

African Caribbean Society of Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC051216

Details

Known as	ACSS
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-08-24
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 64a Cumberland Street
Edinburgh
EH3 6RE

Website www.acss.scot

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the promotion of religious or racial harmony', 'the promotion of equality and diversity'

What the charity does: The charity was established to advance education, culture, equality and racial harmony within African and Caribbean communities across Scotland. We promote awareness of racism, mental health and LGBTQ+ inclusion, reduce stigma, and support access to professional mental health services. We celebrate African and Caribbean culture and heritage through exhibitions, festivals and community events that are open and inclusive. We create safe spaces for dialogue that strengthen cohesion between African, Caribbean and wider Scottish communities. We represent and support all members of the community, promoting equality, diversity and inclusion regardless of age, gender, sexuality, religion, ability or background.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 The Advancement of Education To promote awareness of and educate on issues pertaining to racism, mental health, and LGBTQ+ inclusion, within Scottish African and Caribbean communities and support access to professional mental health services amongst the communities and work to erode stigmas surrounding these issues. 4.2 The Advancement of Culture and Heritage To celebrate African and Caribbean Cultures and Heritage in an inclusive space for the whole Scottish community. 4.3 The Promotion of Racial Harmony To create a safe and inclusive spaces and foster environments for conversations that strengthen cultural understanding and create better cohesion between members of the African and Caribbean other members of the Scottish population. 4.4 The Promotion of

Equality and Diversity To represent, support, and promote the rights of all members of the African and Caribbean community regardless of age, gender, sexuality, religion, ability, or other characteristics.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-04-30	£0	£0	-	0
2025-04-30	£9,898	£5,918	-	0
2024-04-30	£0	£1,966	-	0
2023-04-30	£17,275	£8,523	-	0
2022-04-30	£14,936	£14,709	-	0

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	05	2024	To	30	04	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
 Other names charity is known by
 Registered charity number
 Charity's principal address

African Caribbean Society of Scotland
SC051216
64a Cumberland Street
Edinburgh
Postcode EH3 6RE

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
			not for whole year	
1				
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Financial and DBS checks are done on all prospective Trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Advancement of Education:To promote awareness of and educate on issues pertaining to racism ,mental health ,and LGBTQ+ inclusion ,within Scottish African and Caribbean communities and support access to professional mental health services amongst the communities and work to erode stigmas surrounding these issues.

The advancement of culture and Heritage.To celebrate African and Caribbean Cultures and heritage in an inclusive space for the whole Scottish Community.

The Promotion of Racial Equality
The Promotion of Equality and Diversity

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The creation of safe and inclusive spaces for members of the African and Caribbean Society to participate in programs that provide mental health support .The advancement of culture and Heritage through our cultural Festival Rep your Flag,Scottish Black pound initiative,Afro Vision. The promotion of Equality and Diversity through specific training programs designed for the Education system with James Gillespie and George Watson College enrolling and Hiring the services of ACSS.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Afro Celt Exhibition (April 2024 – May 2025)

The African Caribbean Society of Scotland conceived and delivered the **Afro Celt Exhibition**, celebrating the Afro-Caribbean legacy in Scotland through historic narratives, migration stories, poetry, and scholarly reflection. The project positioned Afro-Caribbean heritage within a broader Celtic and Scottish cultural dialogue.

The Society led exhibition design, production, branding, and installation, ensuring an engaging and academically grounded presentation incorporating archival materials and contemporary artistic responses.

In partnership with the University of Westminster's Black Music Network and Dr Mykaell Riley, the project strengthened scholarly context and cross-border collaboration.

The Afro Celt Bursary was established to support Afro-Caribbean creatives, commissioning new installations and multimedia works aligned with the exhibition theme.

Installations were presented at St Cecilia's Hall (22 August 2025) for UNESCO International Day, with the main exhibition launch held during Black History Month 2025 at Custom Lane, Edinburgh.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Charity reserves are held in the Charity's bank account and dispensed in line with the Charity's objectives .

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Co-Chair man

Co-Chair woman

Trustee

Trustee

Date

31/01/26

31/01/26

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	May	2024		30	April	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	-	-			-	-
Legacies					-	
Grants	9,898				9,898	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts	-				-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	9,898	-	-	-	9,898	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,898	-	-	-	9,898	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,418				5,418	1,966
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	500				500	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	5,918	-	-	-	5,918	1,966
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,918	-	-	-	5,918	1,966
Net receipts / (payments)	3,980	-	-	-	3,980	(1,966)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,980	-	-	-	3,980	(1,966)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	7,013				7,013	8,979
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	3,980	-			3,980	(1,966)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	10,993	-	-	-	10,993	7,013
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
Total			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Accommodation & meals		-		9
	Accountants fees		500		600
	Advertising		50		-
	Bank charges		2		-
	Charitable events				-
	Computer hardware				-
	Consultancy fees				-
	Equipment hire				-
	Equipments expensed				20
	Insurance				-
	Office & Admin expenses				18
	Other professional fees			550	
	Postage				-
	Stationery & printing				-
	General expenses			46	-
	Telephone				-
	Training				-
	Travel			440	394
	Venue hire			2,724	967
	Website costs			106	103
	Subscriptions				-
	Rent				455
Trustee remuneration			1,500		
Total			5,918	-	2,566

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Creditors		95	95
Total			95	95

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				

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Total

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Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval



1/30/2026

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

organisation,direction and curation for the renamed Afro Celt exhibition

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
			Total	-

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		1,500

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

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C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Nature and purpose of funds						

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nature and purpose of funds						

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts		v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	African Caribbean Society of Scotland						
Registered charity number	SC051216						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date			Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	01	May	2024		30	April	2025
Set out on pages	1		(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)				

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>
Signed: Name: Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Address:	

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

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

Not applicable