



Border Community Alliance

Nonprofit Border Community Alliance At-a-Glance

Origins

Border Community Alliance grew out of relationships with people who wanted to promote binational collaboration between nonprofit organizations. They sought to encourage a more balanced narrative about Mexico to replace the media's narrow focus of drugs, violence and immigration.

Mission

Border Community Alliance is bridging the border and fostering community through education, collaboration and cultural exchange.

Vision

To support the educational, public policy, social, cultural and economic development of the US/Mexico border region in order to improve the quality of life for border communities.

Values

- We believe in social investment to elevate a strong sense of international community, not charity.
- We seek to listen and learn from each other, rather than presume we know it all.
- We respect the cultures and traditions of both Mexico and the United States and advocate for wider public knowledge.
- We value working together with like-minded organizations and individuals on both sides of the border.
- We welcome participation in our programs regardless of one's viewpoint of immigration.

Programs & Initiatives

Cross Border Tours - BCA offers cross-border intercultural experiences from Arizona into Mexico and beyond for anyone interested in learning first-hand about the diverse heritage and realities of contemporary life in the shared border region.

The Borderlands Forum - Programming that seeks to promote understanding and appreciation of the borderlands as a cross-cultural, binational resource. The forum provides focus, energy and quality to our educational mission. Our aim is to be a clear, strong voice advocating mutual respect for the cultural diversity of the US-Mexico border region.

BCA Internship Program - The BCA Internship Program seeks to give participants broad exposure and provide hands-on experience to the realities of border life. Interns experience perspectives from both sides of the border—politically, culturally, socially, and environmentally.

Geographic Scope

Southern Arizona and Northern Mexico

Affiliates

Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense A.C. [FESAC], is an independent community foundation integrated by the Mexican state of Sonora's business organizations with a council formed by Sonoran businessmen and based in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.