charities Commission and the Statement of Recommended Practice in the United Kingdom.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Trustee: Bamikole Roberts**

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**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**