



## Minutes of South East Integration Network Meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - Online

<b>Present:</b>	Tracey Burns	Families Outside
	Jennie Bates	Pollokshields Development Agency
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Susan Clark	The Dixon Community
	Lisa Doherty	GMAC Film
	Jola Dolewska	South Seeds
	Sabine Etchu	Women's Support Project
	Steven Ferguson	Stand International
	Dee Gildea	National Lottery Community Fund
	Grace Gracie	Families Outside
	Nabilah Haq	Glendale Women's Café
	Michael Igoe	Shawlands & Strathbungo Community Council
	Rosanna Irvine	Manifestos in times of Crisis
	Hazel Kyle	Glasgow Life
	Pip Lawrenson	Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries
	Penny Macleod	The Well / SEIN
	Kirsty McDonald	Community Links Practitioner (The Alliance)
	Caitlin McMullin	Concordia University
	Katherine Midgley	Govanhill Baths Community Trust
	Reginald Oko-Flex Inya	Migrant Help UK
	Najimee Parveen	PATH Scotland
	Maureen Smith	Castlemilk Law Centre
	Anne Strachan	Voluntary Sector Voice
	Emma Straughan	Scottish Association for Mental Health
	Karolis Toleikis	Bike for Good
	Chris Yeoh	Glasgow Zine Library

**Apologies:** Marzanna Antoniak (Govanhill Thriving Places), Kim Blyth (The Glad Café), Meg Camley (Home Start Glasgow South / SEIN), Ruth Forsythe (Finn's Place / SEIN), Godsal (Glendale Women's Café), Naeema Hafeez (Amina MWRC), Kirsty Hood (Queen's Park Arena), Karen Krawczyk (SEIN), Grace Mark (The Hidden Gardens), Safina Mazhar (Pollokshields Development Agency), Angie Mwafulirwa (Scottish African Women's Network / SEIN), Felix Slavin (Music Broth), Jackie Stockdale (Glasgow Community Food Network)

### 1. Welcome

Meeting chaired by Penny Mcleod.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Susan, Seconded by Grace

### **3. Board Update**

#### Funding for SEIN

We're very pleased to let you know that our application to the National Lottery Communities Fund was successful. We have also received a proportion of the funding we applied for from the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF). We will be splitting the funding we need between these two grants (the Lottery covering 3 years, the GCF covering 2.5 years). It has been a priority for the board to diversify our funding streams so we're glad to be in this position which feels more sustainable for the network going forwards. Many thanks to those who put a lot of work in to these applications.

#### Board membership

Eileen Baxendale is stepping down from the board. A big thanks to Eileen for all the time she has given to the board, and we look forward to continuing to stay well connected through the network.

Eileen had been going to take over the treasurer role, which means we're now looking for someone to do this. We'd love to hear from you if you have any interest in this. Ideally we'd like to fill this role from within the network, but will look for outside help with this if no one is able to.

### **4. Staff Update**

#### Communications & Admin Officer

The new funding from the Lottery & GCF means we can recruit a new member of staff for SEIN, which is an exciting new phase for the network. [This vacancy is currently open for applications](#) – deadline 25<sup>th</sup> October. The role will manage SEIN's communications and some administrative work. Please share with anyone you know who might be interested in applying.

#### SEIN Online Network

Ruth has set up a group for SEIN members on the [Glasgow's Third Sector Network](#). For those who have joined this, any feedback on what it's like for you / how you'd like it to be used would be appreciated. Please contact Ruth with any comments. Any SEIN members who have not yet joined this, but would like to, please let Ruth know.

#### 'Let's Evaluate!' Training

This training with Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) is now full.

#### SEIN Evaluation

Ruth has completed this training with ESS & found it very useful. She is working on developing an evaluation strategy for SEIN which we can embed in to our ongoing work. This will help to make sure we're learning from our work & continuing to meet your needs, as SEIN members.

## 5. Breakout Groups

The meeting split in to breakout groups, with the guiding questions:

- **What are your main concerns going in to winter? (for example: in relation to your services, people using your services, your staff/volunteers)**
- **What are you hopeful about?**

Themes arising around concerns were:

- Continued digital exclusion
- Mental Health & isolation
- Lack of funding, unsustainability
- Inability to plan for next year
- Changing roles of staff & volunteers
- Difficulty engaging new people for online services/activities
- Difficulty evaluating impact of online services/activities
- Impacts of increased unemployment in the community

Things to be hopeful about:

- More prepared if we go into lockdown again
- More service users familiar with using digital resources, Zoom etc.

## 6. Updates

**PATH Scotland** – Got some funding from the Glasgow Communities Fund for a new project called Positive Steps Southside. The project will support people from BAME backgrounds from the south of Glasgow who are un- or underemployed to improve their employment opportunities, build resilience & challenge barriers to progression. [See flyer for details.](#)

**Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries** – Provides free emotional, practical & financial support to anyone affected by cancer. Still offering this support by phone or online. More info at: [glasgowlife.org.uk/Macmillan](http://glasgowlife.org.uk/Macmillan) You can make referrals if you email [macmillan@glasgowlife.org.uk](mailto:macmillan@glasgowlife.org.uk) (can provide information in different formats, such as different languages).

**Glendale Women's Café** – Starting to do in-person sessions in the Pollokshields Bowling Green on Tuesdays, with slots of 4 people who all get some dhal and have a chance to chat together. There is now a tent in the bowling green, so these can still go ahead if it's wet. Still running Zoom sessions as well as 'Walk in the Woods' sessions. Open to all local women. Contact: [theglendalewomenscafe@gmail.com](mailto:theglendalewomenscafe@gmail.com)

**Migrant Help UK** – Still primarily remote support, but have started doing some face to face appointments. Have developed a freephone line for asylum seekers in Initial Accommodation so phone credit is not needed to contact us. This line is open 10am-1pm Monday-Friday. [See poster with details](#) (translated posters are being

sent to hotels & flats where people are staying). [See also the latest Migrant Help newsletter for full updates on our nationwide services.](#)

**Glasgow Zine Library** – Collaborating with Rumpus Room to create activity packs for school age children. These will include art supplies & activities designed by local artists (including zine-making). These are almost ready – get in touch if you would like any: [glasgowzinelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowzinelibrary@gmail.com). Looking ahead, we're hoping to find funding for a new strand for next year's Zine Festival, which will provide young people in the community with the opportunity to help programme events. More information to come on this.

**Families Outside** – Still running monthly peer support groups for children & young people affected by imprisonment. Currently working in partnership with Music Broth to deliver music sessions where the young people write & perform their own songs. It's a particularly difficult time at the moment for people with a family member in prison. We're very keen to make sure people know that we are still delivering 1:1 and group support – if you know any children, young people or families that are requiring support, please get in touch: [Tracey.Burns@familiesoutside.org.uk](mailto:Tracey.Burns@familiesoutside.org.uk)

**Govanhill Baths** – Through the Glasgow Communities Fund, we're going to have at least 5 vacancies coming up. These will be coming out very soon. Alexandra Krause has a new job title – she's now our Capacity Building & Diversity Worker. If anyone is looking for a partner in a project which might fit her remit, please get in touch: [community@govanhillbaths.com](mailto:community@govanhillbaths.com).

We're seeking participants for a project called 'Sensing Stories' (with the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh) – looking for people over 50 based in Govanhill (or surrounding area) from minority ethnic communities to take part. A storyteller will be leading 5 workshops in storytelling – aim to help combat isolation, and learn a new skill. These will be starting on Zoom (money is available for internet vouchers if connectivity is a problem). Interpretation (including BSL interpretation) is also available. Contact: [katherine@govanhillbaths.com](mailto:katherine@govanhillbaths.com)

**Manifestos from times of Crisis** – A project, delivered by Rosanna (an artist based in Pollokshields) involving people collectively creating manifestos (a statement of values, beliefs, wishes) for a better world. The project seeks to reach & work with a diverse range of voices (particularly underheard voices). This takes place through facilitated discussions – Rosanna can offer these to groups & is keen to speak to anyone who would be interested in getting involved with the project. More information: [www.manifestosfromtimesofcrisis.com](http://www.manifestosfromtimesofcrisis.com) Contact: [rosanna.irvine@gmail.com](mailto:rosanna.irvine@gmail.com)

**Stand International** – Recruits volunteers across Scotland from disadvantaged backgrounds & takes them on short term volunteering trips in Europe. Facing a lot of challenges at the moment due to Covid restrictions.

**South Seeds** – We've now distributed all of our energy vouchers (around £20,000 of vouchers in the last 3 months). We're not able to offer these anymore but can still help people through referrals and other support. [We have reopened our Tool](#)

[Library](#) – membership is by donation, the library will be open on Saturdays between 12-2.

**Bike for Good** – Can offer group led rides (for up to 9 people per ride); bike buddies (1:1 sessions) for people who would like to build their confidence cycling to work or school; bike loans (incl. lights, locks, helmets and panniers); bike maintenance classes. Can also partner to offer climate awareness events. Contact:

[Karolis@bikeforgood.org.uk](mailto:Karolis@bikeforgood.org.uk)

**The Dixon Community (Glasgow South East Carers Centre)** – Concerned about the fewer number of referrals that we're receiving this year compared to other years. We would really appreciate your support in helping to identify carers (especially Young Carers) within your organisation. Both Adult & Young Carers can self-refer (or you can do it on their behalf) for support from the carers centre by completing the simple [online referral form](#) or calling The Carers Information Line on 0141 353 6504.

**The Well Multicultural Resource Centre** – Our advice service has been running face to face since July (closed this week for the October holiday). Highlighting that we offer immigration advice (at OISC Level1) – this is particularly important just now with Brexit deadline approaching. Please get in touch if you know anyone worried about their status, or looking for pre-settled status (prefer to do immigration by appointment). Contact: [penny@thewell.org.uk](mailto:penny@thewell.org.uk)

## 7. **AOCB**

Pollokshields Bowling Green

Outdoor community space, run by the Pollokshields Trust. Open for visits & groups to use (have recently installed a large tent). More information:

<https://thebowlinggreen.org.uk/>

Mental Health Support

For anyone looking to support their staff or 'service users' around mental health don't hesitate to email [Emma.Straughan@samh.org.uk](mailto:Emma.Straughan@samh.org.uk)

## 8. **Dates of Next Meetings**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December