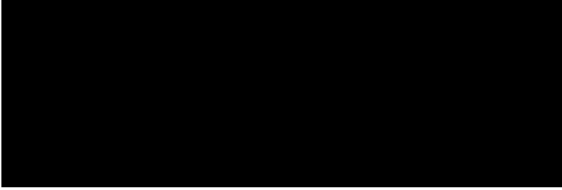


Rwanda Scotland Alliance

Scottish Charity Number SC048673

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025

Current trustees



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Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

New trustees may be appointed by resolution of the trustees.

Governing document

Rwanda Scotland Alliance is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) with the purposes and administration arrangements being set out in our constitution. All incoming Trustees are given a copy of the Constitution and some induction has taken place through this process.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are as follows:

1. The prevention or relief of poverty.
2. The advancement of education.
3. The advancement of citizenship and community development.
4. In addition, the organisation has power to do anything which is calculated to further its purposes or is conducive or incidental to doing so.

Activities and achievements

As noted within the last couple of Annual Reports, there have been some discussions regarding the possibility of RwSA hosting social event(s) in order to help us develop links with the Rwandan diaspora in Scotland. As before, little has been progressed in this regard and this will be fully discussed at our next Trustees meeting to explore why this was the case.

RwSA continue to be very much involved in the organisation of Kwibuka, an annual commemorative service marking the anniversary of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda in 1994. Kwibuka 30 took place at The Haddington Corn Exchange in Haddington on Saturday 13 April 2024. The use of the building was generously donated by East Lothian Council and we were pleased to be joined by [REDACTED] who is their Provost. We were again delighted to be joined by the Rwandan High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, His Excellency [REDACTED]

The event, as always, was extremely emotional. [REDACTED], who has been part of RwSA for many years, managed the proceedings. It commenced with a Minute of Silence to reflect on the many lives that were lost and those that have been impacted by the Genocide against the Tutsi in 1994.

After watching a documentary on the Genocide Against the Tutsi, we heard from [REDACTED] who spoke on the Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 theme. We then heard from [REDACTED] who spoke on the theme of "Let's Make Bricks and Build for Them", a testimony that came from the powerful stories shared by genocide survivors who described their experiences of violence, but also their paths to healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and post-traumatic growth.

We heard the testimony of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was born in Nyanza, Rwanda on March 14th, 1980 where she lived with her parents and five siblings. [REDACTED] and her family were victims of the 1994 Rwanda genocide against the Tutsis. Her entire family was murdered during that genocide. [REDACTED] was only fourteen years old when she was buried alive alongside her fifteen family members yet later, miraculously rescued by a young man who worked for her family. [REDACTED] is the only survivor of her family.

We then heard personal reflections on the genocide from [REDACTED] who has been a part of RwSA for a number of years. This was then followed by messages of commemoration by a number of members of the community and candles were lit (turned on).

We then heard from [REDACTED] who spoke positively about the relationship between Rwanda and East Lothian, how this has the potential of continuing to grow in future years.

[REDACTED], the Head of International Development for the Scottish Government, then spoke about the Scottish Government's ongoing relationship with Rwanda and looked at ways that this could be continued.

The proceedings were concluded by His Excellency, [REDACTED] who spoke eloquently about his opportunity to be surrounded by friends at the 30th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi. After describing how the genocide against the Tutsi in 1994 nearly obliterated Rwanda and shook the world again, commenting on how the international community literally stood by and how Rwanda's extinction looked like the only, and obvious, destination, he stated "but we were seeds. Out of the ashes, we germinated and grew. These past 30 years represent the emergence of a generation shaped by the aftermath of genocide and ready to sustain the unity and growth trajectory of our country". This was a statement that was well received by those in attendance.

We then had a time of fellowship together including sharing in food and drink that was prepared by a number of members of the Rwandan diaspora in Scotland and relationships were forged. [REDACTED], owner/business partner at Tanifiki Coffee in Portobello generously supplied the coffee. [REDACTED] first came to Scotland in 2015 to study at Edinburgh College however he subsequently opened up his coffee shop in 2022.

Following the event, discussions have begun to take place as to the locus of the next commemorative service as well as looking at ways of engaging with the Rwandan diaspora in Scotland.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

This Annual Report and Accounts was approved by a quorate of Trustees at an online AGM on Wednesday 3 December 2025

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Chairperson
25 November 2025

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

Rwanda Scotland Alliance


	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts		
Balance Brought Forward	439.44	728.22
Donations received		425.00
Total receipts	439.44	1153.22
Payments		
Hire of St Silas Church (Kwibuka29)		255.00
Hire of Sound Equipment (Kwibuka29)		76.00
Purchase of Banner (Kwibuka29)		104.40
Purchase of Food (Kwibuka29)		<u>278.38</u>
Total payments for charitable activities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>713.78</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for year	<u>439.44</u>	<u>439.44</u>

Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balances	439.44	728.22
Surplus / (deficit) for year		
Closing balances	<u>439.44</u>	<u>728.22</u>

All funds are unrestricted

The above closing balance reconciles with The Cooperative Bank Statement Sheet dated 18 May 2025.
Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

 , Trustee/Treasurer
Rwanda Scotland Alliance

Independent examiner's report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of **Rwanda Scotland Alliance**, charity number **SC048673** report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on page 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than disclosed below*]

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:

Name:

Date: 24 November 2025

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:

Address:

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