

# South East Integration Network

Minutes of Network Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
at Maureen Cope Community Hall, 201 Ardencraig Road, G45 0JJ

<b>Present:</b>	Emma Aitken	Pollokshields Development Agency / SEIN
	Eileen Baxendale	Castlemilk Community Church / SEIN
	Donna Borokinni	Food for Life
	Gráinne Broderick	Glasgow Life
	Caitlin Brown	MEARS
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Cristina Chirilov	Govanhill Housing Association
	Susan Clark	Glasgow South East Carers Centre
	Louise Dorrian	Glasgow Science Centre
	Nahom Ghebrehiwet	Freedom from Torture
	Dee Gildea	The National Lottery Community Fund
	Kirsty Hood	Inhouse CIC – Queen's Park Arena
	Mark Hudson	Glasgow Life (Sport)
	Leanne Jamieson	Alliance Scotland (Community Links Worker)
	Grace Mark	The Hidden Gardens
	Clare McBrien	Givin' it Laldie
	Karen McDonagh	Maureen Cope Community Hall
	Kirsty McDonald	Alliance Scotland (Community Links Worker)
	Laura McEwing	Alliance Scotland (Community Links Worker)
	Alison McKenna Breen	Health Improvement Team (South)
	Angie Mwafulirwa	African Women's Network / SEIN
	Felix Slavin	Music Broth
	Annette Smith	MEARS
	Lorna Smith	MEARS
	Lorna Stubb Davies	Bike for Good Glasgow South
	Joanna Young	Govanhill Baths Community Trust

**Apologies:** Marzanna Antoniak (Govanhill Thriving Place), Meg Camley (Home Start Glasgow South / SEIN), Claire Cooke (Women's Support Project), Loraine Devine (SPARCS), Jola Dolewska (South Seeds), Jennifer Ferguson (Govanhill HA), Ruth Forsythe (Finns Place / SEIN), Godsai (Glendale Women's Café), Anne Kinghorn (MEARS), Karen Krawczyk (SEIN), Lisa Martin (Glasgow HSCP), Penny Macleod (The Well / SEIN), Elena Silich (Bridges Programmes), Michael Timmons (Playlist for Life), Amina MWRC, The Space, YCSA

## 1 Welcome

Meeting chaired by Emma who introduced herself as a new SEIN board member. All welcomed & thanked for making it out despite the weather!

## 2 Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Lorna Smith, Seconded by Eileen Baxendale

## 3 Presentations

### **Glasgow Science Centre (Louise Dorrian)**

Louise presented on the community development work of Glasgow Science Centre. With

funding from Wellcome Trust, they are working to input organisational change; redirecting how the Science Centre engages with different audiences & reaches new communities. Their aim is to support social change through learning about science. The project will follow a community development & popular education approach, with a phased model of building relationships, trust & presence in areas which wouldn't normally interact with the Science Centre. Louise encouraged anyone working with community groups to get in touch. They are very flexible in terms of how they can interact with your group. They can provide transport / refreshments where needed, & can also arrange external trips (e.g. to Whitelee Wind Farm). There is a new community hub being built within Science Centre (should be finished around Easter). Contact: [Louise.Dorrian@glasgowsciencecentre.org](mailto:Louise.Dorrian@glasgowsciencecentre.org)

#### **Glasgow Code Learning Project (Gráinne Broderick)**

Gráinne presented on Glasgow Life's Glasgow Code Learning Project, which aims to extend the current provision of basic IT training beyond the library network and in to the community. Training can be delivered for free at your location (they can provide laptops & wifi). The training offered on site is basic Level 3 however learners will be encouraged to work from entry level computer basics up to a level 7 industry recognised coding qualification if they so wish. The training will be tailored to learner & group needs (i.e. could be delivered in a block, or drop-in sessions). Learners are registered as college students (with the associated access & discounts). Please get in touch if interested to find out more – contact: [irene.cree@glasgowlife.org.uk](mailto:irene.cree@glasgowlife.org.uk)

## **4 Updates**

**Community Links Workers (The Alliance)** – Laura introduced herself as a new Community Links Worker based in Castlemilk

**Givin' it Laldie** – Gorbals-based music charity. Can sometimes help with entertainment for community events (helpful if there is money available). Looking for new board members. Contact: [givin.it.laldie@gmail.com](mailto:givin.it.laldie@gmail.com)

**Queen's Park Arena** – have published their season report from last year. Looking to invite collaborations going forward. For 2020, planning a choir even in May, flower show in June, sports activities (linked to Glasgow Games) in July, and Harvest Festival in September.

**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.

**The National Lottery Community Fund** – Dee introduced herself as one of the funding officers for South Glasgow. She and Jennifer Mitchell hope to rotate attendance at SEIN network meetings.

**Freedom from Torture** – currently recruiting for new 'Community Connectors' volunteers – supporting their service users to access community activities. Travel expenses & lunch

covered (& 6 weeks free gym membership offered). For details, see:

<https://seinglasgow.org.uk/jobsvolunteering>

**Music Broth** – youth & adult workshops running at the moment. Access to musical instruments available as usual

**Glasgow South East Carers Centre** – Susan introduced herself as the young carer education worker. Keen to connect with community groups working with young people to identify young carers.

**The Hidden Gardens** – Organising a Climate Fair on 16<sup>th</sup> May – invite to orgs who are working locally around climate change to get involved. Hoping to do 3 events over the year about climate change. Also holding a volunteer taster session in March. Men's Group are currently taking new people. Contact: [grace@thehiddengardens.org.uk](mailto:grace@thehiddengardens.org.uk)

**MEARS:** new welfare managers: still a growing team. Anything we could help with or add value to, please get in touch. Contact: [Lorna.Smith@mearshousing.co.uk](mailto:Lorna.Smith@mearshousing.co.uk)

**Glasgow Life (Sport)** – boxing project in Castlemilk (specifically for local young males known to criminal justice system). Free women-only self-defence classes – every Wednesday 12.45-2.15 at Govanhill Neighbourhood Centre (contact: [info@wingsjunsotland.co.uk](mailto:info@wingsjunsotland.co.uk))

**Govanhill Baths Community Trust** – Jan-March 'What's On' programme out including various free wellbeing classes. Women on the Mend course (free 12-week course for women out of work or not in formal education, from G41/G42).

**Health Improvement Team (South)** – International Women's Day event on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March in Govanhill (in partnership with Govanhill Baths & other local community orgs) – will also be the launch of the Women's Health Network. 'What's the Harm?' training, starting week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Castlemilk Community Church** – Gala Day on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 12-4pm (joint event with Interfaith Glasgow). Including stalls, food, activities (e.g. with Music Broth, Bike for Good, The Hidden Gardens). Targeted at New Scots (though all welcome). Get in touch if you'd like a stall. Refugee & Asylum Seeker travel expenses will be paid (please register in advance if possible). Contact: [weekend@interfaithglasgow.org](mailto:weekend@interfaithglasgow.org) / 07511044814

**African Women's Network** – First Anniversary Event on 21<sup>st</sup> March, dinner, theme: Footsteps of a Mother (ticketed - £25)

**Pollokshields Development Agency** – closing Community Fridge on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, hopefully temporary (dependant on funding). If you have anyone who uses it, please make them aware. PDA staff can signpost to other places. Scottish Arab Women's Association: Saturday Club, come with a dish, children welcome: every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at Pollokshields Community Centre.

**Bike for Good Glasgow South** – Looking for more board members: great opportunity to have experience in a growing charity, particularly looking for more diversity, please get in touch if interested. Have had a few weeks of planning over winter, now community programme is back on. Youth Fix Your Own Bike every Tues @ 3.30pm. Ladies Beginner Rides on Thursdays. Learn to ride kids club @ 3.15pm on Thursdays. Fix Your Own Bike from

5pm on Thursdays. Women-only Bike Maintenance ('Spokes not Blokes') on the first Tuesday of every month. Film: 'Why We Cycle' on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm. Leap Year Bike Ride on 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, leaving at 9.30am from Bike for Good.

**Food for Life** – Donna introduced herself as the Engagement Officer for Intergenerational Food Programme 'Food for Life' (with Soil Association) - bringing different generations together around food. Small grants are now open: up to £150 available to support events (can include food, staffing costs etc). Support for organising event also offered. Deadline: 26<sup>th</sup> Feb (payments made 1<sup>st</sup> April). Outdoor Food Activity Training on 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Maureen Cope Community Hall** – Women's Group 'Bright Sparks' hosting an International Women's Day event on 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Govanhill Housing Association** – Organising litter picks in Govanhill: every Thurs, 3pm, meeting at Govanhill Library: want to extend this to a yearly project & looking for other orgs to partner with. Zero Waste Scotland week in March. Contact Cristina: [cchirilov@govanhillha.org](mailto:cchirilov@govanhillha.org)

### Updates in absence

**Govanhill Community Connector (Thriving Place)** - Govanhill Ceilidh on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at The Point. Govanhill Communication & Engagement Strategy meeting for local groups & organisations on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5.30-8pm. Contact Marzanna: [mantoniak@govanhillha.org](mailto:mantoniak@govanhillha.org)

**Amina MWRC** – Fundraising Ladies Dinner "Championing Community Angels" on Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March (tickets £25)

**Glasgow Southside Woodcraft Folk** – have received funding so can offer free places and travel expenses for up to five 6-12 year-old asylum seeker or refugee children. Please spread the word. We meet near or in Queens Park (depending on the time of year) on Wednesdays 5.30-6.45 during term time. Contact: [southsidewoodies@gmail.com](mailto:southsidewoodies@gmail.com)

## **5 Development Worker Update**

**Small Grants for World Refugee Day** – Applications are open for Scottish Refugee Council's Small Grants towards events around World Refugee Day (20<sup>th</sup> June). Events should take place between 13<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> July. Deadline for applications: 8<sup>th</sup> March

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

**SEIN Training** – Two upcoming training sessions ('Accessibility & Inclusion' on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb & 'Working with Conflict' on 12<sup>th</sup> March). Both are mostly full now, but contact Ruth C if you would like to attend & she will let you know if there are spaces available.

**New office** – Thanks given to all who made it along to the office opening last month. Invitation to visit, and as reminder that the office space is available for SEIN members to use for hot desking / meeting space. Contact Ruth C to discuss.

**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.

## **6 AOCB**

None

## **7 Dates of next meetings**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-12noon at Pollokshields Community Centre (15 Kenmure St, G41 2NT)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-12noon, venue TBC