



Maccabi GB is Britain's leading Jewish Sports, Health and Wellbeing charity and has flourished for over 80 years. The Organisation focuses on three central areas of work: Sport, Community and informal education.

[Maccabi GB's](#) mission is to support the long-term future of British Jewry by engaging and developing the entire Jewish Community with a broad range of sporting, educational, social and health and wellbeing activities, whilst promoting Jewish Identity and the centrality of Israel.

The role and remit of Maccabi GB has grown significantly over the past decade. Through our projects, programmes and events each year, we engage up to 100,000 people nationally. Today, Maccabi GB and its education projects operate in 65 Jewish schools and over 100 mainstream schools; it delivers daily PE Curriculum lessons, inter-school Sports Tournaments, a range of National Curriculum programmes on the subject of PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) and RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) and anti-discrimination education across the country.

Maccabi GB offers sports provision to all ages and abilities across the Community. The [Maccabi GB Community Fun Run](#), which in 2022 celebrated its 16th year, engaged over 85 communal Charities and Schools and 5,000 participants and spectators. Over £2 million has been raised over the life of this event, held at StoneX Stadium, (previously Allianz Park). It is the largest Communal fundraising event in the Jewish calendar and reaches across all generations, who can walk or run 1, 5 or 10km routes. In 2022, the second [London Interfaith Fun Run](#) was held in partnership with the Faith and Belief Forum and the Greater London Lieutenancy. Hundreds of runners and spectators took part in the run to fundraise for causes ranging from climate change, food banks and homelessness to interfaith, refugees and asylum seekers, represented by over 50 charities.



Maccabi GB delivers Health and Wellbeing programmes directly to the Community, through partnerships built with several organisations aiming its services to people of all ages, abilities and social backgrounds. With a renewed focus on [Grassroots Sports](#), Maccabi GB is offering a range of activities for the Community, including weekly clubs in table tennis, basketball, walking football and many more, aiming to provide sporting opportunities for all. Maccabi GB offer social inclusion programmes working alongside our partners in this field including Langdon, Kisharon and JCoSS. The highlight of this is a biennial [Elliott Simmons Maccabi Challenge Israel Tour](#) for young people with mild to moderate special educational needs and disabilities; Challenge will be taking place in October 2023 following a 5-year hiatus.

International sporting events are an important element of the annual programme. The [Maccabiah Games](#) takes place every 4 years and is referred to as the Jewish Olympics. It plays host to over 10,000 Jewish athletes from 80 countries. Maccabi GB took a delegation of over 500 to the 21st Maccabiah in Israel in summer 2022. In the intermittent two years the [European Maccabi Games](#), the Pan-American Maccabi Games are held as well as the annual JCC Maccabi Games.



Informal Education has become core to the Maccabi GB programme with over 50,000 young people reached in 150 Jewish and non-Jewish primary and secondary schools on a yearly basis. With topics ranging from anti-bullying, online safety, relationships & sex education, discrimination and mental health, Maccabi GB aims to empower and inform young people, giving them the skills and tools necessary to lead healthy lives whilst taking a leading role in tackling injustices of all types.

The [Streetwise](#) project (run in partnership with [CST](#)) will reach over 30,000 young people this year, engaging them in informal education sessions based on the National Curriculum subjects of PSHE and RSE, supported by and in partnership with a number of national organisations and educational charities. A Personal Safety provision aims to teach young people street awareness and Krav Maga techniques. The informal nature of Streetwise sessions enables an instant connection between facilitators and young people, creating a safe space to discuss sensitive topics in a fun and informal environment, guided by the facilitator's in-depth knowledge and ability to engage. Maccabi GB and Streetwise work in partnership with Jami developing a range of new programmes on Mental Health for Secondary school students.



[Stand Up! Education Against Discrimination](#) was launched in 2017 to provide anti-discrimination education, with a focus on antisemitism and anti-Muslim hate, to young people in mainstream schools. Since its inception, the interfaith project delivered engaged over 65,000 students in 130 schools across Great Britain. Stand Up! has become a leading educational project in the field of Hate Crime education, working in partnership with a plethora of organisations such as MOPAC, Meta, Solutions Not Sides, HET, the National Holocaust Centre and many others. Through interactive workshops (which have shown impressive results through monitoring & evaluation project led by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue), and its bespoke inter-school Leadership programme, Stand Up! seeks to empower young people to act against all forms of discrimination, racism, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred, whilst developing their sense of social responsibility to their local communities and British society as a whole.



Maccabi GB's '[Leadership by Streetwise](#)' is a four-year programme accredited by [Sports Leaders UK](#). It engages 100 young people each year. Leadership participants receive qualifications and skills needed to lead sports sessions, coach teams and run sporting events, inspiring the Community through their passion for sport. The Residential Weekends are a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and make friends from all over the UK, learn about Israel and Judaism, enjoy a vibrant Shabbat atmosphere and have an amazing time away. Leadership creates a pathway into the organisation for its young leaders. Graduates of the programme go on to become Streetwise & Maccabi GB staff, managers and coaches at International Games and Trustees of the Organisation.

Within the area of education, the [Yellow Candle](#) project, is a practical and informal educational tool to remember Jewish victims of the Holocaust on Yom HaShoah. Yellow Candle broadens participants' understanding of the Holocaust, in the safe space of their homes. Maccabi GB distributes yellow remembrance candles to as many individuals in the community as possible, (36,000 in 2022); with each Yellow Candle is a card with the name, age, date, and place of death of someone who was murdered in the Holocaust. Participants are invited to share images of their lit candles on social media on the eve of Yom HaShoah, thereby creating a modern-day collective communal memorial.



Maccabi GB is proud to have the largest single-day event in the Community, the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run, to be the largest deliverer of informal education within the Community with its Streetwise, Stand Up! and the School Sports Programmes and, with its Yellow Candle Project, have the largest Holocaust remembrance initiative within the Community.

