



BCA'37UK
The Association for the UK Basque Children

2019 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

29 FEBRUARY 2020

Constitution

The original Association was formed in in November 2002 and in 2006 became a registered charity. In 2013 a new constitution was adopted when the membership side was closed and efforts were focused more on educational aspects. After deregistering from the Charity Commission in 2016, the Association was required to change its name to its current form, and it adopted a new, simpler constitution. This constitution was adopted on 9 November 2016. (Copies available from the secretary.)

The aim of the Association has not changed over the years and continues to be to advance the education of the public, academics and students in the subject of the exile in 1937 of 4,000 Basque children to the UK during the Spanish Civil War.

Activities

2019 has been a year of steady progress on all fronts relating to our aim of making the history of the Basque Children's evacuation to the UK better known.

We Have established and registered a new sister association in the Basque Country, **BCA'37UK - Euskadi (Asociación para los niños vascos evacuados a Gran Bretaña)** which we are sure will prove fruitful both for financial and general support to both the linked associations.

A most successful outcome of the meeting held in November 2017 has been the inauguration of the annual undergraduate essay prize. Following a generous donation by Prof and Mrs Tom Buchanan we are able to link £100 to the Natalia Benjamin Prize. The first winner was Joshua Burns, of the University of Southampton.

Interest in our history continues to grow as can be measured by the subscriber list to our bi-lingual eNotices/Boletín that is now over 400, while our followers on Twitter are over 450 and a continuing good presence on Facebook.

Our terms and conditions have clarified our position on privacy, the website use of copyrighted material and we now include a take-down policy to help avoid any unwitting infringements.

Our website continues to be the busy hub and showcase for our activities and has published a wide range of original articles in English and Spanish on academic topics and personal family histories. A new contributor is Ma Dolores (Lita) Power who has busily involved herself by translating several articles from Spanish to English.

As usual we continue to educate through events and exhibitions all over the UK - new territory includes a year-long tour of our exhibition in the island of Ireland (in conjunction with the Museum of Childhood Ireland Project).

We have helped organize and contributed to conferences, given talks in public - at Universities and Local History Societies, and also given private talks to schools.

Details of the public events and reports can be seen on our website in the ACTIVITIES page.

Our shop - either at events or online - continues to provide a valuable stream of income with new items being introduced regularly.

Donations we have a few loyal donors who form the backbone of our income, to whom we are very grateful.

We continue to have a seemingly never-ending stream of personal enquiries for family histories, and information for researchers and the media that we do what we can to help.

Na-mara have continued to grow in reputation and to act as ambassadors for us, thank you.

2019 saw the translation of two books that were published last year. *That Was Then, But This Is Now* by Andy Grigg, was translated into Spanish *Aquello fue entonces y así es ahora*. Secondly, *La Guerra Civil en Barakaldo* by Koldobika Lopez Grandoso was translated into English by Ma Dolores Power *The Spanish Civil War in Barakaldo - Eleven Months of Resistance*.

Archives that have been given to us have been transferred to The Special Collection, Hartley Library, University of Southampton and include a fascinating scrapbook/album belonging to Betty Arne - the first secretary of the Basque Children's Committee. We were very pleased to be told that our archives are among the most heavily consulted in the Special Collection.

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We continue to have a presence in the media both in UK and Spain, both in the press and on TV.

Our close links with IBMT continue and in July we laid a wreath at their annual commemoration at Jubilee Gardens.

The Association again made its annual contribution towards the cost of the annual *comida* for the *niños* and their families, organised by Luis Jarero and Amaya López.

We send our most sincere thanks to **all** those who have worked with us, supported us, contributed to the Association with talks, articles, exhibitions, design skills, translation skills, background research and in any other way - and to those who have let us know that they appreciate our work.

The trustees who have served throughout the year are: Natalia Benjamin, Willie Black, Carmen Kilner, Simon Martinez and Ed Packard.

Agents

Bankers: Co-operative Bank

On behalf of the Trustees

A.M.C.Kilner, Hon. Secretary..... Date.....

Annual Financial Report for BCA'37 UK for 2019

Summary of accounts from 1-1-19 to 30-10-19

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Starting balance 1-1-2019	£4960	£5292
End balance 31-12-19	£4918	£4960
Expenses (including accruals)	£5207	£4640
Income	£5165	£4308

Notes

Expenses

Travel: meetings, take exhibitions, or take part in events £2128
(refunded by hosts £750 – see income below
leaving a net expense of £1378

Stock and associated expenses: e.g. new exhibition, posters,
M Pinto Cards, leaflets, badges, prize certificates and frames £1216

Miscellaneous expenses: web site, stationery, postage
and trustee travel £ 710

Contribution towards the Annual Meal for *niños*, less this year
because of last year surplus £ 253

Accrued expenses carried forward to 2020

NB Prize money £ 100
Towards reprinting A Bell's *Only for Three Months* £ 500
Towards new BCA'37 keyrings £ 300
(all expenses agreed by trustees)
Total carried forward £ 900

Overall our expenses are low because all the people who work for the association are volunteers, not only do they not charge for their time but they often incur expenses for which they do not claim.

Income

Donations (Includes £500 for NB prize) £ 1584
Sales £ 939
Talks and exhibitions (£1000 from Ireland tour) £ 1892
Refunds for travel £ 750

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