

The Bangla Centre SCIO

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Period Ending 31st March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Bangla Centre SCIO

Charity Registration No: SC052283

Principal Office:

Registered Office:

Trustees:



Trustees Resigned: Nil

Bankers: Bank of Scotland

Independent Accountants: Ethnic Minority Resource Centre
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Trustees' Annual Report For the Period Ended 31st March 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the period ended 31st March 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Bangla Centre SCIO is a registered Scottish Charity (SC052283), with effect from 26th January 2023. All its affairs are governed by the Board of Trustees as stipulated in the terms of the Charity Constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

The charity must have not less than 3 and not more than 7 Trustees at any time. Any person who wishes to become a Trustee must be member of the congregation and questions arising from the nomination of any individual to join the board of trustee is decided by a majority of votes. Each trustee have one vote and in case of an equality of votes the chairman usually have a second or casting vote.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Board, subject to the Constitution and the rules set out therein. Key considerations include:

- **Skills and Experience:** The charity seeks trustees with expertise in finance, law, management, and strategy.
- **Diversity:** The Board aims to reflect the diversity of the community it serves.
- **Compliance:** Trustees must act in accordance with the purposes of the organization and comply with the Scottish Charities Act.

Trustees operate under the principle of **no conflict of interest**, ensuring decisions are made solely in the best interests of the charity.

Therefore, the Trustee appointment is in accordance with the constitution. The Bangla Centre SCIO is responsible for induction of any new elected Trustee which involves awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the Governing document, administrative procedures, the history, and philosophical approach of the charity.

A new Trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator leaflet; "The Essential Trustee: What do you need to know".

Organisational structure

The Trustees have authority to apply funds as they see fit for charitable purposes. They meet regularly, with all major decisions documented in meeting minutes. A quorum of three Trustees is required, and decisions are made by majority vote.

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Management & Governance

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution of a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. For Trustees meetings, a quorum shall comprise of at least three of the Trustees and decisions shall be made based on a majority vote.

The Trustees are responsible for overseeing finances, ensuring statutory compliance, and preparing annual accounts, which are independently examined.

Objectives and Activities:

The Bangla Centre SCIO exists to improve the quality of life of the local community, particularly those of Bangladeshi heritage, while fostering inclusivity and cross-cultural exchange.

Community Engagement & Cultural Integration

- Organising cultural events, festivals, and activities to celebrate Bangladeshi heritage and encourage cross-cultural understanding.
- Creating platforms for intercultural dialogue and social inclusion.

Sports, Health & Wellbeing

- Providing access to sports facilities, fitness classes, and recreational activities to promote healthy lifestyles.
- Running health awareness programs and mental wellbeing initiatives.

Education & Skills Development

- Offering language classes, IT training, and employability workshops to improve skills and opportunities.
- Supporting young people through tutoring, mentoring and extracurricular activities.

Environment & Sustainability

- Promoting eco-friendly practices within the community.
- Developing initiatives that raise awareness of environmental issues.

Community Support Services

- Providing advice and guidance on housing, welfare and immigration support where possible.
- Offering a safe, inclusive community space for social activities and support networks.

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Volunteer Development

- Creating volunteering opportunities to build capacity, confidence and leadership within the community.

Achievements and Performance

The Bangla Centre SCIO has successfully delivered a range of initiatives and services to benefit the local community. Key achievements include:

- **Management of Balgrayhill Community Centre**

In June 2024, The Bangla Centre SCIO assumed full management of **Balgrayhill Community Centre** from Glasgow City Council. Since then, the Centre has become a vibrant hub, providing:

- Private functions and family celebrations
- Regular dance clubs and chess clubs
- Educational and learning classes

Since the takeover, more than **1,000 individuals** have accessed the facilities, with an estimated **5,000 visits in total** over the period.

- **Community Health and Wellbeing Programs**

Organised regular health awareness sessions, fitness classes, and wellbeing activities aimed at promoting physical and mental health within the community.

- **Sports and Youth Engagement**

Established sports initiatives, including football and cricket sessions, to encourage young people to stay active and engaged in positive activities.

- **Cultural and Heritage Events**

Hosted a variety of cultural programs, festivals and events to celebrate Bangladeshi heritage while promoting integration and diversity within the wider community.

- **Skill Development and Training**

Introduced training workshops and upscaling programs in areas such as digital literacy, language learning and vocational skills to empower individuals and improve employability.

- **Environmental and Eco-Conscious Initiatives**

Implemented community-driven projects focused on sustainability, recycling, and environmental awareness, aligning with our vision of building an eco-conscious community.

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- **Partnership Building**
Supported the establishment of two new community organizations (Ukrainian and Indian), assisting them in achieving charitable status.
- Built partnerships with local secondary schools, housing associations, and the Gaelic school.
- Collaborated with charities including **Spirit of Springburn** and **Unity of Springburn**.
- **Funding and Financial Growth**
Secured essential funding and grants to support operational costs and community projects, ensuring financial sustainability and transparency. Fundings were from: The Robertson Trust, The National Lottery Community Fund, Age Scotland and Area Partnership

These contributions have supported operational costs, new community projects, and organizational growth. Increased focus on **advertising and marketing** has helped attract new participants and improve sustainability.

Financial Review

General review:

During the financial period ending on 31st March 2025, the total income amounted to £46,033 which consists of income from grants, donations and other charitable activities. The total expenditure for the year was £50,342. The overall annual financial result was an operational deficit of £4,309

Reserve Policy

The Bangla Centre SCIO leadership has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ("the free reserves") held by the charity should be between three and six months of the resources expended, which equates to £12,585 to £25,171 in general funds. As of now, the charity has only £8,452, which the trustees believe that it needs to be improved for the charity to be able to continue with the current activities even in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. At present the free reserves which amount to £8,452 is not a good level and the trustees are not satisfied with this position.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees is aware and has assessed the major risks to which The Bangla Centre SCIO is exposed, those related to the operations and finances and is satisfied that the systems in place are robust enough to mitigate all major risks.

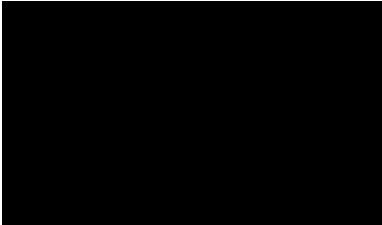
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Future Plans

The Trustees plan to continue advancing: **Education** by Expanding classes, workshops, and training opportunities. **Community Development & Citizenship** by Encouraging civic engagement and stronger community cohesion. **Arts, Heritage & Culture** by Promoting diversity and preserving cultural heritage. **Recreation & Wellbeing** by Enhancing facilities and activities for physical and mental health. **Environmental Protection** by Expanding eco-conscious initiatives for sustainability.

Governance improvements will include enhancing accounting systems for transparency, establishing an internal audit team, introducing quarterly reporting, Allocating project-specific budgets. These steps will ensure sustainability, accountability, and greater impact for the community.

Approved by the trustees on 08th October 2025 and signed on their behalf by: -



Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report For the period ending 31st March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Bangla Centre SCIO. I report on the financial statement of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 17.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 449(1) (c) of the 2005 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 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

In connection with 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 Regulations, and
- To prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations (as amended)

Have not been met

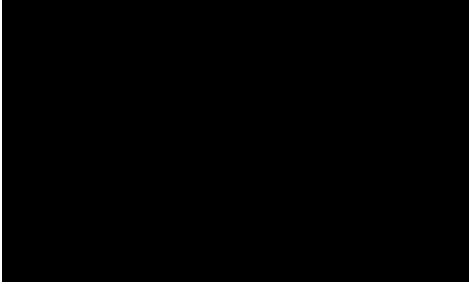
2. I would however recommend that the charity continue to maintain all accounting documents and records in accordance with the 2005 Act, and the accounts should comply

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with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended).



17/10/2025



Relevant professional qualifications and body

Qualified Accountant – Member of AIA & ACIE

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Statement of Receipts and Payments For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total for 2025	Total for 2024
Voluntary Receipts:					
Donations	4.1	5,545	-	5,545	14,605
Grants	4.2	-	14,720	14,720	10,500
Receipts from other Charitable Activities					
Income from Charitable Activities	4.3	25,768	-	25,768	-
Receipts from Charitable Activities		31,313	14,720	46,033	25,105
Receipts from Assets & Investment Sales					
Proceed from sale of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Proceed from sale of Investments		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		31,313	14,720	46,033	25,105
Payments					
Cost of Fundraising Activities		-	-	-	-
Cost of Charitable Activities	5	30,627	10,169	40,796	22,381
Grants and Donations		-	-	-	-
Governance Costs		2,353	-	2,353	250
Purchase of Fixed Assets		-	7,169	7,169	1,246
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		32,980	17,338	50,318	23,877
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		- 1,667	- 2,618	- 4,285	- 1,228
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year		- 1,667	- 2,618	- 4,285	- 1,228

The Notes on Pages 12 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts

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Statement of balances

As at 31st March 2025

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Cash at Bank & in Hand - 01/04/2024	2,261	10,500	12,761	11,532
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 1,667	- 2,618	- 4,285	1,229
Cash at Bank & In Hand	594	7,882	8,476	12,761
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Account	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Account	594	7,882	8,476	12,761
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
	594	7,882	8,476	12,761
Investments				
Investments at Market Valuation	-	-	-	-
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)				
Opening Balance: Equipment at cost:	-	-	1,246.00	-
Additional: Equipment at cost:	-	7,168.80	7,168.80	1,246.00
Additional: Fixture & Fitting at cost:	-	-	-	-
Total	-	7,168.80	8,414.80	1,246.00

Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)

The organisation had no Liability as at 31st

Contingent Liabilities

The organisation had no Contingent Liabilities as at 31st March 2025

The Notes on pages 12 - 17 form integral part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on the 16 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by: -

Trustee

Treasury

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Notes to the Accounts - For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payment basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2. Nature and purpose of funds

During the year under review, all of the charity's funds were unrestricted and were used at the discretion of the trustees. The charity received donations from its members and non - members. All the funds received were wholly and exclusively used for pursuit and furtherance of the charity's objects as stipulated in its constitution.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purpose. During the period under review, the charity did not receive any restricted funds.

3.Related Party Transactions

There was no remuneration paid to any charity trustee or to any person connected to a trustee during the year.

4.1 Donations

There were several donations received by the charity during the year under review.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total for 2025	Total for 2024
Income received				
Donations	4,420	-	4,420	-
Membership Contributions	1,125	-	1,125	14,605
TOTALS	5,545	-	5,545	14,605

4.2 Grants Received

There were several grants received by the charity during the year under review.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total for 2025	Total for 2024
Grants received				
THE ROBERTSON TRUST	-	8,500	8,500	-
BIG LOTTERY FUND	-	-	-	10,000
SPRINGBURN AREA PARTNERSHIP	-	-	-	500
AGE SCOTLAND	-	860	860	-
BANGLA CENTRE SCIO	-	1,360	1,360	-
BADMINTON	-	3,000	3,000	-
ALLIED VEHICLES	-	1,000	1,000	-
TOTALS	-	14,720	14,720	10,500

4.3 Income from other Charitable Activities

There were several donations received by the charity during the year under review.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total for 2025	Total for 2024
Income received				
Hall Hire	826	-	826	-
Entry Fee	19,463	-	19,463	-
Sponsorship	820	-	820	-
Collections from Prayers	1,969	-	1,969	-
Commission	220	-	220	-
Raffle Tickets	565	-	565	-
Stalls	435	-	435	-
Bangla Centre Programs	1,290	-	1,290	-
Bangla School	180	-	180	-
TOTALS	25,768	-	25,768	-

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5. Payments directly related to Charitable Activities

Direct Cost	Voluntary income	Fundraising	Charitable Activities	Governance costs	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Fund 2025	Total Fund 2024
Advertising and PR	-	-	133	-	133	-	133	-
Entertaining	-	-	2,797	-	2,797	-	2,797	-
Sports Activities	-	-	1,237	-	1,237	-	1,237	5,873
Shuttlecock	-	-	77	-	77	400	477	-
Court booking	-	-	880	-	880	1,900	2,780	-
Purchase of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	7,169	7,169	-
Equipment Hire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall/Room Hire	-	-	893	-	893	595	1,488	-
Social Excursion & Hospitality	-	-	12,547	-	12,547	743	13,290	6,560
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	449	449	-
Light and Heating	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal and professional costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,544	1,544	-
Rent and Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	2,591	-	2,591	2,400	4,991	-
Bangla School Teachers	-	-	2,293	-	2,293	-	2,293	2,958
Training Programs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sound System	-	-	730	-	730	-	730	192
Cultural Event Activities	-	-	968	-	968	-	968	4,101
Stationery, Printing & Postage	-	-	1,067	-	1,067	1,119	2,186	-
Travel and Subsistence	-	-	448	-	448	-	448	630
Wages and Salaries	-	-	2,587	-	2,587	762	3,349	-
Website Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	709
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	190	190	158
Awards, Prize & Gifts	-	-	1,379	-	1,379	91	1,469	-
Total Expenditure	-	-	30,627	-	30,627	17,362	47,989	22,381

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6. Breakdown of Grants Received and Payments

	The Robertson Trust	Big Lottery Fund	Springburn Area Partnership	Age Scotland	Bangla Centre SCIO	Badminton Allied Vehicles	Total
Balance B/F	-	10,000	500	-	-	-	10,500
Grants Received	8,500	-	-	860	1,360	3,000	14,720
TOTALS	8,500	10,000	500	860	1,360	3,000	25,220

Direct Cost

Shuttlecock	-	-	-	-	-	400	-	400
Court booking	-	-	-	-	-	1,900	-	1,900
Purchase of Assets	4,878	2,291	-	-	-	-	-	7,169
Equipment Hire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall/Room Hire	-	205	-	-	389.95	-	-	595
Social Excursion & Hospitality	-	-	-	143.31	-	600	-	743
Insurance	-	449.15	-	-	-	-	-	449
Legal and professional costs	-	1,544	-	-	-	-	-	1,544
Repairs and Maintenance	-	2,400	-	-	-	-	-	2,400
Stationery, Printing & Postage	-	730	389	-	-	-	-	1,119
Wages and Salaries	-	762	-	-	-	-	-	762
Bank Charges	-	153.96	-	-	36	-	-	190
Awards, Prize & Gifts	-	-	-	90.57	-	-	-	91
Total Expenditure	4,878	8,535	389	234	426	2,900	-	10,169
Surplus/Deficit	3,622	1,465	111	626	934	100	1,000	15,051
Transfers between Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	3,622	1,465	111	626	934	100	1,000	15,051

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7. Breakdown of Unrestricted Receipts and Payments for Charitable Activities

	Donations	Members Fee	Hall Hire	Entry Fee	Sponsors Fund	Prayers Collections	Raffle Tickets	Stalls	Bangla Programs	Bangla School	Total
Balance B/F	1,229	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,229
Gross Receipts	4,420	1,125	826	19,463	1,040	1,969	565	435	1,290	180	31,313
TOTALS	5,649	1,125	826	19,463	1,040	1,969	565	435	1,290	180	32,542

Direct Cost

Advertising and PR	133.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133
Entertaining	-	-	-	2,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,797
Sports Activities	-	-	-	-	137	1,100	-	-	-	-	1,237
Shuttlecock	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
Court booking	-	-	-	-	240	640	-	-	-	-	880
Purchase of Assets	-	2,291	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,291
Equipment Hire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall/Room Hire	-	-	-	601	-	-	-	292	-	-	893
Social Excursion & Hospitality	-	-	-	12,547	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,547
Repairs and Maintenance	2,591	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,591
Bangla School Teachers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,293	2,293
Sound System	-	-	-	730	-	-	-	-	-	-	730
Cultural Event Activities	-	-	-	968.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	968
Stationery, Printing & Postage	113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	954	-	1,067
Travel and Subsistence	-	-	-	448	-	-	-	-	-	-	448
Wages and Salaries	2,587	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,587
Awards, Prize & Gifts	600	-	-	698.71	-	-	80	-	-	-	1,379
Total Expenditure	6,101	2,291	-	18,790	377	1,740	80	292	954	2,293	30,627
Surplus/Deficit	- 452 -	1,166	826	673	663	229	485	143	336 -	2,113	1,915
Transfers between Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance C/Forward	- 452 -	1,166	826	673	663	229	485	143	336 -	2,113	1,915

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8. Grants & Donations made

There was no donation made during the reporting period.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for 2025	Total for 2024
Grants	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. Governance Costs

Annual Accounts & AGM	600.00	-	600.00	250.00
Independence Examination	550.00	-	550.00	-
Legal & Consultancy Advice	1,203.00	-	1,203.00	-
	2,353.00	-	2,353.00	250.00

10. Transfers between funds

There was no any fund fund transfer during the period under review.

9. Funds collected for other charities

There was no any fund collected on behalf of other charities during the period under review.