

# South East Integration Network

Minutes of Network Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
at Pollokshields Community Centre, 15 Kenmure Street, G41 2NT

<b>Present:</b>	Emma Aitken	Pollokshields Development Agency / SEIN
	Khansa Aslam	Glendale Women's Café
	Eileen Baxendale	Castlemilk Community Church / SEIN
	Meg Camley	Home Start Glasgow South / SEIN
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Pheobe Chiquet-Khan	SEIN
	Ailsa Clark	New Gorbals Housing Association
	Susan Clark	Glasgow South East Carers Centre
	Jola Dolewska	South Seeds
	Carrie Donnelly	Alliance Scotland (Community Links Worker)
	Ruth Forsythe	Finn's Place / SEIN
	Paul Gallacher	South Seeds
	Andrea Gillespie	The Hidden Gardens
	Godsal	Glendale Women's Café
	Kirsty Hood	Inhouse CIC – Queen's Park Arena
	Anne Kinghorn	MEARS
	Zoe Madek	South Seeds
	Katherine Midgley	Govanhill Baths Community Trust
	Sandra MacDonell	MEARS
	Laura McDade	Enable Scotland
	Kirsty McDonald	Alliance Scotland (Community Links Worker)
	Sarah McPhie	The Well
	Clara Pirie	University of Glasgow
	Geri Sinclair	Belville Community Gardens / Edge to Edge
	Felix Slavin	Music Broth
	Lorna Smith	MEARS
	Mary Sneddon	Scottish Ethnic Minority Deaf Club
	Michael Timmons	Playlist for Life
	Fariha Thomas	Youth Community Support Agency (YCSA)

**Apologies:** Marzanna Antoniak (Govanhill Thriving Places), Cristina Chirilov (Govanhill Housing Association), Rhiannon Davies (Greater Govanhill), Leanne Jamieson (The Alliance), Karen Krawczyk (SEIN), Ruth Lamb (Govan Community Project), Penny Macleod (The Well / SEIN), Clare McBrien (Givin' it Laldie), Angie Mwafulirwa (African Women's Network / SEIN), Frankie Rose (The Alliance), Emma Straughan (SAMH), Anne Strachan, Margo Uprichard (The Space)

## **1 Welcome**

Meeting chaired by Eileen, all welcomed.

## **2 Minutes of last meeting**

Proposed by Lorna Smith, Seconded by Emma Aitken

## **3 Presentations**

### **The Glendale Women's Café (Khansa Aslam & Godsai)**

Godsai introduced herself as the Project Coordinator of The Glendale Women's Café. This is a creative, social space for women to come together. It is open every Tuesday (during term time) between 9-3pm, based at 423 Shields Road in Pollokshields. The Café Manager, Parveen, runs the space every Tuesday, while Godsai organises activities & deals with funding etc. The board of trustees is primarily made up of women who come to the café. Various sessions run in the mornings and afternoons – these include ESOL classes, crafts, massage and other activities. A free lunch is provided. A lot of what they deliver has come from attending SEIN meetings. Once a month they run 'Soup in the Loop' – bringing in local organisations to share information about their services (network members are welcome to request a slot). Khansa introduced herself a volunteer from the beginning of the Café, when it was just based in a portacabin! The Café became a SCIO in 2017 & has been able to do much more since having the space at Shields Road. All women are welcome to drop in any Tuesday. For more info visit their website: [glendalewomenscafe.org.uk](http://glendalewomenscafe.org.uk) or email [theglendalewomenscafe@gmail.com](mailto:theglendalewomenscafe@gmail.com). A short film about the Café was shown to the meeting.

### **Anti-Destitution Strategy (Ruth Lamb, Govan Community Project)**

Unfortunately Ruth was unable to attend the meeting however she has provided a couple of documents for info which will be shared alongside these minutes. One of them explains the background to the project, the other is a list of 'themes' from engagement sessions, held over July-Dec 2019, which are being looked at by the Scottish Government / COSLA. The strategy is to be released this year (Spring/Summer). This project aims to hold the strategy to account and provide the voice of lived experience. For more information, contact [ruth@govancommunityproject.org.uk](mailto:ruth@govancommunityproject.org.uk)

## **4 Updates**

**Pollokshields Development Agency** – event with CEMVO & Skills Development Scotland on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April (5-7pm) 'Understanding of Modern Apprenticeships and work-based learning - perceived barriers'. For more info, contact: [fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk](mailto:fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk)

**Enable Scotland** – provides employability programmes – open to all

**New Gorbals Housing Association** – looking to expand what they're doing with their ESOL women's group (Mon, Tues & Weds 9.30-11.30am) - want to add more social elements & link with other orgs/services in the area. Contact Ailsa if you'd like to link in: [ailsa@newgorbalsha.org.uk](mailto:ailsa@newgorbalsha.org.uk)

**Playlist for Life** – speak to Michael if you work with older people & would like to connect with their project: [Michael@playlistforlife.org.uk](mailto:Michael@playlistforlife.org.uk)

**Home Start Glasgow South** – train volunteers & match them with families. Dads Coordinator running dads antenatal classes.

**The Hidden Gardens** – Tai Chi on the Lawn starting up again. Weekend Gardening starting 4<sup>th</sup> April. Audio tours available on [The Hidden Gardens website](http://TheHiddenGardenswebsite) in English & Urdu. Guided tours for groups also available. Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May event: 'Growing Greener Fair' to tie in with COP26 in November. Partnership event – asking other orgs to join in; an opportunity to

promote your org & bring an activity related to reducing impact on the planet. Contact Andrea if you'd like to get involved: [andrea@thehiddengardens.org.uk](mailto:andrea@thehiddengardens.org.uk)

**The Well** – tomorrow (11<sup>th</sup> March), celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. From 12noon at Govanhill Free Church.

**The Alliance (Community Links Worker - Gorbals)** – a weekly community walk starting on Wednesdays from 18<sup>th</sup> March. Meet at Gorbals Health Centre (Main Entrance) at 1.30pm (contact: [kirsty.mcdonald@alliance-scotland.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.mcdonald@alliance-scotland.org.uk))

**Music Broth** – hosting film screening of 'The Sequel – What will Follow our Troubled Nation' on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at CCA. Grow with music project, finishing end of March. Showcase event on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: to tie in with 'Learn to Play Day'. 12.15 – 4pm at Music Broth (8 Hollybrook St).

Eileen noted that Music Broth were excellent at the New Scots Gala Day, held at Castlemilk Community Church in February.

**South Seeds:** offering energy saving information sessions for front line workers. Can come out to your organisations (staff meetings, for example) – sessions are free & take about 30mins. Contact: [jola@southseeds.org](mailto:jola@southseeds.org). New energy officer, Paul, started yesterday. Adopt a raised bed at the Croft – applications just opened (closing 23<sup>rd</sup> March).

**YCSA** – International Women's Day Celebration 11am-3pm on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March. Parents & carers coffee morning on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am – hope to set up a parents group. Good news: funding from Comic Relief for mental health & wellbeing project - working in local primary & secondary schools (funding for 4 years, starting in April). Several vacancies currently open including art therapist, counsellor & 2 climate change-related posts. Running a holiday programme in the second week of the Easter holidays.

**Govanhill Baths Community Trust** – have received funding to expand wellbeing programme to include arts, wellbeing & social prescribing, starting end of April, beginning of May (Joanna is the contact for this: [joanna@govanhillbaths.com](mailto:joanna@govanhillbaths.com)). Had a v successful International Women's Day event last weekend, with over 100 people along. If anyone wants to help organise next year's event, contact [fatima@govanhillbaths.com](mailto:fatima@govanhillbaths.com).

**Glasgow South East Carer's Centre** – can give a talk to staff or people who use your service. Keen to know about activities that your organisation may have over the Easter & summer holidays – contact Susan: [susan.clark@dixoncommunity.org.uk](mailto:susan.clark@dixoncommunity.org.uk)

**Glendale Women's Café** – After Easter holidays will be running 4-5 weeks bead-making workshops.

**Masters Student (University of Glasgow)** – Clara is doing a Masters in Education & Public Policy. Her final research project will be on the experiences of education of people who have gone through the asylum process in Scotland. She will shortly be looking to interview people – both workers & those with lived experience. She'd be grateful for any contacts, resources or thoughts on anything that would be useful for her to look at. Contact: [clara\\_pirie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clara_pirie@hotmail.co.uk)

**Updates in absence**

**The Swap Market** – Sadly the Swap Market is closing. All are invited to their closing party on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 4-7pm.

**Empower Women for Change** – 4 vacancies currently open, deadline 22<sup>nd</sup> March. See SEIN jobs page: [seinglasgow.org.uk/jobsvolunteering](http://seinglasgow.org.uk/jobsvolunteering)

## **5 Board Update**

The SEIN board will be aiming to provide a brief update at network meetings to ensure all board activity is transparent, giving regular opportunities for questions/discussion.

Eileen gave an update on the current funding situation for the network. We have been granted a six-month extension from Glasgow City Council, as a currently funded Integrated Grants Fund project – while we await the decisions of the Glasgow Communities Fund (delayed until early October). We are in the process of applying for other funding. We are considering whether to introduce membership fees in the coming year – members will be invited to contribute thoughts to how this should be done in the near future.

## **6 Development Worker Update**

**New Members** – Welcome to New Gorbals Housing Association, Scottish Arab Women's Association & Greater Govanhill, the newest members of the network.

**SEIN Training** – Thanks to everyone who attended the Accessibility & Inclusion training at the end of February – this received very positive feedback. We are waiting to find out what are training budget will be for the next 6 months, please let Ruth C know if there are any training topics that you would like to be offered to the network.

**SEIN Volunteer** – We're delighted to welcome Pheobe who is soon to start volunteering for SEIN & will be helping out with our communications. Please continue to send your news/opportunities etc for sharing to Ruth C.

## **7 AOCB**

None

## **8 Dates of next meetings**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-12noon at Toryglen Community Hall (199 Prospecthill Circus, G42 0LA)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-12noon at The Barn Youth Centre (37 Abbotsford Pl, G5 9QS)