



Minutes of South East Integration Network Meeting

Tuesday 8th September 2020 - Online

Present:	Asma Abdalla	Empower Women for Change
	Huda Alarishi	Scottish Arab Women's Association
	Leena Ahmed	Amina MWRC
	Eileen Baxendale	SEIN / Castlemilk Community Church
	Ellie Bather	The Dixon Community
	Erin Burke	Scottish Civic Trust
	Tracey Burns	Families Outside
	Meg Camley	Home Start Glasgow South
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Susan Clark	The Dixon Community
	Philomena Ezemonye	SEIN
	Ruth Forsythe	SEIN / Finn's Place
	Paul Gallacher	South Seeds
	Godsal	Glendale Women's Café
	Grace Gracie	Families Outside
	Kirsty Hood	Inhouse CIC – Queen's Park Arena
	Chinyanta Kabaso	Youth Community Support Agency (YCSA)
	Karen Krawczyk	SEIN
	Penny Macleod	The Well / SEIN
	Safina Mazhar	Pollokshields Development Agency
	Clare McBrien	Givin' it Laldie
	Stephanie McCulloch	Health Improvement Team (South)
	Caitlin McMullin	Concordia University
	Sarah McPhie	The Well
	Angie Mwafulirwa	Scottish African Women's Network / SEIN
	Amra Nazim	Govanhill Housing Association
	Paolo Plotegher	Youth Community Support Agency (YCSA)
	Alex Sarkisian	Glasgow Zine Library
	Felix Slavin	Music Broth
	Jackie Stockdale	Glasgow Community Food Network
	Mary Sneddon	Scottish Ethnic Minority Deaf Club
	Anne Strachan	Voluntary Sector Voice
	Emma Straughan	Scottish Association for Mental Health
	Karolis Toleikis	Bike for Good

Apologies: Emma Aitken (SEIN), Marzanna Antoniak (Govanhill Thriving Places), Blair Biggar (Romano Lav), Fiona Boyd (The Space), Rhiannon Davies (Greater Govanhill), Grace Mark (The Hidden Gardens), Yasmine Masood (Diversity Arts), Mary Rocks (Glasgow Life), Ashli Mullen (Romano Lav), Margo Uprichard (The Space)

1. **Welcome**

Meeting chaired by Penny Mcleod.

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

Proposed by Jackie, Seconded by Huda

3. **Development Worker Update**

SEIN Office

Ruth C has returned to the SEIN office (located at Bike for Good Glasgow South's premises on Langside Lane). Prior to lockdown, this space had been offered to SEIN members to use for hot-desking & meetings. Our intention is to make the space available again for members to use, in line with current guidelines. We are now finalising our risk assessment and will watch how things are moving. We will be in touch with members about this. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Ruth C (ruthc@seinglasgow.org.uk).

Future Network Meetings

Ruth acknowledged trialling break out groups at last month's network meeting & the positive feedback received from these. We intend to offer break out groups at future network meetings, though not doing so today due to the AGM. Please contact Ruth at any point with feedback about your experience at network meetings.

SEIN Online Network

GCVS have set up a [new online networking platform for Glasgow's Third Sector](#), using 'Mighty Networks'. Anyone involved in the 3rd sector in Glasgow is welcome to join this & use as an online space to connect & share information. You can join a number of themed groups on the network. Ruth will be setting up a private group specifically for SEIN Members. More info to come on this.

Evaluation Support Scotland Training

We will be offering a block of training sessions for SEIN members from Evaluation Support Scotland. These will take place at the end of October, end of November and end of January. Information will be circulated about this shortly.

Glasgow Communities Fund

We're grateful to have been recommended for GCF funding, which will allow us to continue our work & support our members over the next 2.5 years. Acknowledging that this has been a frustrating process for many, & we're very sorry to see several of our member organisations not recommended for funding. We intend to offer ongoing support to all of our members, however they have been affected by these decisions, and will be in touch to discuss this further. Highlighting the [Glasgow Voluntary Sector Race Equality Network's survey](#) measuring the impact of the GCF

decisions on BME or race equality organisations. Deadline to complete this is end of the day, Wed 9th Sept.

4. Updates

The Well – The Well has reopened for advice and information (with all hygiene & safety procedures in place). One of our lockdown projects was redoing our website; please visit it at www.thewell.org.uk, which features a new video. It's more difficult to re-introduce some of our group work such as ESOL classes and Chai & Chat, but we're looking at ways to do that. If anyone else is having similar thoughts around re-starting group work, it would be good to chat about the best ways forward. Contact: sarah@thewell.org.uk

Glasgow Zine Library – Sharing our [programme of September events](#). With support from SEIN, these have been strengthened in terms of accessibility with live captioning. We've been able to build our access team contacts, particularly around online access. If anyone wants any recommendations for live captioners, BSL interpretation etc. we're happy to share these contacts. We're working on zine packs for kids with Rumpus Room which are going to be available at the end of the month for pickup, both from Rumpus Room and from the Zine library.

Givin' it Laldie - We have a [new Facebook page](#) and we are regularly posting Sing Along videos (requests for songs taken!) – this is live every Wednesday at 1pm. Otherwise, all of our regular groups have moved to online private spaces. If you have anyone that loves music and might want to join in, we'd be happy to welcome them (mostly singing and guitar groups, for all ages).

A request for help: we are trying to move to a cloud based phone system. If anyone has experience of this and is able to share their learning with me, I'd really appreciate it (our separate music leaders would like to be able to contact our participants, but we would like our participants to just be able to have one number to reach us). Contact: givin.it.laldie@gmail.com

YCSA – Paulo introduced himself as new to YCSA (& new to Glasgow).

As we haven't been recommended for funding from the Council, some of our activities will have to end. But 3 projects will go forwards. 1) Healthy Young Minds which is offering art therapy and counselling to young people (10-16) in Govanhill & Pollokshields. A leaflet with information will be available soon. Referrals can be made to 01414206600 or paoloplotegher@ycca.org.uk 2) Mending Our Planet which has started with a Bike Club (in partnership with Bike for Good) on Thursdays & Fridays (contact chinyantakabaso@ycca.org.uk if you know of young people 10-25 who would like to join). 3) Homework Club which we don't have a start date for yet. Finally, the street working Pollokshields is still ongoing, tackling issues with drugs and alcohol use.

Amina MWRC - We have a project underway just now called Emergence. This is a seven-part series focusing on life after lockdown. The sessions will be live every Wednesday at 11am on [our Facebook Page](#). [See the programme](#), and please

spread the word. We also have our Helpline service, which runs Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, providing a listening ear and support to women. Our Live Chat is also available on our website for people who feel more comfortable with that.

Castlemilk Community Church – Our Furniture Project is open for urgent furniture requests. The building is shut to the public, but you can get in touch by email (castlemilkfurnitureproject2019@gmail.com) or phone (0141 6340018 Tuesday to Friday mornings / 0141 630 1938 leave a message). At the moment we're over-stocked with the following items; baby walkers, buggys, small tables and dining chairs. We are looking for donations of beds, two seat sofas, electric cookers, chests of drawers, wardrobes, and electric goods (hoovers, toasters, irons but not lamps). We can collect (phone 0141 634 0018: Tuesday to Friday mornings), or items can be dropped off on the porch during business hours Tuesday to Friday mornings.

We are also running online ESOL classes for people in Castlemilk, Kings Park or Croftfoot. These are very basic; to help people to be ready to get into the mainstream classes at libraries and colleges. Contact: cynthiachikonde@yahoo.co.uk

South Seeds – We've got one more month of our fuel vouchers scheme (for gas or electricity top-up metres). If you know anyone struggling, please refer them on (Contact: Jola 07752727457, jola@southseeds.org or Paul 07752727457, paul@southseeds.org). We're also hoping to open the office up soon (probably in October).

Empower Women for Change – We have two main projects 1) Thistles and Dandelions, which is about Ethnic Minority women knowing more about the history of Scottish woman over the last 50-100 years and their role in Scottish economic, social and political life. There are volunteering opportunities as part of this project. At the moment we have more than 20 volunteers, & welcome anybody who would like to join. [Find out more on our website](#). 2) A low carbon community project which is focusing on travel (mainly cycling – with a collaboration with Bike for Good) and waste (mainly clothes). At the moment we have a Swap Shop in our office in St. Enoch Square. This has been very useful particularly for asylum seekers & refugees. We are looking for donations of clothes for men, women & children. In particular: rucksacks, shoes for men, clothes for young children, school clothes.

We have some other small projects which are mainly emergency projects started as a result of this COVID. These include mental health counselling and food provision. You can refer to us for these. Contact: asma@ewfc.org.uk or info@ewfc.org.uk

Music Broth – We were involved in the Govanhill International Festival & Carnival at the end of August helping with sound tech for the open air screenings and with the the Govanhill Street Music Festival, which went really well.

We have been working in collaboration with organisations across the world as part of [No Labels No Walls + We Are One Festival 2020](#) which will be happening online on September 14th -19th 2020. We are also looking to encourage people to spread the word and watch our [Music Broth 'Making Music During Lockdown' Livestream on Weds 16th Sept at 13:30 GMT](#) as part of this international festival.

We have partnered with Families Outside to deliver a series of song-writing workshops between September and October 2020 with children and young people aged 6-11yrs and 12+ years.

We are looking for an Arabic Speaking individual who plays the violin who would be interested in the opportunity to teach an asylum seeking individual via online lessons. A requirement of this will be for the individual to acquire a PVG Disclosure check through Music Broth. If you know of anyone who might be interested then please ask them to get in contact with us on info@musicbroth.org.

Queen's Park Arena – We're pretty much on pause in terms of events until next year. However, we have a couple of small updates. 1) We're doing a [bike registration event](#) with Community Policing on Saturday 12th September. 2) We've got six poster boards which would normally include posters about our events. As there are no events, we'll be using these for small exhibitions. We've got one running at the moment with Rumpus Room, but are [looking to fill the next four months](#). If you have created artwork with your groups, & would like these displayed in Queens Park, please get in touch (we can enlarge up to A1): gpa@inhouse.scot.

Finn's Place – We're going to be opening up next week, & hoping to be open 2 days a week (on Tuesdays & Thursdays).

A couple of years ago, we did a World War One event which researched the names of those listed on the war memorial of the Old Battlefield Church. We've done the same again. We are holding an event with the research group to share how we did this, what information we're still looking for, and how other people can get involved. This is the start of a project that we hope to expand on in the future and build a resource for the local area. [This online event is on Saturday 19th September as part of the Doors Open Day festival](#). As part of this project, we've created two guided walks around Battlefield and Newlands. These can be found by downloading the [GuidiGo app](#) and searching for Langside Walk and Newlands South walk.

We're holding a pay what you can (takeaway) [community lunch](#) on Friday 25th September. We're hoping this will be a monthly event.

Over lockdown our creative writers have been very busy, and have published a book called Battlefield Words. We will be having an online [book launch](#) on Saturday 26th October.

We're doing a consultation on working with young people in the Battlefield/Langside area. We will be working with Battlefield Primary School for the children's research. We're looking to do some community research for those aged 11-18. If you know anybody who lives in the area who has teenagers of that age, please get in touch (the consultation will look at what their needs are and what we can do to help). Contact: ruth@finnsplace.org

Health Improvement Team – Stephanie introduced herself as one of the new members of the South Health Improvement team for the NHS, working with Allison McKenna Breen.

Govanhill Mental Health Support Group: thematic group of organisations emerging from Govanhill response to Covid-19 survey – meetings moving to monthly, next meeting 24th September, 3:00-4:30pm.

Translation Working Group: made up of representatives from Women's Health Network & Govanhill Mental Health Support Group & oversees multi-partnership translation project led by The Space, with funding from Supporting Communities. Focus on translation of key mental health messages/resources & information linked to green care/arts & wellbeing activities. Work includes co-production of podcasts on specific mental health topics, initial focus on Romanian and Urdu with plans to include more languages pending funding.

Staff Peer Support sessions: these have been well received, creating a safe space for staff to explore impact of Covid-19 on work, themselves and support needs. Meeting fortnightly. For all above contact: Allison.McKenna-Breen@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

We Journey Together: short film (with Plantation Productions) and accompanying resource pack – a tool to facilitate discussion re. asylum process and impact, now beginning to look at online delivery in partnership with Govan Community Project, Contact for further information and if interested in attending sessions: stephanie.mcculloch@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Women's Walking Project: exploring reviving a previous project ran by HSCP and organisational partners to invite and support women in the asylum system to explore the communities in which they are living using walking and street photography, aims of promoting social connectedness, physical and mental wellbeing. Contact: stephanie.mcculloch@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH) – While our face to face engagements are still on pause for Let's Talk, we are offering some virtual sessions. Rather than doing our pop ups (market stall style), we're doing virtual drop-ins. If your organisation is having a team meeting or a coffee catch up, or something like this, I can drop in and support you and your organisation around mental wellbeing. We're also offering all of the workshops that we normally do with the exception of self-harm & suicide prevention workshops (as we are not there in person to safeguard people). Contact: Emma.Straughan@samh.org.uk

Caitlin McMullin (Concordia University, Montreal) – Caitlin introduced herself as a postdoctoral research fellow in Montreal.

My research has previously been on co-production in the third sector. My current project, which started on 1st March, is on migrant integration services in Glasgow

and Montreal. Obviously everything's been a bit up in the air. I'm shifting the project to look at how organisations are adapting their services in the current context and how co-production within organisations might have changed. I'm keen to be driven by what would be useful for organisations. I have a short online survey to give me an indication of the kinds of services you offer, what's changed as a result of the pandemic and whether you'd be interested in taking part in the research / if there are certain things that you'd be interested in me focussing on.

What I mean by co-production is paid professionals working in collaboration with service users, in both designing and delivering your services. In other words, what I'm interested in is how it is that you work with community members.

[My website](#) explains more about the project, and links to the survey. Contact: caitlin.mcmullin@concordia.ca

7. AOCB

Glasgow Communities Fund

From Anne Strachan: the voluntary sector networks in the city are aware that there have been some errors in the lists produced by the council. If you had to contact cesgrants regarding a mistake, please let me know if the issue was resolved (or not), and how quickly. Contact: annejb14@gmail.com.

8. Dates of Next Meetings

Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 10th November