

African Collaboration Group

Scotland • Charity number SC052207

Details

Known as	N/A
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2022-12-21
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Jervison Community Centre Coalhall Avenue Motherwell ML1 4BU
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended', 'the promotion of equality and diversity'

What the charity does: The African Collaboration Group at the Jerviston Community Centre has been formed to benefit the community within the Jerviston area, covering postcodes ML1 4BU, ML1 4DA, ML1 4B2, ML1 4BX, ML1 4AP, and ML1 4AZ. Our core purpose is the provision of recreational facilities and the organisation of recreational activities, with the aim of improving the quality of life for local residents. We specifically support and empower African and other ethnically diverse communities across Lanarkshire by offering a safe, inclusive space where individuals can connect, access support, and build stronger futures. We deliver culturally sensitive services such as community events, skills training, youth programmes, health and wellbeing sessions, and advocacy support. We also engage with local authorities and partners to influence change, reduce social isolation, and increase opportunities, ultimately fostering greater community cohesion and resilience.

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

Objectives: 4 The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life • for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended. 4.1 The advancement of citizenship or community development. 4.2 The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science. 4.3 Advancing the prevention or relief of poverty, promoting education, and

fostering equality and diversity

Geography

- **Main operating location:** North Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£0	£0	-	2
2024-12-31	£79,559	£59,976	-	2
2023-12-31	£114,782	£113,252	-	1

Accounts

African Collaboration Group

Annual Account Report December 2024

Jerviston Community Centre, Coalhall Avenue

Motherwell,

ML1 4BU

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	Unrestricted Funds 24	Restricted Funds 24	Total Funds 24
	£	£	£
Receipts			
SRC	£0.00	£750.00	
NLC CASC FUND	£3,300.00	£0.00	
NLC (GAP)	£0.00	£15,612.00	
Robertson Trust	£14,000.00	£0.00	
EMDF	£0.00	£12,500.00	
A4A	£0.00	£20,000.00	
Hall hire	£13,397.00	£0.00	
Total Receipts	£30,697.00	£48,862.00	£79,559.00

	Payments	£	£	£
A4A				
	Centre Manager salary	£0.00	£16,000.00	
	Maintenance	£0.00	£4,000.00	
	Total	£0.00	£20,000.00	£20,000.00
NLC CREDITORS (GAP)				
	Property cost	£0.00	£10,681.26	
	Admin costs	£197.29	£0.00	
	Program costs	£0.00	£0.00	
	Total	£197.29	£10,681.26	£10,878.55
NLC CREDITORS (GAP)				
	Business Plan	£0.00	£0.00	
	condition Survey	£0.00	£1,000.00	
	Community			
	Engagement	£0.00	£0.00	
	Valuation	£0.00	£0.00	
	Total	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Robertson Trust				
	Salary centre manager	£14,000.00	£0.00	
		£0.00	£0.00	
	Total	£14,000.00	£0.00	£14,000.00
S R C FESTIVAL				
	Hall hire	£0.00	£100.00	
	Refreshment	£0.00	£620.00	
	Publicity	£0.00	£30.00	
	Total	£0.00	£750.00	£750.00
Ethnic Minority Development Fund				
	Diversity pro co	£0.00	£1,040.00	
	Volunteer Costs	£0.00	£0.00	
	Total	£0.00	£1,040.00	£1,040.00

CENTRE Maintenance			
	Plumbing	£1,055.71	£0.00
	Internet	£616.00	£0.00
	Telephone	£720.00	£0.00
	Water	£1,855.00	£0.00
	Energy bill	£8,061.10	£0.00
	Total	£12,307.81	£0.00 £12,307.81
Total Payment		£26,505.10	£33,471.26 £59,976.36
Surplus of the year		£4,191.90	£15,390.74 £19,582.64
Balance of the fund brought forward		Unrestricted	Restricted
Statement of balance as at 31 March 2022		Fund	Fund
		2024	2024
	Opening Balance	£1,529.64	£0.00 £1,529.64
	Surplus of the year	£4,191.90	£15,390.74 £19,582.64
	Closing balance	£5,721.54	£15,390.74 £21,112.28
Represented by	Cash in hands	£0.00	£0.00 £0.00
	Cash in Bank	£5,721.54	£15,390.74 £21,112.28

Notes for restricted fund:

Various grants and funding bodies have substantially supported the Jerviston Community Centre, enabling its flourishing and fostering significant community engagement and growth."

NLC Community Asset Support Fund, The African Collaboration Group received £ 3300 support from the Community Asset Support Fund, which aims to remove financial barriers for community groups acquiring public assets

NLC (GAP) North Lanarkshire Council has granted funding to the African Collaboration Group to facilitate community benefit projects and activities.

Robertson Trust, The Centre Manager post, made possible through your funding, has had a transformative impact on Jerviston Community Centre, greatly enhancing the scope and quality of our services. As a result, the community and the individuals we support they have experienced significant benefits.

Award for All, The African Collaboration Group received funding from the Award for All program to enhance community spaces. This grant enabled them to further their objective and also provided partial salary support for the centre manager.

Scottish Refugee Festival, provided a grant to the African Collaboration Group, enabling them to foster connections and build understanding between people from different backgrounds

Hall hire, African Collaboration Group Contributions: The group has raised £8990.00 through hall rentals for community events, celebrations, and local councillor surgeries. These activities have supported over 300 residents, fostering a strong sense of belonging and connection within the community.

Date 22/04/20

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DATE 31 December 2024

Governing document

African Collaboration Group is governed by its constitution, 20/01/2023.

Membership and management

List number of management committee members

The business of the **AFRICAN COLLABORATION GROUP** is directed by a management committee comprising between 3 and 5 members, appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, all being eligible for re-election. The committee meets not less than 4 times a year.

A chairperson, secretary and treasurer are appointed by the management committee; no person may hold any office for more than 3 years. The management committee may co-opt up to 3 further members, where deemed necessary, to serve until the following AGM.

List of all committee members and office bearers, with dates of appointment

Current trustees

Those currently serving as members of the management committee are:-

- 31/12/2022



/12/2022

1/12/2022

1/12/2022

31/12/2022

Resignation

Anyone else? When did they resign?

No one resigned yet

Contact address

**Jerviston Community Centre,
Coalhall Avenue Motherwell
ML1 4BU**

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are:

- The Organisation has been formed to benefit the community of Jerviston area with the following post codes: ML1 4BU, ML1 4DA, ML1 4BZ, ML1 4BX, ML1 4AP and ML1 4AZ with the following purposes:
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

AFRICAN COLLABORATION GROUP

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31/12/2024**

List of activities and achievements of the group

1. community engagement,
2. mental health and wellbeing,
3. poverty reduction,
4. Environmental initiatives.
5. Overhead costs and maintenance of the centre.

Finance

The Jerviston Community Centre's remarkable growth and community engagement are a direct result of the African Collaboration Group's dedication and the generous support of various funding bodies.

The African Collaboration Group has been instrumental in the Centre's success. They secured £3300 from the NLC Community Asset Support Fund, removing financial barriers to acquiring public assets. North Lanarkshire Council (NLC GAP) further supported their efforts with funding for community benefit projects.

The Robertson Trust's funding for the Centre Manager post proved transformative, significantly improving service quality and benefiting the entire community. An Award for All grant enabled the group to enhance community spaces and provide partial salary support for the Centre Manager.

The Scottish Refugee Festival's grant facilitated the group's crucial work in fostering connections and understanding between diverse backgrounds.

Beyond grants, the African Collaboration Group demonstrated strong self-reliance, generating £8990 through hall rentals for community events, celebrations, and councillor surgeries. These initiatives directly supported over 300 residents, strengthening community bonds and fostering a sense of belonging. The combined impact of these diverse funding sources and the group's own initiatives has been pivotal in creating a thriving and inclusive Jerviston Community Centre.

Unrestricted

The Robertson Trust grant has been contributory in supporting our organization by funding the position of a full-time Centre Manager. This key role has significantly contributed to the efficiency and growth of our centre, enabling us to better serve our community, improve internal processes, and ensure long-term sustainability. The Centre Manager's primary responsibilities include overseeing daily operations, enhancing customer service, increasing staff productivity, and driving the overall growth of the centre through effective management and strategic planning.

African Collaboration Group Contributions: Through hall rentals for community events, celebrations, and local councillor surgeries, the African Collaboration Group has raised additional funding. By booking out the space for initiatives such as the Citizen Advice Bureau, they have strengthened social ties within the community while providing essential services to residents.

The African Collaboration Group has discovered that the electricity system that is on the Jerviston community centre build is very old and expensive most of the funding are being

used to cover the electricity bills and equipment. Hence the zero emission has been a primary option for the future.

The report was approved by the trustees on 22/04/2025

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Reserves

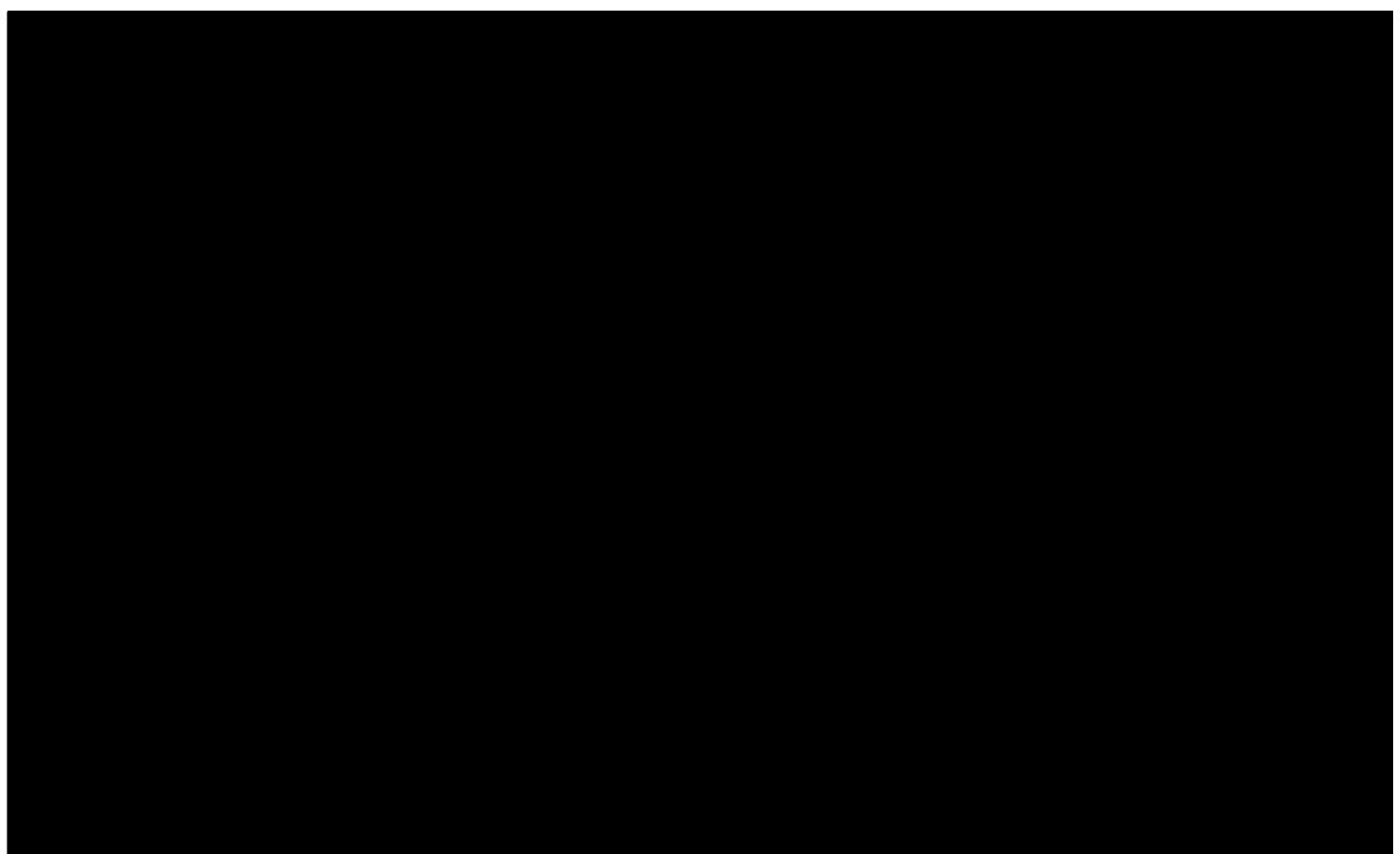
The balances held by the Group at 31/12/2024 comprise: -

Is £ 22112.28

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.

The report was approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICAN COLLABORATION GROUP

OPERATING AS CONSTITUTED COMMUNITY GROUP

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/12/2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

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 account to be reached.

