

## **Annual Accounts**

For the period from 8 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

### Receipts and Payments Account

#### **Income**

Donations and grants received during the period: £350.00

Total Income: £350.00

#### **Expenditure**

Participants' transport costs: £159.50

Meeting hospitality expenses: £28.36

Events and activities costs: £167.97

Total Expenditure: £355.83

#### **Surplus / Deficit for the Period**

£(5.83)

(This shortfall was met directly by members and treated as donated support.)

## **Bank Summary**

As at the latest available bank statement date (31 March 2025):

Opening bank balance: £0.00

Total receipts paid into the bank: £350.00

Total payments made from the bank: £0.00

Closing bank balance: £350.00

(No bank expenditure was made during the remainder of the period.)

## **Notes to the Accounts**

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with OSCR guidance for any charities.
2. Certain expenditure during the period was met directly by founding members and volunteers and treated as donated support. These payments did not pass through the charity's bank account.
3. The charity had no loans, debts, or other financial liabilities at the end of the period.
4. The charity's premises and utilities were provided as in-kind support, and no related costs were incurred.

## **Accountant's Statement**

### **To Whom It May Concern,**

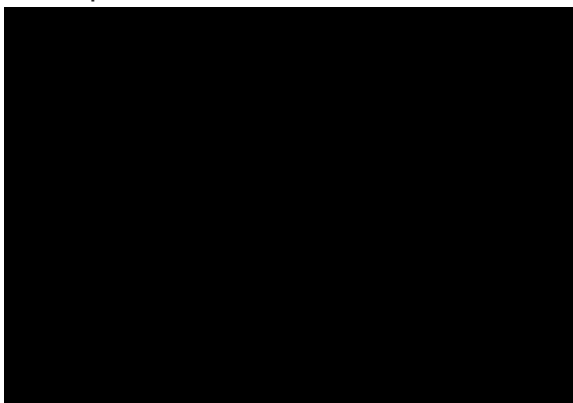
Based on my review of the financial records, invoices, and supporting documentation provided by the management of

Scottish Intercultural Association (SIA), I confirm that I have prepared the annual accounts and financial statement of the association for the financial period from 8 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting basis for small charities and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, present a true and fair view of the association's income, expenditure, and financial position for the period stated, based on the information made available at the time of preparation.

Yours faithfully,

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## SCOTTISH INTER-CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

### **Our Objective are:**

To advance cultural heritage by focussing on progressing Scottish and international diverse intangible cultural heritage (ICH) via staging multicultural events and exhibitions, facilitating intercultural dialogues and multicultural clubs, initiating and utilising intangible cultural heritage to stimulating community spirit and cohesion and advancing active citizenship and equal participation in culture at all levels.

To promote equality and diversity through celebrating multicultural heritage and inclusion and provide empowerment and capacity building support as a means of tackling isolation and exclusion as well as promoting integration and active citizenship.

### **Our Mission and Vision are:**

- ✓ Mission: SIA are devoted to advancing cultural heritage & fostering active citizenship for the diverse communities in Scotland
- ✓ Vision: a Scotland that is inclusive where all communities are empowered to cherish their cultural heritage as equal citizens with pride and dignity

While our activities are presented, though in different captions, within the context of the main principal objectives of SIA and in line with the identified priorities, the recorded conclusions and bearing are interlinked and can be reported as aligned to our objectives at several levels. The delivery framework for our activities April 2024–31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 can be outlined as follows:

Throughout the last 12 months, SIA continued facilitating and delivering the activities outlined in our four captions:

- Organization progress and development
- Community engagement and participation
- Working in Collaboration
- Representation and enabling a voice for members

Throughout April 2024 and March 2025, Scottish Intercultural Association (SIA) has moved from a recently established Scio (April 24) phase into developing and progressing our work programs in line with our objectives. SIA has successfully managed to secure additional office base, establishing our communication and IT networks, including the setting up of our IT and website as well as social media ensuring wider access to our support and an inclusive approach to be part of our work and programs, developing and utilizing relevant policies and funding strategy.



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All our work during this period has been instigated by our principled commitment to deploying a Community Learning and Development Approach as well as a Human Rights-Based Approach. Within these approaches, our core aims have been to ensure equal participation and engagement, empowerment and enhancing lifelong learning for the diverse communities. In addition, SIA has been able to increase our membership base via organizing an outreach program assisting in extending our reach to be inclusive and facilitate equal participation of the diverse communities in our program.

SIA managed and delivered several community engagement workshops to advise and guide our programs and key activities that are aligned to our objectives and the priorities identified by our members and community representative who are engaged regularly: we have established a community consultancy and active engagement meeting platforms (every other week gathering) where the diverse local groups are able to share information, intelligence and coordinate roles and focus of events. Between 12 and 16 community representative groups meet every other week and can inform developments and identify responsive support settings for the diverse communities.

Further, we utilized a committed method to working in collaboration and delivering partnership arrangements with various relevant stakeholders in support of not only the local diverse communities but also the involved stakeholders enhancing a holistic framework to advancing our objectives. We worked closely in collaboration with stakeholders such as: Red Cross, Refuweege, the Voice Network, Interfaith Scotland, Glasgow University, etc. Working in collaboration: it has been a core commitment for SIA to work in partnership with relevant stakeholders aiming at enhancing benefits to our members and stakeholders alike. This has been facilitated via collaboration in developing, responding to emerging themes that benefit the diverse BEM communities (including refugees and asylum seekers), and delivering activities such as:

- SIA continued our lobbying with key stakeholders to enhance the role of cultural heritage in promoting and advancing race equality and community spirit with a focus on nourishing key understanding of the role of culture in improving community cohesion and combating hate crime. We engaged with the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament facilitating participation from our diverse members in relevant policy and consultation platforms.
- We delivered in line with identified themes by the communities several workshops, training and information sessions such as cultural heritage and its role in community cohesion/ multicultural heritage of Scotland. Similarly, we facilitated and managed the delivery of a documentary highlighting cultural heritage and the diverse communities. Besides, we managed and facilitated bespoke participative activities ensuring a voice for the diverse communities in relevant policy and strategy development such as: Children's Rights, Poverty, Culture, understanding our national days /St Andrew's Day & Burns Nights, Scottish Mental Health Strategy, Environment and Energy.
- 189 Community representatives benefited from engagement and participation while cascading information to respective local communities.



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- We have secured representation on the Cross-Party Group on St Andrews, Advisory Group for Glasgow Uni Health & Wellbeing Byres Community Hub, Scottish Refugee Council Peer Group, Ambassador for Voice Network (Red Cross), Ethnic Minority Race Equality & Human Rights Network, Craigton Community Council, International Welcome Club, etc.

Taking into consideration that SIA is a newly established SCIO, we continue to build and enhance our infrastructure, and we will deliver on this via continuation and advancing our skills, networks, partnerships and focused impacts.

Within the context of our programs and objectives, we confirm that the outcomes of our delivered activities have met the planned outcomes of our objectives as a SCIO:

- People are empowered and aware of their cultural heritage rights and are able to be involved in dialogues and things that matter to them and cherish their roles as active citizens of Scotland as well as participate in promoting community cohesion and building social bridges at several levels.
- People are more active and less isolated and are able to celebrate their cultural heritage in a dignified and responsible manner and are able to be consulted and contribute on themes and policies that matter to them.
- Similarly, relevant stakeholders are more informed and are able to develop and facilitate responsive cultural heritage programs as they are more connected to local communities.
- People are confident to cherish their cultural heritage and have increased participation in public life leading to more enhanced community connections and combating hate crime.

