

British Community Foundation (BCF)

Annual Report 2025–2026: A Year of Growth and Connection



Chair's Message

2025–2026 has been a landmark year for the British Community Foundation.

Following our official launch in September 2025, we have successfully transitioned from the former British Community Fund into a fully established Foundation operating under the Qatar Financial Centre.

Over the past year we have focused on building strong governance, creating sustainable foundations for future growth and delivering meaningful opportunities for British residents in Qatar to connect, support one another and thrive.

From community playgroups and SEN support networks to the highly successful Winter Bazaar, the Foundation has demonstrated the strength and generosity of the British community.

On behalf of the Council, thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, supporters and community members who have helped make this first year such a success.



BCF Council



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British Ambassador to Qatar
Chair of BCF Council



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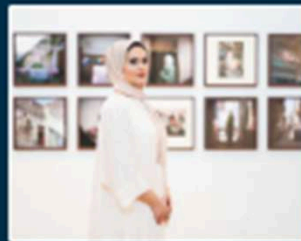
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Governance & Strategy

Strong Foundations for the Future



- Successful incorporation under the Qatar Financial Centre
- Completion of the transition from the British Community Fund to the British Community Foundation
- Established Constitution
- Adoption of updated Council Terms of Reference
- Approval of the Investment Policy Statement
- Establishment of conflict-of-interest procedures and governance registers
- Recruitment and transition to a new part-time Enforcer in January 2026
- Adoption of a sustainable community model focused on long-term financial stability and volunteer-led delivery

Strategic Partnerships

Sponsors and Partners

The Foundation would like to thank our sponsors and partners:

- **Platinum Sponsor - Queen's / Artemis**
- **Silver Sponsor - Pinsent Masons**

Community Partners

- British Embassy Doha
- Al Tamimi
- Queen's Qatar
- Doha College
- Doha English Speaking School
- Lulu
- Deloitte
- The Edge Picture Company
- Waldorf Astoria Lusail
- Marhaba Information Guide
- Al Messila Hotel
- Hilton Pearl
- Creatives Amplified
- King's College

Their support has enabled the Foundation to expand its reach and strengthen community engagement.

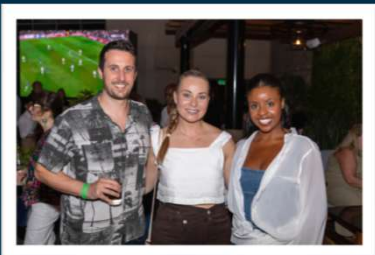


A Vibrant Community Calendar



Regular Community Programmes

- Weekly playgroups at Queen's Qatar, Doha College and King's College
- Monthly SEN coffee mornings, SEN family outings and support network
- Ask Me Anything sessions for new arrivals
- Padel taster sessions and league
- Teen social and sports activities
- Social mixers and networking events
- Quiz Night in June at Marina 29
- Consular awareness and preventative information sessions



Community Outcomes



Impact Beyond Events

Supporting Families

Regular playgroups welcomed families every week and helped new arrivals build support networks.

Supporting SEN Families

Dedicated SEN events created opportunities for families to connect, share experiences and access support.

Supporting Young People

Teen events provided safe social opportunities for British teenagers living in Qatar.

Supporting New Arrivals

Ask Me Anything sessions connected newcomers with experienced residents and professional experts.

Building Community

Mixers, AMA and padel events brought together long-term residents and new arrivals, strengthening community cohesion.

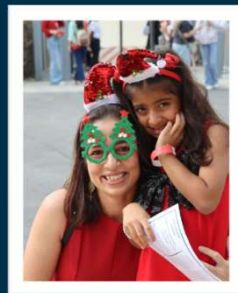
Community Impact – The Winter Bazaar

Friday 12 – Saturday 13 December 2025



The inaugural Winter Bazaar exceeded all expectations and established itself as the Foundation's flagship event.

- 1,500 tickets issued
- 1,061 attendees across two days
- Approximately 1,000 people on reserve lists
- 36 vendor stalls
- 100 volunteers per day
- Extensive support from community partners and sponsors



Growing Our Reach

Digital Engagement (as of June 2026): Social Media

Instagram - **2,049 followers**

Facebook - **856 followers**

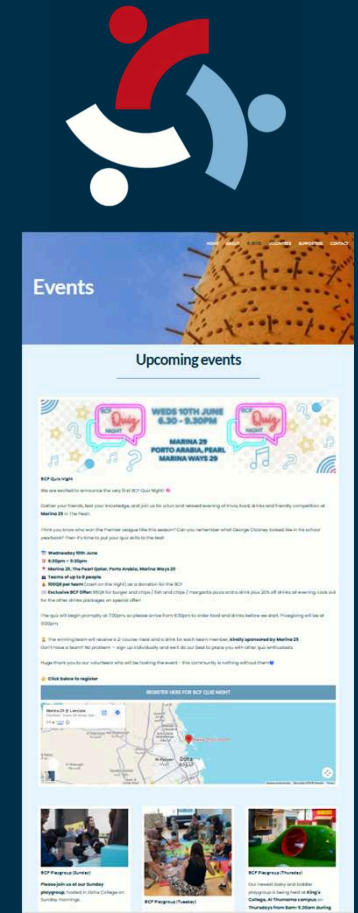
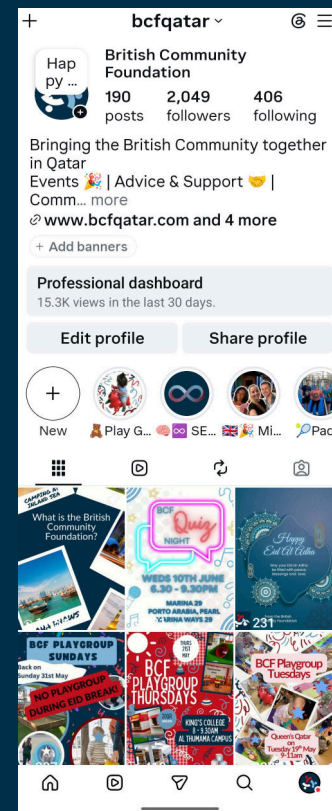
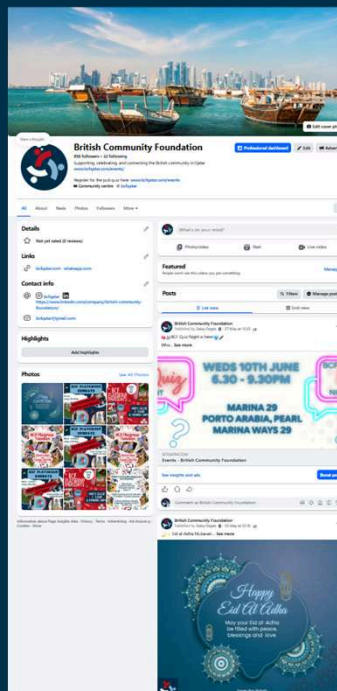
Website Engagement:

Events Page - 1,487 visitors

Homepage - 892 visitors

Volunteer Page - 288 visitors

The Foundation's digital channels continue to provide a vital connection point for British residents throughout Qatar.



Volunteers



Powered by Volunteers

Everything the Foundation achieves is made possible by our volunteers:

- Hosted playgroups
- Supported SEN initiatives and SEN-sational family outings
- Ran padel taster sessions and padel league
- Organised teen events
- Hosted the Social mixers
- Delivered the Winter Bazaar both behind the scenes for the months ahead and on the day
- Supported communications and outreach

Their commitment has been fundamental to the Foundation's success.

Looking Ahead (2026–2027)

Strategic Priorities:

Financial Sustainability

Growing sponsorship, fundraising and diversified revenue streams.

Community Engagement

Expanding regular events and introducing new activities including a Book Club and Quiz Nights.

Major Events

Building on the success of the Winter Bazaar and launching a British Community Sports Day.

Volunteer Development

Expanding volunteer leadership and community ownership.

Governance Excellence

Continuing to strengthen compliance, governance and operational resilience.

British-Qatari Connections

Creating opportunities to strengthen community partnerships and cultural engagement.



Thank you



Thank you to:

- Our volunteers
- Sponsors and supporters
- British Community Foundation Council Voting Members and Committee
- British Embassy Doha
- Community partners
- BCF Enforcer
- Every member of the British community who participated in our events and activities

Together we are building a stronger, more connected British community in Qatar.

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