

Association of Africans in Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC047091

Details

Known as	AAS
Status	Not Submitted
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2017-01-12
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	16 Comitis Road West Calder EH55 8FX
Website	www.aascotland.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the promotion of equality and diversity'

What the charity does: ASSOCIATION OF AFRICANS IN SCOTLAND (AAS) is a non-partisan, non-racial and a non-religious organization, with the sole aim of eroding the gap between the Government of Scotland and the ethnic minority group of African descent on socio-political issues and other relevant matters as may arise. AAS intend to act as an advocacy group for African ethnic minority persons resident in Scotland. Advocacy in this sense, are activities which aim to influence decisions within political, economic, social systems and institutions. In addition: Within political context: We intend to influence political decisions and government policies that impact the African minority, without any political inclination or seeking election to public office. Within a social care context: We seek to provide a source for advice that will benefit people of African minority who are in difficulty (primarily in the context of disability, immigration, health care, employment, legal advice, finance and mental health)

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'People with a particular ethnic or racial origin', 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: The Aim of AAS is for the Advancement of Citizenship for African residents and to promote the course of equality and diversity for the ethnic minority of African descent resident in Scotland. Objectives. I. To encourage Africans living in Scotland to actively participate and be well- represented in Scottish governance. II. To encourage and promote active participation in politics in Scotland. III. To act as a central focal point for the government of Scotland to reach the majority of African ethnic minorities in Scotland. IV. To

help disseminate government socio-political policies to grass root African minorities- thus helping to ease understanding. V. To promote social interaction among African minorities in Scotland irrespective of country of origin. VI. To encourage and break barriers between Africans living in Scotland and the entire Scottish populace. VII. To be the Voice of the Africans resident in Scotland.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** West Lothian
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£0	£0	-	0
2024-01-31	£1,180	£1,458	-	0
2023-01-31	£1,519	£1,100	-	0
2022-01-31	£980	£5,466	-	0
2021-01-31	£6,475	£1,931	-	0

Accounts

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICANS IN SCOTLAND



Trustees' Annual Report

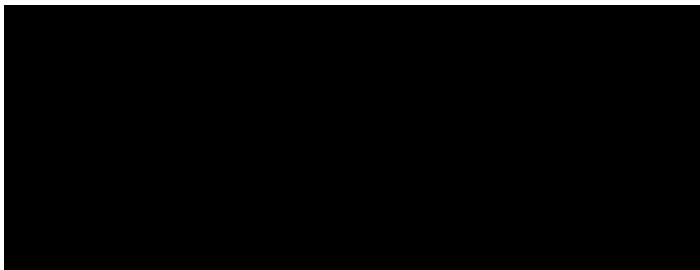
Period Feb 2023 – Jan 2024



Charity contact information

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Website – aascotland.org

Twitter / Facebook / Social Media profile name

Charity Trustees

Find below names of the charity trustees who have managed the charity to date.

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	President	Since 2018	BoT
	Vice President	Since 2018	BoT
	Protocol officer	Since 2019	BoT
	Public Relations Officer	Since 2014	BoT
	Policy Development Officer	Since 2018	BoT

Objectives and activities

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Within a social care context: We seek to provide a source for advice that will benefit people of African minority who are in difficulty (primarily in the context of disability, immigration, health care, employment, legal advice, finance and mental health issues).

In the context of inclusion: We seek to be of benefit to African minority resident in Scotland by reconnecting people who have become isolated. We also intend to provide English lectures to resident Africans who do not speak English fluently to aid seamless communication and integration within the larger society.

To this end we intend to assist in ensuring government policies as they concern Africans

resident in Scotland are disseminated to grass root Africans, as well as feedback the government on the impact of these policies on the African minority.

The benefit of this is ensuring that as an ethnic minority group, our views are considered by the Scottish government, thus fostering effective collaboration between the government and African minority.

Structure, governance, and management

Type of governing document

AAS is governed by its deed of trustee document called AAS Constitution. This document was put together by AAS Board of Trustees and is a dynamic and live working document.

AAS constitution document is the written statement that sets out its purpose, structure, and description of how the Association will operate. Upon admission to AAS as a member, a copy of the constitution is officially made available with instructions to always ensure strict adherence to the constitution.

Achievements and performance

The association was unable to achieve goals agreed from previous AGM due to financial constraints. The plan to fund raise and source for grants was severely hampered by bereavements within families of key and trustee members.

The lack of funding coupled with very low membership meant that most of our members were heavily involved in supporting our bereaved members who have lost relatives and had to travel to Africa for funerals.

Attendance at meetings was very low in the year 2023 due to challenges highlighted above. It will be fair to say that AAS did not operate in 2023.

Financial review

No financial aid was received by the Association in the year 2023. The Association is entirely dependent on the monthly dues paid by its members.

Breakdown of the financial year as of January 31st, 2024 below;

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICANS IN SCOTLAND																				
REVENUE FROM MONTHLY DUES																				
S/N	Membership Type	NAME	Membership Number	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	TOTAL - 2023	TOTAL - 2022	TOTAL - 2021	TOTAL - 2020	
3	Board of Trustee member		AAS/BOITMN/102	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£120				
4	Board of Trustee member		AAS/BOITMN/103	£10	£10		£20	£10	£10	£10		£20	£10		£20	£120				
5	Board of Trustee member		AAS/BOITMN/104		£20			£20	£10	£10			£20	£10		£120				
6	Board of Trustee member		AAS/BOITMN/105													£0				
7	Board of Trustee member		AAS/BOITMN/106													£0				
10	Board of Trustee member		AAS/BOITMN/109			£10	£10									£20				
11	Member		AAS/MN/201807-0002													£0				
12	Member		AAS/MN/201807-0003	£10	£10		£20	£10	£10	£10		£20	£10		£20	£120				
13	Member		AAS/MN/201807-0004				£20	£10	£10	£10		£20	£10		£20	£100				
14	Member		AAS/MN/201807-0005	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10			£90				
15	Member		AAS/MN/202008-0006				£20									£20				
16	Member		AAS/MN/202008-0007	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10								£50				
17	Member		AAS/MN/202011-0008				£20									£20				
TOTAL MONTHLY DUES PAID TO DATE				£50.00	£70.00	£40.00	£140.00	£90.00	£60.00	£60.00	£20.00	£100.00	£50.00	£10.00	£90.00		£780.00	£990.00	£980.00	£755.00
REVENUE SUMMARY																				
DESCRIPTION				Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	TOTAL - 2023	TOTAL - 2022	TOTAL - 2021	TOTAL - 2020	
Grants																£0.00				
Summary Dues Donations				£50.00	£70.00	£40.00	£140.00	£90.00	£60.00	£60.00	£20.00	£100.00	£50.00	£10.00	£90.00		£780.00			
Bereavement Donations																£0.00				
Receipts from Fundraising Activities																£0.00				
Other Revenues (Donations for Black History Month)												£400.00				£400.00				
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES				£50.00	£70.00	£40.00	£140.00	£90.00	£60.00	£60.00	£20.00	£500.00	£50.00	£10.00	£90.00		£1,180.00	£1,519.00	£980.00	£6,475.00
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HALL RENTAL (Cramond Kirk)												£506.00				£506.00				
Internet Services (Go Daddy.com)						£52.75										£52.75				
Payment to Wix (AAS Website Host)								£93.60						£20.72		£114.32				
Accounting Services (Auditors Report)																£0.00				
Catering Service (For Black History Month Celebration (BHM) £535 + £250																£785.00				
TOTAL EXPENSES				£0.00	£0.00	£52.75	£0.00	£93.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,291.00	£20.72	£0.00	£0.00		£1,458.07	£1,100.22	£5,466.52	£1,931.31
							£418.78													
NET INCOME				£50.00	£70.00	£112.75	£140.00	£36.40	£60.00	£60.00	£20.00	£791.00	£29.28	£10.00	£90.00		£721.93	£418.78	£4,486.52	£4,543.69
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE																£1,086.92				

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AAS constitutional policy on holding reserves states that all reserves shall be held in the Associations bank account. The level of reserves will be discussed and agreed on by the Board of Trustees.

Details of any deficit

The association had a net income (deficit) of **-£278.07** for the period ending 31st January 2024. The association as at the period ending 31st January 2023 had a balance of £1086.92 in the account (i.e. £1364.99 account balance from previous year minus £278.07 deficit from current year)

Donated facilities and services

All financial donations for the period ending January 2024 were basically members' monthly dues.

Human capital/services were volunteered for all AAS activities within the accounting period.

Future plans

AAS plans to increase membership and hopefully more bodies to help execute projects /

activities. The association will focus on recruiting key members and filling vacant positions which will facilitate AAS operations.

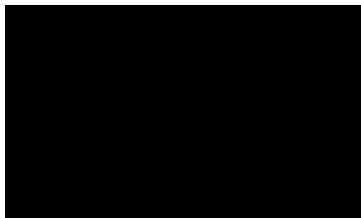
AAS will continue to double down on efforts to reach out to various other organizations and relevant bodies with our message in order to generate the resources we need to serve our community.

The objectives listed below carried over from previous year will be our focus in 2025

- To continue progress with achieving the African Resource Centre Project.
- To arrange Prison visitations with the covid restrictions over.
- To continue to enhance and synchronise AAS websites and social media.
- Continue to source funding/ grants and engage in development activities.
- Hold career workshops to advice Professionals of African descent living in Scotland.
- Provide Training and mentorship for interested applicants on selected careers

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Designation

President

Date:

29/08/2024

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