



**Almaty International  
Women's Club**

# **2023 Annual Report**

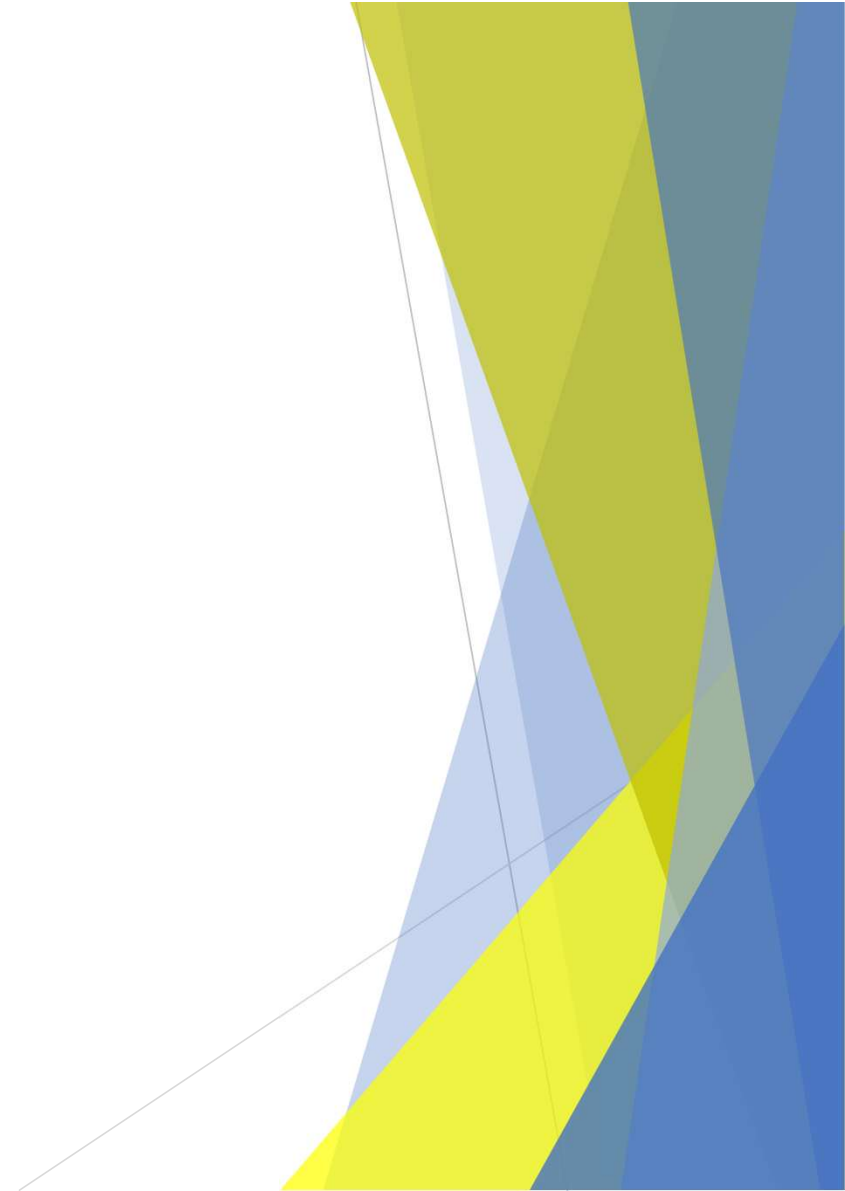
# OVERVIEW

- ❑ In 2023, AIWC members were actively involved in a range of activities, including hiking, participating in conversation groups in English, Italian, and Russian, engaging in arts and crafts, playing tennis, and attending cooking masterclasses that explore different cuisines from around the globe.
- ❑ Additionally, members immersed themselves in local culture outings and had fun through various events and celebrations organized by AIWC!
- ❑ Furthermore, AIWC's members also financially supported and organized charity events in partnership with the organizations we support, such as Ark Village, Seven Trees, Eldany Charity Foundation and DARA Foundation.



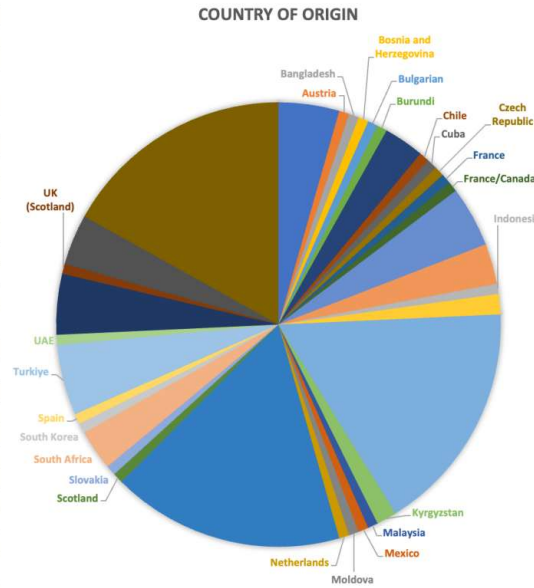
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Who we are



# MEMBERSHIP

Country of Origin	Count	%
Australia	6	4%
Austria	1	1%
Bangladesh	1	1%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	1%
Bulgarian	1	1%
Burundi	1	1%
Canada	4	3%
Chile	1	1%
Cuba	1	1%
Czech Republic	1	1%
France	1	1%
France/Canada	1	1%
Germany	6	4%
India	4	3%
Indonesia	1	1%
Iran	2	1%
Kazakhstan	23	17%
Kyrgyzstan	2	1%
Malaysia	1	1%
Mexico	1	1%
Moldova	1	1%
Netherlands	1	1%
Russia	23	17%
Scotland	1	1%
Slovakia	1	1%
South Africa	4	3%
South Korea	1	1%
Spain	1	1%
Turkiye	7	5%
UAE	1	1%
UK	6	4%
UK (Scotland)	1	1%
Ukraine	5	4%
USA	23	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100%</b>



At the end of 2023 :

We had **136** members from **34** different countries

-> membership increased by **32%** compared to the previous year.

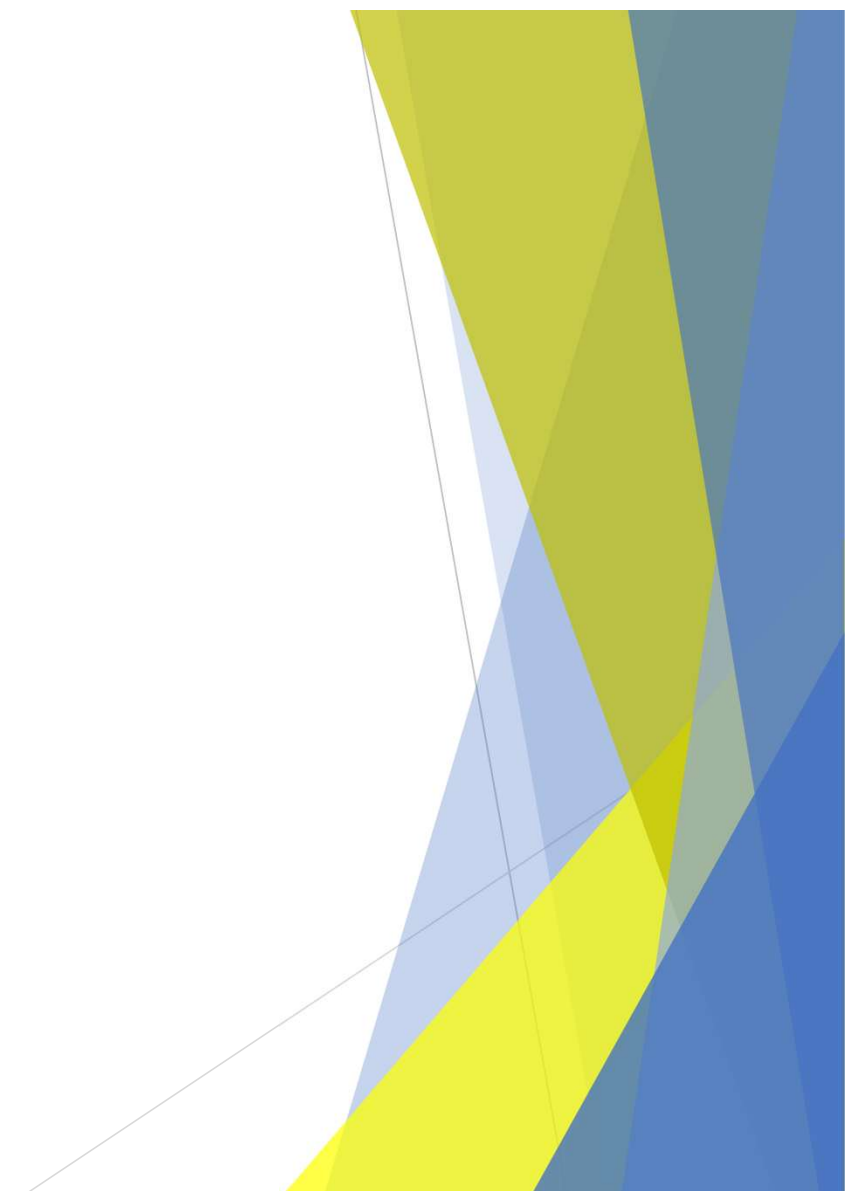
# OUR BOARD MEMBER IN 2023

## A special thanks to:

- Aigul Shamshydayeva / Director
- Elmira Iztleuova / Director
- Charity Fisk / President
- Lejla Sahovic / Vice President
- Michelle Bartkoske / Secretary
- Ozlem Guzel / Membership
- Sharon KusterSmith / Charities
- Lilia Stoyanovich / Bookkeeper
- Reka Todd & Ilka Funke / Treasurer
- Nadezhda (Nadia) Yeremina / Activities
- Rachel Owens / Communications
- Jenny Owen (Tanous) / Evening Edition
- Elena (Lena) Cheloyan / Fundraising



What we do



# Our activity classes....

## Sports:

- Hiking group (usually every Monday)
- Tennis and occasionally table tennis (once a week if possible)
- Ski club (in winter)

## Conversation and language clubs:

- English
- Russian (for beginners)

## Other classes:

- Arts and Crafts (irregular)
- Book club (once a month)
- Cooking masterclass (irregular)
- Evening addition (once a month)

And of course our Coffee morning every Wednesday!



## **...some of which helped raise funds for charity**

A heartfelt thank you to the members who helped us raise funds for charity through their activities:

- ✓ Saule organized soap-making and other craft sessions;
- ✓ Lyutsiya led a Christmas decoration workshop and provided beautiful flower arrangements for our club activities;
- ✓ Ozlem, Hurma, and Joan hosted very popular cooking masterclasses
- ✓ Vesna held a coffee brunch at her house, and also raised funds through clothing sale and a raffle.
- ✓ The cooking and hiking books, that members had put together in previous years, continued to be in demand and helped us raise funds.

**Together, these activities raised 840,000 tenge for our charity work!**



# Other social activities in 2023....

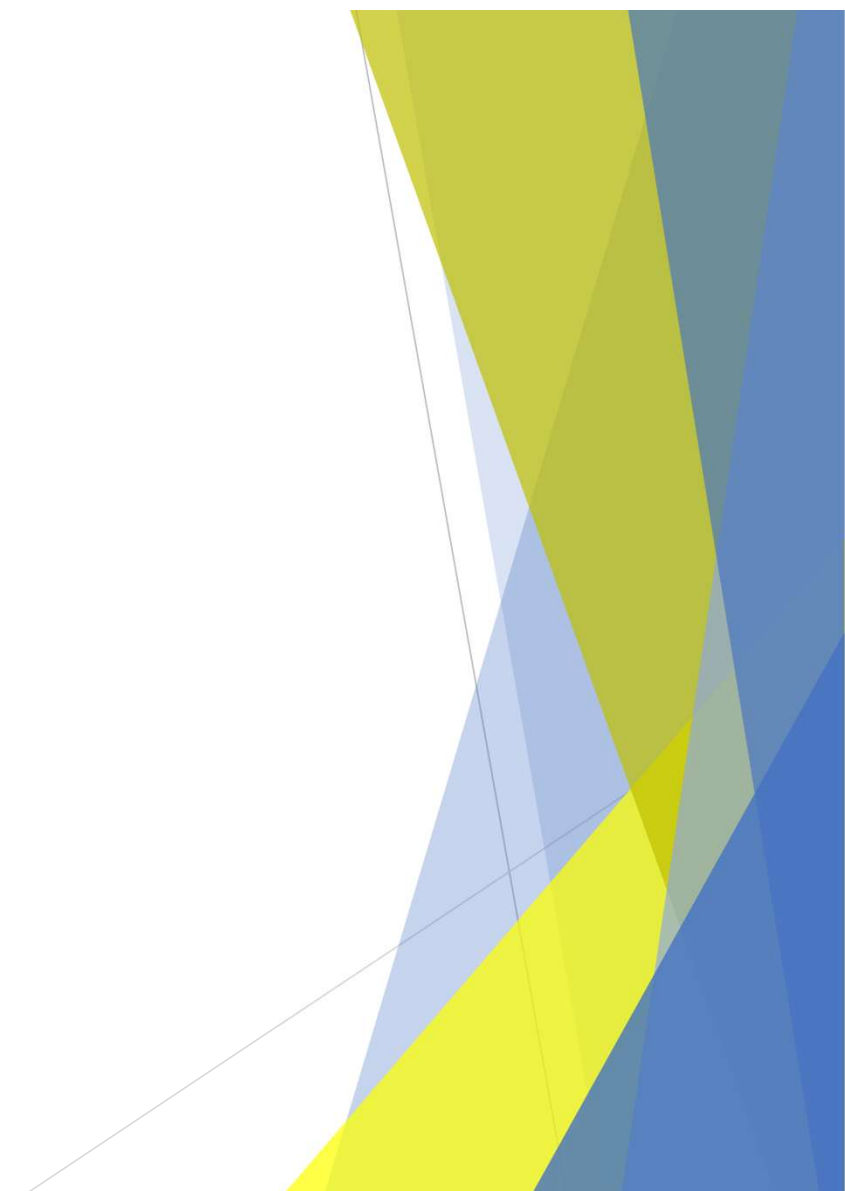
In 2023, AIWC and its members also arranged a number of other events:

- ✓ Members could delve into a variety of topics through **presentations** organized by the club, which include Instrumental Physiotherapy, a presentation on Third Culture Kids (Adults), hospital and health care providers, and a Cider Company.
- ✓ **Welcome Back Party, October 7th.** Around 90 members with their partners had a wonderful time chatting and reconnecting with each other, meeting new members, and dancing into the night.
- ✓ We celebrated **Nauryz and other Kazakh traditions**, including Maslenitsa, bustling vendor markets and cultural presentations at events.
- ✓ Celebration of **International Women's Day** with partners and families at Presto Restaurant, with breakfast, gifts, raffles and some fun activities for children.
- ✓ **Sundowner and evening edition** outings offer members a chance to unwind, enjoy drinks, and celebrate together.
- ✓ **Almaty Spring Bus Tour.** On April 23rd, 30 participants participated in a guided bus tour through Almaty.

## ... and social fundraisers

1. **AIWC Spring GALA Events, May 13<sup>th</sup>** . The GALA was a tremendous success, with 170 members and partners attending. Through dedicated fundraising activities like sponsorships and a raffle, the event helped raise 3,610,000 tenge for the charitable organizations that AIWC supports and 1 million in kind donation.
2. **Christmas Brunch, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** . The brunch has become a cherished tradition, allowing children and their families to visit Santa, sing holiday carols, and mingle over brunch. The event was also very successful in raising 995,000 tenge for our charity organizations!

# Our charity work



# CHARITY SUPPORTED IN 2023

**Ark Village**



**Ark Village** focuses on supporting children in need, particularly orphans and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The organization aims to provide a nurturing environment, educational opportunities, and various developmental programs to help these children thrive.



*Жеми Ағаш* • **Seven Trees**  
ҚОҒАМДЫҚ ҚОРЫ • ОБЩЕСТВЕННЫЙ ФОНД • PUBLIC FUND

**Seven Trees** focuses on social welfare, support for disadvantaged communities, environmental initiatives, or promoting education and cultural activities. Their focus is on women. They may engage in activities such as providing food, shelter, educational resources, and medical assistance to those in need.

**Eldany  
Charitable  
Foundation**

**Eldany** focuses on supporting various social initiatives and community development projects. The foundation typically aims to improve the quality of life for underprivileged groups, including children, families in crisis, and individuals in need of social and medical support.



**DARA Foundation** focuses on a variety of social, educational, and health initiatives aimed at improving the welfare of disabled children and vulnerable populations. The foundation often engages in projects that provide support for orphanages, educational programs, health campaigns, and social integration efforts for those in need.

# Our charity engagements (1)

## a. Seven Trees (1,661,000 tenge)

- For women's day, we funded and helped pack special gift bags for women, and through this provided toiletry items and important daily products to women in need.
- As part of our Gala fundraising activity, Kaspi provided Back to School Kids worth 1million tenge to Seven Tree families.
- We also provided financial support to fund the summer camp for children in need.



## b. Ark Village (1,015,200 tenge)

- We supported the general activities of his orphanage by donating 1 million TT
- At the village's holiday party, our very talented members also conducted special arts and crafts projects with the children.





# Our charity engagements

## c. Caritas Down Syndrome Christmas Party (820,000 tenge)

- On December 19th, the Club held a holiday celebration for 50 Children with Down Syndrome and their families at the Intercontinental Hotel. It was wonderful to see all the smiles and enjoyment this brought!

## d. Eldany Foundation (1,100,000 tenge)

- With our support, Eldany was able to buy a weaving machine, that helps their beneficiaries increase their income

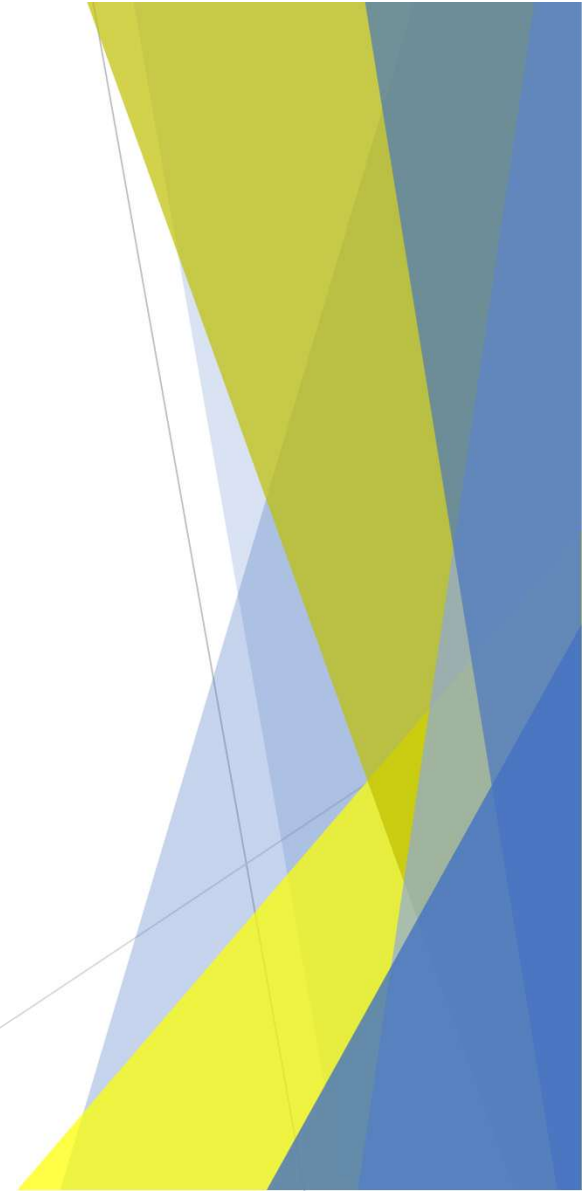
## e. DARA Foundation (1,000,000 tenge)

- Our donation helped DARA fund audio books for teachers and their students.



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# Our financials and new Board







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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023

## Balance Sheet AIWC as of December 2023:

	Ending balance 12/31/2023
<b>in Tenge:</b>	<b>17,625,922.44</b>
Bank account	8,440,477.00
Kaspi accounts	6,832,897.44
Cash	2,352,548.00
<b>In USD</b>	<b>20,154.00</b>
Bank account	13,188.00
Cash	6,966.00

Assets	
<b>1. Current Assets</b>	<b>26,762,597</b>
a, Cash	
- in Tenge	2,352,548
- in USD*	3,157,987
b, Kaspi	6,832,897
c, Bank	
- in Tenge	8,440,477
- in USD*	5,978,687
<b>2. Fixed assets</b>	-
<b>3. Other assets</b>	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>26,762,597</b>

Liabilities	
Short term liabilities	
Account payables	43,000
Long term liabilities	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>43,000</b>
Equity	
General Purpose fund	
- prior to 2023	20,857,142
- from 2023	5,862,455
<b>Equity</b>	<b>26,719,597</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and equity</b>	<b>26,762,597</b>

## Cash flow Statement 2023:

Income	Total
Membership donations	5,375,000.00
Donations for books	199,000.00
Social / Fundraising activities	12,348,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,922,200.00</b>
Expenditures	Total
Administrative fees	415,725.00
Charities (monetary donations)	4,596,400.00
Reimbursements for Club activities / classes	120,339.16
AIWC Social Events / Fundraiser	6,927,280.40
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,059,744.56</b>

Notes: The following charity foundations received direct monetary support:  
Ark Village, Dara, Eldany and Seven Trees.

\* Exchange rate for USD conversion as per XE.com of December 31, 2023: 1 USD = 453.34 KZT

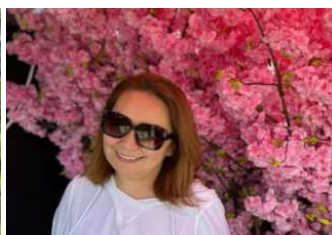
# NEW BOARD MEMBERS 2024



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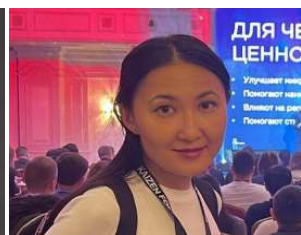
**Aigul Syamshildayeva**  
Founding Director



**Elmira Iztileuova**  
Founding Director



**Natalia Inkina**  
President



**Elmira Kovylin**  
Vice President 1



**Elena Forlova**  
Vice President 2



**Nausheen Rahman**  
Events Coordinator



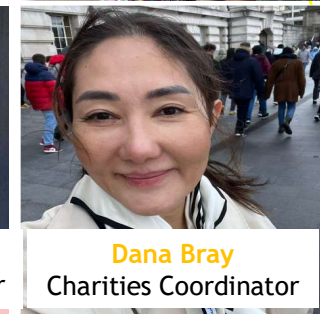
**Ilka Funke**  
Treasurer



**Ruzita (Rozy) Hanis**  
Secretary



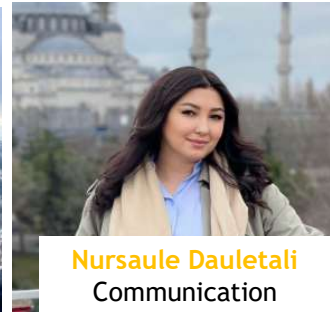
**Mia Amalia**  
Membership Coordinator



**Dana Bray**  
Charities Coordinator



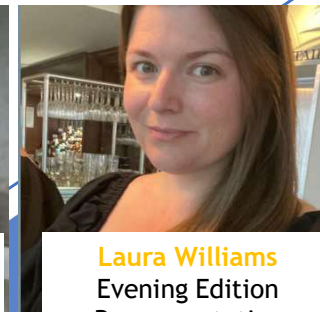
**Svetlana Pokrovskia**  
Fundraising  
Coordinator



**Nursaula Dauletali**  
Communication  
Coordinator



**Nadezda Yeremina  
(Nadia)**  
Program Coordinator



**Laura Williams**  
Evening Edition  
Representative

**Welcome to  
the elected  
Board 2024!**