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ABCE's Trustees Progress REPORT 2022-2023

X	Period 1 (April-July'22)
	Period 2 (August-November'22)
	Period 3 (December-March 2022-23)

Please see record of progress towards the achievement of SMART targets.

Activity	Output measure and Outcome Measure	Progress to end of period
Trainings and Certified Courses (Paediatric First aid/ Child protection/ Designated person)	13+ trainees/volunteers (depends on venue) 100% of participants report increased understanding of child protection and safeguarding/Paediatric First Aid Measured by post evaluation forms. Trainees- 25 Certificates gained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities/ course providers were contacted. • Venues planned and quotation received (Armagh Business Centre) • 13 BME Teachers indicated for courses. • Total of 26 booked for First Aid training/ Child protection/Designated person trainings and courses. • 100% of participants reported increased understanding of the educational system.

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<p>Cross-generational Program “Promoting Health and Wellbeing and practical advice Clinic”, active trainings, and workshops (Preservation of cultural heritage and old crafts)</p>	<p>20 sessions: 12 practical advice clinics & training sessions (8 by 2 hrs or 16 by 1 hr in smaller groups; depends on numbers) 6 workshops (old crafts; preservation of cultural heritage) 100% of attendees will improve health and lifestyle equally. Measured by register & evaluation form.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity continues from previous academic year with changes with attendees. • Clinics provided on weekly basis. 2 clinics per month. • 6 clinics provided in this period. • 1 workshop provided (Easter time) • Rest of workshops scheduled for September 2022- the New academic year. • 100 % improved health & lifestyle equally
<p>Folk dance group Traditional Folklore dancing. Performing in Events to break down cultural barriers.</p>	<p>20 sessions by 1.5 hours for adults (6 adults) 20 weeks by 1 hour for children (20 sessions 20 children) 100% of participants improving health and lifestyle equally. Measured by registration & evaluation forms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue in Armagh Business Centre. • Programme planed. • 8 adult’s sessions done. • 5 children’s sessions done April-July 2022 (10 kids). • 15 sessions scheduled to continue in September 2022. • 100% of participants improving health and lifestyle equally
<p>One to One Clinics- on request by community (Telephone and through electronical platform clinics- Moodle/Zoom/CViC)</p>	<p>100% of BME/public citizens aware of how to access public services and education and understand their rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 people benefited online and through telephone calls in this period. • 100% attendees awarded of how to access public services and education and understand their rights.

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Chess Cross-generational Club-multilingual club (Bulgarian, Russian, Ukrainian, English)	On weekly base by 1 hour for up to 20 people (as 10 sets available) 90 % of participants will improve communication, mental maths skills and wellbeing and foreign language. Measured by post evaluation and attendance Certificates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme started with 12 members. • 2 more booked in his period. Total of 12 started in September 2022 • 14 club members by end of this period
Russian Club 'Speak and Play' (divided in small groups: 1st group: 3-5 years (up to 5 kids preferable) 2nd group: 6-13 years (5-8 kids preferable)	2x 20 weeks by 1 hour (in two groups for max of 10 kids in each group). 100% improve communication and learn new language. Measured by post evaluation. Certificates awarded at the end of the period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity planned for September 2022. Not yet started. • 12 bookings done in total by end of period (all 4-12 years old)
Homework Club	8 weeks programme- Max 10 children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue discussed in Armagh Business Centre • 12 children attended one- to one session and gained help with their English/ Maths homework in this period, before official start of this program. Request made through parents in Bulgarian School. Volunteer teachers helping those kids and families. • Pre-assignments done in April 2022 as requested by parents for next 8 weeks. • Programme scheduled start for Oct 2022.
Vocal Bulgarian Folk Singing and	32 weeks by 2 hours weekly (pupils to be divided by 2 small groups, 1 hour each group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program started online • 10 sessions by 2 hours done.

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Traditional instruments playing (Kaval and Bulgarian Bagpipe) Classes	10 attendees in total (in small groups) 100% of attendees will show increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language and music with the wider community. Register in each class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 participants (2 oversubscribed) • 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language and music with the wider community.
Mother tongue Language classes Inc. Bulgarian History & Geography of Bulgaria, Bulgarian Traditions, and customs (3yrs to 16yrs-because of Covid-19 by Distance online teaching through Electronical platform Moodle+ Black Board/online apps/Students divided in small groups. 1m. social distancing in small classes in two shifts)	32 weeks by 4 hours for 200 students 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language with the wider community. Register in each class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes continue. • For this period 208 registered students (8 overbooked). • 10 weeks by 4 hours done. • 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language with the wider community.
2 Multicultural School trips and	Two trips annually 30 people in total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two trips done in this period: One in April 2022 (Easter in Gosford Park) and one provided for Formal event-May 2022

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one Recognition Event	100% of participants will mix from a variety of BME community & background. Measured by Recognition Certificates & evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition event done in June 2022
Learning support Club for BME, Roma and Newcomer pupils in the area in Schools & College (Armstrong PS, Mt St Catherine PS)	<p>20 weeks by 1 hour in each School / if restrictions- online or in separate buildings as after school activities for those kids Up to 10 students in each School</p> <p>100% of target will increase knowledge and understanding of English/ Maths and integrate better in the local school life act. Measured by register.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs began online • 10 sessions from April-June 2022 done. • 45 pupils in Mount St Catherine PS • 45 pupils in Armstrong PS • Additional 10 sessions planned from September 2022 • 100% of target increased knowledge and understanding of English/ Maths and integrate better in the local school life act.
6 Cultural Celebrations (Day of our Alphabet; Easter, Christmas, 'Martenitsa workshop', St Patrick, 'Bulgarian Independent day')	<p>One of annually for each celebration (Additional premises required to allow social distancing measures) Overall total: 200 people</p> <p>100% of target audience will understand the importance of customs and traditions in united communities. Register & post-evaluations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter- 180 pupils and 100 parents attended event in April. • Day of our Alphabet- done May 2022. • Cultural Concert done in June 2022 with 200 adults and children participated. • Christmas Event planned for Dec 2022 (Period 2) • Bulgarian Independent day, Martenitsa and St Patricks workshop are planned for Feb-March 2023 (Period 3). • Venues planned (Armagh Business Centre, Armagh City Hotel) • 100% of target audience understood the importance of customs and traditions in united communities.

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Cross-generational Program 'Promoting Health	16 sessions: 8 practical advice & training sessions (8 by 2 hrs or 16 by 1 hr in smaller groups; depends on numbers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity continues from previous academic year with changes with attendees.

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and Wellbeing and practical advice, active trainings and workshops (Preservation of cultural heritage and old crafts)	<p>8 workshops (old crafts; preservation of cultural heritage) 100% of attendees will improve health and lifestyle equally. Measured by register & evaluation form.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinics provided on weekly basis. 2 clinics per month. • 2 clinics and 6 trainings provided in this period. All done by end of this period. • The rest of workshops planned in this period (Christmas Workshop planned for first week in Dec 2022/ 1 in Jan and 2 in Feb and 2 in March 2023) • 4 trainings and 4 practical advice done in this period • Rest of workshops scheduled for December 2022- March 2023 • 100 % improved health & lifestyle equally
Folk dance group Traditional Folklore dancing. Performing in Events to break down cultural barriers.	<p>20 sessions by 1.5 hours for adults (10 adults) 20 weeks by 1 hour for children (20 sessions in 2-3 small groups- 10 children) 100% of participants improving health and lifestyle equally. Measured by registration & evaluation forms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue is in Armagh Business Centre. • Programme began in September 2022. • 10 adult's sessions done. (2 left to be done in next period but decision made to continue as interest increased by members) • 10 children's sessions done (10 kids). • Decision made to extend the programme by end of academic year. • 100% of participants improving health and lifestyle equally
Information session (CViC Virtual platform) One to One Clinics (Telephone and through electronical platform clinics- Moodle/Zoom/CViC)	<p>4 information sessions by 2 hours (Settle in Status in UK, Health and Education, Rights and Labour) for 25 people. 90% of BME attendees aware of how to access public services and education and understand their rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Information session done on 'Education done through Educational electronical platform based on MOODLE with Conference meeting of 58 attendees. • Two information sessions rescheduled for December in Moodle platform. • By end of this period 20 people used this program. • 100% of participants were aware of how to access public services and education and understood their rights.

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Chess Cross-generational Club	10 weeks by 1 hour for 10 people . 90 % of participants will improve communication, mental maths skills and wellbeing and foreign language. Measured by post evaluation and attendance Certificates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme began • All 10 sessions done. • Total of 14 people attended 14 Certs issued. • 100% of participants improved communication skills and wellbeing and foreign language. • Programme started with 12 members. And • 14 club members by end of the program.
Russian Club 'Speak and Play' (divided in small groups: 1st group: 3-5 years (up to 5 kids preferable) 2nd group: 6-13 years (5-8 kids preferable)	2x 20 weeks by 1 hour (in two groups) for max of 10 kids in each group. 100% improve communication and learn new language. Measured by post evaluation. Certificates awarded at the end of the period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program began in September 2022 • 16 bookings done in total by end of period (all 4-12 years old) • 2 by 10 weeks done by 1 hour each in this period. Majority of attendees are with mixed ethnic background: Bulgarians, Russians, Irish and Ukraininan children
Homework Club	20 weeks by 2 hours- Max 10 children Measured by Pre-assignment and final test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 children attended one- to one session and gained help with their English/ Maths homework in this period, before official start of this program. Request made through parents in Bulgarian School. Volunteer teachers helping those kids and families. • Programme began in Oct 2022 and over subscribed. • 8 weeks done in these period/ 13 children attended • 100 % of students have increased knowledge of mother thong and celebrate different cultures.
Vocal Bulgarian Folk Singing and Traditional instruments playing	32 weeks by 2 hours weekly (pupils to be divided by 2 small groups, 1 hour each group) 10-15 attendees (in small groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program started online • 12 sessions by 2 hours done. • 12 participants (2 oversubscribed)

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(Kaval and Bulgarian Bagpipe) Classes	100% of attendees will increasing respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language and music with the wider community. Register in each class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language and music with the wider community. • 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserved Bulgarian Language and music with the wider community.
Mother tongue Language classes Inc. Bulgarian History & Geography of Bulgaria, Bulgarian Traditions and customs (3yrs to 16yrs-because of Covid-19 by Distance online teaching through Electronical platform Moodle+ Black Board/online apps/Students divided in small groups. 1m. social distancing in small classes in two shifts)	32 weeks by 4 hours for 80 students 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language with the wider community. Register in each class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes continue. • Additional 70 children registered in this period. • 12 weeks by 4 hours were done in this period. • Final 10 weeks planned for next period. • 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language with the wider community.
2 Multicultural School trips to Museums, Festivals	Two trips annually 30 people in total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trips done in first period. Completed

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in Northern Ireland as Volunteer Recognition Event		
Learning support Club for BME, Roma and Newcomer pupils in the area in Schools & College (Armstrong PS, Mt St Catherine PS)	<p>20 weeks by 1 hour in each School and College/ if restrictions- online or in separate buildings as after school activities for those kids</p> <p>Up to 10 students in each School</p> <p>100% of target will increase knowledge and understanding of English/ Maths and integrate better in the local school life act.</p> <p>Measured by register.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs continue with total of 90 children in two schools. • 8 sessions done in this period • Last 2 sessions planned for next period. • 100% of target increased knowledge and understanding of English/ Maths and integrate better in the local school life act.
6 Cultural Celebrations (Day of our Alphabet; Easter, Christmas, 'Martenitsa workshop', St Patrick, 'Bulgarian Independent day')	<p>One of annually for each celebration (Additional premises required to allow social distancing measures)</p> <p>Overall total: 200 people</p> <p>100% of target audience understand the importance of customs and traditions in united communities. Register & post-evaluations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No celebrations done for this period due to Covid Restrictions. • Four celebrations planned for next period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Celebration - planned for Dec 2022; Bulgarian Independent day- planned to happen on 3rd March, Martenitsa Celebration/ Independence Day/ Mummies and Visit of First Bulgarian Lady – all planned to happen in Armagh Business Centre (Feb 2023) and St Patricks workshop is planned for 17 March 2023 • Venues planned for next period.

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Cross- generational Program 'Promoting Health and Wellbeing including practical advice,	16 sessions: 8 practical advice & training sessions (8 by 2 hrs or 16 by 1 hr in smaller groups; depends on numbers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All workshop sessions done (Dec 2022- Christmas workshop, Jan'23- Bulgarian Mummies workshop, Feb 2023- St. Valentine and Trifon Zarezan Workshop and March' 23- Martenitsa workshop/ 17 March St Patricks Workshop.

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active trainings and workshops (Preservation of cultural heritage and old crafts)	8 workshops (old crafts; preservation of cultural heritage) 100% of attendees will improve health and lifestyle equally. Measured by register & evaluation form.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sessions done. • 17 people for this period received practical advices and additional 10 received telephone advice on request. • 100% of attendees improved health and lifestyle equally.
Folk dance group Traditional Folklore dancing. Performing in Events to break down cultural barriers	20 sessions by 1.5 hours for 10 adults 20 weeks by 1 hour for 10 children (20 sessions in 2-3 small groups). 100% of participants (24 people) improved health and lifestyle equally. Measured by registration & evaluation forms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 sessions done for adults. • 5 sessions done for children. • Total of 13 children and 11 adults joined. • 100% of participants (24 people) improved health and lifestyle equally. <p>Decision was made to extend the programme by end of academic year (June 2023) as increased interest of members shown</p>
Information session (CViC Virtual platform) One to One Clinics (Telephone and through electronical platform. Moodle/Zoom/CViC)	4 information sessions by 2 hours: Settle in Status in UK, Health and Education, Rights and Labour, dealing with impact of 90% of BME attendees will be aware of how to access public services and education and understand their rights. Measured by Register and questionnaires.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two sessions done in this period • 23 participants in this period • 90% of BME attendees aware of how to access public services and education and understood their rights. • 10% are low educated and still need support, especially by using online services. <p>N.B! - All 4 sessions done by end of project. Most done by phone and remotely by Electronical platform. Grand total of 83 people used this programme "Information session".</p>
Chess Cross-generational Club		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed.
Russian Club 'Speak and Play' (divided in small groups: 1st group:	2x 20 weeks by 1 hour in two groups 100% of attendees will increase respect, celebrate, and preserve Russian Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program completed. • 2x10 weeks done in this period to complete the project with 16 participants in total - 3-5 years old and Group 2- 6 to 13 years old.

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3-5 years (up to 5 kids preferable) 2nd group: 6-13 years (5-8 kids preferable)	with the wider community. Register in each class. Measured by post evaluation. Certificates will be awarded at the end of the period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register in each class archived with 16 Certificates awarded. • 100% of attendees increased respect, celebrate, and preserved Russian Language with the wider community. Majority of attendees are with mixed ethnic background: Bulgarians, Russians, Irish and Ukrainian children.
Homework Club	20 weeks by 2 hours. (10 children)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program completed and oversubscribed. • 12 children attended one- to one session and gained help with their English/ Maths homework in this period, before official start of this program. Request made through parents in Bulgarian School. Volunteer teachers helping those kids and families. • Programme began in Oct 2022 finished by March 2023. • 12 weeks done in these period/ 15 children attended (5 oversubscribed). • 100 % of students have increased knowledge of mother thong and celebrate different cultures. 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language with the wider community. Register in each class archived. Measured by Pre assignment and final test that is due between 15th May-15 June 2023.
Vocal Bulgarian Folk Singing and Traditional instruments playing (Kaval and Bulgarian Bagpipe) Classes	32 weeks by 2 hours weekly (pupils are divided in small groups. Lessons provided online by electronical platform-Moodle used. Total of 15 attendees, aged 6-18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program completed (all 32 weeks done) • 15 participants • 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language and music with the wider community. Register in each class archived. Measured by evaluation online questionnaires
Mother tongue Language classes	32 weeks by 4 hours. The program was created for 200 students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 weeks done

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<p>Inc. Bulgarian History & Geography of Bulgaria, Bulgarian Traditions, and customs and Distance online teaching through Electronical platform Moodle+ Black Board/online apps and Face to Face</p>	<p>100% of attendees will show increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language with the wider community. Register in each class. Measured by evaluation forms and online questionnaires.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional 5 students enrolled in this period. Total for the project: 208. • 100% of attendees showed increased respect, celebrate, and preserve Bulgarian Language with the wider community. Register in each class archived. Measured by evaluation forms and online questionnaires. Also, Bulgarian National Tests to be done between grade 1 to grade 9 from 15th May until 15 June 2023. And Certificates will be given at the end of academic year. Possibly by end of June 2023.
<p>2 Multicultural School trips to Museums, Festivals in Northern Ireland as Volunteer Recognition Event</p>	<p>Two trips for 30 people 100% of participants should mix from a variety of BME community & background. Measured by Recognition Certificates & evaluation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Trips are done (in first period)
<p>Learning support Club for BME, Roma and Newcomer pupils in the area in Schools & College (Armstrong PS, Mt St Catherine PS)</p>	<p>20 weeks by 1 hour in each School and College/ if restrictions-online or in separate building as afterschool activities for those kids 100% of target will increase knowledge and understanding of English/ Maths and integrate better in the local school life act. Measure by register and post evaluation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program completed. • 2 sessions done in Period 3 • Total of 90 kids were involved between two primary schools in Armagh. • 100% of target increased knowledge and understanding of English/ Maths and integrated better in the local school life act.
<p>Official visit of First Lady of Bulgaria/ Cocktail and dinner</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Lady arrived and visited ABCE and Ivan Vazov First Bulgarian School and took part in School activities/ Lessons and Martenitsa's Workshops on 26th Feb 2023.

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with the First Lady in First Bulgarian School Ivan Vazov, Armagh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official dinner and Cocktails were given by ABCE in honour of the First Lady. • Tour in Armagh • Travel to Bulgarian Embassy in Dublin next day
6 Cultural Celebrations (Day of our Alphabet; Easter, Christmas, 'Martenitsa workshop', St Patrick, 'Bulgarian Independent day'). One of annually for each celebration (Additional premises required as numbers increased rapidly)	<p>One of annually for each celebration (Additional premises required to allow social distancing measures) Overall total: 250 people</p> <p>100% of target audience will understand the importance of customs and traditions in united communities. Measured by register & post evaluations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All completed. • 6 planned and 12 done in total: Day of Bulgarian Day of People's Awakeners and Educators, Christmas (1), Mummings (1), St Valentine and St Trifon Zarezan (2), Martenitsa(in 5 separate groups), Independent Day(1), St. Patricks (1) • Over 308 attendees: Total of 208 students and more 100 adults- parents and members of communities attended those Celebrations up to date. • 100% of target audience understood the importance of customs and traditions in united communities.

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Date: 31.03.2023

Signature of Chairperson: _____



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