

# South East Integration Network

Minutes of Network Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
at Bike for Good Glasgow South, 539 Victoria Road / Langside Lane, G42 8BH

<b>Present:</b>	Emma Aitken	Pollokshields Development Agency / SEIN
	Rachel Anderson	Glasgow South East Carers Centre
	Marzanna Antoniak	Govanhill Community Development Trust
	Shgufta Anwar	Bike for Good Glasgow South
	Ghizala Avan	Amina MWRC
	Ellie Bather	Glasgow South East Carers Centre
	Eileen Baxendale	Castlemilk Community Church
	Tracey Burns	Families Outside
	Meg Camley	Home Start Glasgow South
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Thiago Carmo	Passion 4 Social
	Cristina Chirilov	Govanhill Housing Association
	Jola Dolewska	South Seeds
	Carrie Donnelly	The Alliance
	Ruth Forsythe	Finn's Place / SEIN
	Andrea Gillespie	The Hidden Gardens
	Godsal	Glendale Women's Café
	Anne Kinghorn	MEARS
	Karen Krawczyk	SEIN
	Euan McLeod	Southside Housing Association
	Penny Macleod	The Well / SEIN
	Clare McBrien	Givin' it Laldie
	Kirsty McDonald	The Alliance
	Daniel McMahon	Youth Community Support Agency (YCSA)
	Jennifer Mitchell	The National Lottery Community Fund
	Angie Mwafurirwa	African Women's Network / SEIN
	Jen O'Brien	Music Broth
	Reginald Oko-flex Inya	Migrant Help
	Mary Rocks	Glasgow Life
	Annette Smith	MEARS
	Lorna Smith	MEARS
	Anne Strachan	Community Member
	Margo Uprichard	The Space

**Apologies:** Asma Abdalla (Empower Women for Change), Lucinda Broadbent (Media Co-op, Loraine Devine (Sparcs), Philomena Ezemonye (SEIN), Kirsty Hood (Inhouse CIC), Bill Lawns (Nan McKay Hall), Mary Milligan (Jeely Piece Club), Frankie Rose (The Alliance), Katie Sproull (Interfaith Glasgow), Emma Straughan (SAMH), Lynnda Wardle (Interfaith Glasgow), Rumpus Room

## **1 Welcome**

Meeting chaired by Penny Macleod (SEIN Chair), all welcomed & wished a happy new year. Thanks given to Bike for Good for hosting this meeting.

## **2 Minutes of last meeting**

Proposed by Godsal, Seconded by Reginald

### **3 Presentations**

#### **South Seeds (Jola Dolewska)**

Jola updated the meeting about South Seeds services. They now have funding to deliver these over the next 2 years. South Seeds support residents living in the southside (Govanhill, Crosshill, Mount Florida and Pollokshields) with energy advice & offer home visit energy audits (45 minutes to 1 hour) & a follow up report. They can check your eligibility for any grants available to help with energy costs (such as the Warm Home Discount). A leaflet is available with simple energy actions – produced in English, Romanian & Slovak. Other services include the South Seeds Tool Library. Check website for all the tools available and book online.

Currently available for energy information and visits on Mon, Wed and Thurs (this may change in the near future) or Tool Library on Tues and Thurs (3-6pm). Energy advice is free, Tool Library membership is by donation (or gift of a tool!).

Based at 514 Victoria Road - Contact: 0141 636 3959 / [jola@southseeds.org](mailto:jola@southseeds.org)

Website: [www.southseeds.org](http://www.southseeds.org)

Penny gave congratulations to South Seeds on behalf of the network, for receiving funding to deliver these services over the next two years.

#### **The National Lottery Community Fund (Jennifer Mitchell)**

Jennifer is one of a team of eight funding advisors in Glasgow.; she covers the South of Glasgow, along with her colleague Dee Gildea. Alice Cassels also covers the south (with city-wide remit). In 2018-19 TNL Community Fund made 246 new grants in Glasgow, totalling 10.7 million. The criteria for awarding funding are: People Led, Strengths based and Connected - the focus is on these 3 criteria rather than milestones and outcomes. If you have received funding you can apply again 6 months before your project ends. Local funding advisors are keen to get out more in the community. Jennifer would be happy to come along to speak to groups/at events etc.

Contact: [Glasgow@ntlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:Glasgow@ntlcommunityfund.org.uk) / 0141 242 1400

### **4 Welcome to New Board Members**

Penny welcomed the 3 new SEIN board members – Angie Mwafulirwa, Emma Aitken & Karen Krawczyk - who introduced themselves to the network.

### **5 Updates**

**Givin' it Laldie** – running 8 sessions pre week (singer/songwriting). Looking for new board members (have a board buddy scheme to support new members)

**Families Outside** – Still running monthly peer support group for children & young people affected by imprisonment. New project: working with primary schools for children on the child protection register. Through SEIN meetings, are collaborating with Music Broth & are really pleased with the impact of this collaboration. Future project planned around having fun with the whole family.

**Castlemilk Community Church** – joint project with Interfaith Glasgow: an Interfaith Gala Day on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 12-4 with lunch included. Travel expenses available. Opportunity to hold stalls / run activities / provide food. For more info contact [lynnda@interfaithglasgow.org](mailto:lynnda@interfaithglasgow.org)

**The Alliance** – Carrie & Kirsty are Community Links Workers based at Gorbals Health Centre. There are 3 Links Workers in the Gorbals, 3 in Govanhill & 1 in Castlemilk. Supporting patients in a non-medical way with health and wellbeing issues support with attending appointments, signposting other services etc. Only criteria for referral is that person needs to be registered with a GP. Details of name, telephone number and consent to contact only required. Self-referral also possible. Ruth C will circulate list of Links Workers names & contact details.

**Glendale Women's Café** – Successful with Ward6 funding, allowing them to continue running their weekly café sessions this year. See their Facebook and website for programme. Working with Glasgow Women's Library on zine making for 4-5 weeks. Visit to Paisley Museum on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – still spaces on the bus. Contact if anyone would like to join: [theglendalewomenscafe@gmail.com](mailto:theglendalewomenscafe@gmail.com)

**African Women's Network** – have been operating for just under a year. Changing name to Scottish African Women's Network. Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan; holding a 'goal setting' event at Glasgow Caledonian University. Also planning an event on 21<sup>st</sup> March to mark their first anniversary. Hoping to incorporate heritage work in the future.

**The Space** – Running craft group, cooking groups, literacy group & college access course. Arranging a visit to Glasgow University.

**Southside Housing Association** - running children's holiday food programme in February holiday. Always looking for volunteers. Also looking for contacts for voluntary food delivery schemes.

**Glasgow Life** - rolling programmes of ESOL classes. Creative Writing course at Langside Library (Weds). If anyone is looking for a literacy tutor, can offer one for a couple of hours a week & keen to work in partnership. Contact: [Mary.Rocks@glasgowlife.org.uk](mailto:Mary.Rocks@glasgowlife.org.uk)

**Passion 4 Social** – Social Enterprise, employing people with disabilities. Created SEIN website (first client!)

**Bike for Good:** community room available to hire – now with newly installed accessible toilet. Shop currently open as usual but taking a break from community projects throughout January while they plan for the year ahead. Rides and lessons etc will start back in February.

**Glasgow South East Carers Centre** – Ellie & Rachel both new to post (first SEIN meeting). Hosting an event on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan to celebrate Young Carers Day, where Young Carers from across Glasgow South will be participating in activities to help raise awareness of Young Carers. If network members would like to make a referral, contact 0141 423 0728 for more info.

**YCSA** – offering counselling for people aged 16-25 yrs, ESOL for beginners and intermediate. Homework and film clubs for 12-18yrs. Printing & Photography workshops (with Rumpus Room) on Thursdays (6-8pm). Cooking club on Mondays (6-8pm) for 8 weeks.

**Pollokshields Development Agency** – Some projects winding down at the moment (end of funding). Community Fridge continuing to be a success – have redistributed 11 tons of food (420% over target!).

**Finn's Place** – Burns Night Ceilidh on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.30pm. 'Men Talking' event on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> January (7.30pm) for those interested in a men's group at Finn's Place – discussing what this would look like.

**Karen (SEIN)** - Event on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb (10am-4pm) as part of Firestarter festival: [How could regeneration increase social equality in Govanhill?](#)

**Home Start Glasgow South** – 2 volunteer training courses starting at the end of Jan. Looking for Befriending volunteers for family support, and 1-1 tutors for English speaking. 3 vacancies advertised at the moment, deadline 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**Amina MWRC** – From money received from The National Lottery and SEIN funding, have developed project using art as a way for women to talk about their mental health. Now extending the project to work with older, disabled and young women. Exhibition at end of the project.

**Govanhill Housing Association** – focus on waste management. Will be holding more litter picks in next month or so; details to come.

**Music Broth** – big programme of work starting now. Groups for 12-16yrs and 16yrs+ Lots of activities planned over next few months. Held fundraiser just before Christmas which was very successful – thanks to all those who came & shared the event. This has allowed them to replenish their hardship fund.

**Govanhill Community Development Trust** - Marzanna is the Community Connector employed by Health and Social Care partnership, based at Govanhill Community Development Trust. Event on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: 'Let's Draw Health in Govanhill'. Holding employers market event in February.

**Migrant Help** – if anyone is experiencing issues with asylum seeker accommodation, contact Reginald: [Reginald.OkoFlex@migranthelpuk.org](mailto:Reginald.OkoFlex@migranthelpuk.org)

**MEARS** – Now employing 17 Welfare Managers across Glasgow providing 1-1 support and looking to develop local links. Work to be done around everyone having a greater understanding of the new contract (suggested a presentation at future SEIN meeting). For accommodation issues, Migrant Help are first point of contact.

**The Hidden Gardens** - Audio-guide tours available in English and Urdu, plus guided tours offered in Urdu and Arabic. Opportunities for volunteers (for weekdays and weekends) will be opening in next few months. Men's group is very successful – this is full at the moment, but spaces do become available as people come and go. Applications for raised beds will be available later in the year. Women's Cultural Cookery programme (Thursdays 12.30-2.30): 1 place currently free for someone requiring crèche space.

**The Well** – Celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – will be holding an event on 11<sup>th</sup> March, watch this space for invite!

### **Updates in absence**

**Rumpus Room** – new programme for January with events & creative opportunities for young people

### **6 Development Worker Update**

**Training** – We are putting on two full-day training sessions, which will work well in conjunction, but also can be stand alone: 'Accessibility & Intersectionality' on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb & 'Working with Conflict' on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March. Open to SEIN members – 2 places available per organisation. If you would like to attend, please return registration form to Ruth C as soon as possible.

**New office** – A reminder to get any new flyers / literature to Ruth C so the office holds up to date information. The office space is available for SEIN members to use for hot desking / meeting space. Contact Ruth C to discuss.

**International Women's Day** – Let Ruth C know if you are organising anything around International Women's Day (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March)

**Membership fees** – The SEIN board will be discussing options for introducing SEIN membership fees, to help keep us sustainable. This will be developed in communication with members; Ruth C will be in touch about this. If any thoughts at the moment, please contact Ruth.

### **7 AOCB**

None

### **8 Dates of next meetings**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12noon at Maureen Cope Community Hall (201 Arden Craig Road G45 0JJ)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-12noon, venue TBC