



Minutes of South East Integration Network Meeting

Tuesday 10th November 2020 - Online

Present:	Jennie Bates	Pollokshields Development Agency
	Kim Blyth	The Glad Café
	Meg Camley	SEIN / Home Start Glasgow South
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Lisa Doherty	GMAC Film
	Marion Eele	Govanhill Thriving Places
	Sabine Etchu	Women's Support Project
	Ruth Forsythe	SEIN / Finn's Place
	Paul Gallacher	South Seeds
	Karen Krawczyk	SEIN
	Hazel Kyle	Glasgow Life
	Grace Mark	The Hidden Gardens
	Sarah McPhie	The Well
	Christine Musasa	Refugee Survival Trust
	Angie Mwafulirwa	SEIN / Scottish African Women's Network
	Amra Nazim	Govanhill Housing Association
	Gianluca Palombo	Code Your Future
	Paolo Plotegher	YCSA
	Reginald Oko-Flex Inya	Migrant Help UK
	Furrah Riza	Amina MWRC
	Frankie Rose	The Alliance
	Alex Sarkisian	Glasgow Zine Library
	Maureen Smith	Castlemilk Law Centre
	Anne Strachan	Voluntary Sector Voice
	Jackie Stockdale	Glasgow Community Food Network
	Karolis Toleikis	Bike for Good
	Tracey Young	PATH Scotland

Apologies: Marzanna Antoniak (Govanhill Thriving Places), Grace Gracie (Families Outside), Kirsty Hood (Queen's Park Arena), Euan McLeod (Southside Housing Association), Penny McLeod (SEIN / The Well), Felix Slavin (Music Broth)

1. Welcome

Meeting chaired by Karen.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Jennie, Seconded by Reginald

3. Board Update

Communications & Admin Officer

We had a high response from our advertisement for our new role; receiving lots of strong applications. The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed soon.

4. Staff Update

Communications & Admin Officer

We're looking forward to this new position starting & the opportunities this will give to strengthen our communications and share what our members are doing more effectively. This will also allow Ruth C more time to develop the network and provide more support to our members. More information to come on this.

Training for SEIN Members

If you have suggestions of training topics that you would like to be offered to SEIN members in 2021, please let Ruth C know.

SEIN Board

We are in the process of expanding the SEIN board & hope to introduce some new members soon. There are still spaces available & we are particularly looking for someone to take on the role of treasurer. It's important that the board is as representative of the network and the communities we work with as far as possible. If you're interested, or would like to chat about the opportunity, please contact Ruth C.

5. Breakout Groups

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

- **Are you reaching new people for your services? What's working well?**
- **How are you reducing the impact of current Covid restrictions?**
- **Have you noticed any gaps in services that are available?**

Some of the notes from the group discussions:

Reaching new people

- Difficulty reaching new people due to limited numbers; restrictions mean can't meet demand
- Hard to reach new people with online activities; digital exclusion is still an issue (though lots of people working to address this) / there is some reluctance for online activities among some groups
- People are keen for in-person activities in all weathers
- Many trying to do in-person as far as possible; but aware this will get harder with worsening weather & tighter restrictions
- Some not trying to reach new people; providing services just to those previously in contact with
- Some still reaching new people through referrals

Reducing impact of restrictions

- Mental health support

- Social support & activities
- Access to digital devices & training to use these
- 'Holding people while they wait'
- Practical help that's not being provided by social care/social work

Gaps

- Funding for the arts sector
- Translation of up-to-date Covid information
- Data provision

6. Updates

Glasgow Life – Glasgow Code Learning is a Glasgow Life programme offering **free and accredited digital skills courses** designed to boost your career. We have opened registration for the following online courses starting on 7th Dec: Web Development at SCQF level 5; Cyber Security at SCQF level 5; Software Development at SCQF level 6; Software Development at SCQF level 7; Cyber Security at SCQF level 7. [Apply online](#) or contact glasgowcodelearning@glasgowlife.org.uk. We have had good success in getting people in to employment.

YCSA – Recruiting for [3 new positions](#). Deadline is Monday 23rd November.

'Mending Our Planet' project: starting [sewing classes](#) and a [climate literacy course](#) soon. **Looking for a venue for cooking classes**. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact ChinyantaKabaso@ycsa.org.uk.

'Healthy Young Minds' project (**art therapy & counselling for BME young people** between 10-16, plus therapeutic support to parents & carers): most referrals coming through schools but we're also **accepting referrals from local organisations**. Contact Paulo: paoloplotegher@ycsa.org.uk / 07593771897 ([See poster](#))

Homework Club: for BME young people aged 11-18, for support with Maths, English, Science, Language & Art. Every Tuesday & Thursday, 5.30-7.30pm ([See poster](#)).

Looking for a Maths tutor – for more information, contact javedsattar@ycsa.org.uk / 07872098764.

The Hidden Gardens – **Gardens are open for visits** (entry through Pollokshaws Road entrance) – [see opening times on our website](#). [Tai Chi on the Lawn](#) is running & is free & drop-in: Tuesdays & Fridays 10am, Sundays 1pm (15 & 22 December).

Fri 13/11 and Sat 14/11 from 11am-4pm: Autumn Fest pop up stall selling seeds from the Gardens, houseplants and cards made from pressed flowers. Entrance via Pollokshaws Road. You can bring cash or pay with card. All donations go to supporting the Gardens.

Thriving Places Govanhill – Working with Glasgow Buildings Preservations Trust to conduct a feasibility study about reopening Trinity Church, on Daisy Street, as a flexible community space. Links: [Trinity Church Survey](#); [Explore Trinity Church in 3D](#)

Running a [survey of businesses in Govanhill](#), with the Outwith Agency, to get a sense of how the local economy is doing & how we can collectively improve it. Open to businesses & social enterprises in Govanhill.

Helping Govanhill organisations to make their information more accessible. Offering **free translation & design for promotional material**. [Complete this form](#) if you would like to access this service.

ESOL classes with Govanhill Community Development Trust are running every Tuesday at 10am ([See info on Facebook page](#)).

Supporting Communities Fund update: these funds have now been distributed which are being used to support a variety of projects including food delivery, digital inclusion, community noticeboards, mental health support.

Re. community noticeboards: **if anyone has any experience getting planning permission from Glasgow City Council & could give advice, contact Marion:** marion.tp.govanhill@gmail.com

Glasgow Zine Library – Children’s Zine Activity Packs are available, contact glasgowzinelibrary@gmail.com. Saturday 28th November: **Zine-making workshop for children and families** (coinciding with packs going out). Details about that & other events at: <https://glasgowzinelibrary.com>

Amina MWRC – Digital Inclusion programme is running & taking referrals. Emergence project is running more webinars – all previous webinars can be found on the [Amina Facebook page](#). Looking for participants for [Emerging Futures: Life in the Time of a Pandemic workshops](#).

Starting soon: **Health Issues in the Communities (HIIC) Course**, for Muslim and BAME women.

This course will support women to develop skills and knowledge to understand community development approaches. Through the course, participants gain a broad understanding of the social model of health, health inequalities, power & participation and community development approaches in health – and how they can use these to make change happen in their communities.

This is an accredited online course which will be delivered over Zoom, and will run for approximately 15 weeks (End of November 2020 to March 2021). The course aims to support women to build their confidence, capacity, and networks, to empower them to highlight issues they deem important, feel confident in building partnerships, and work together in their communities to explore solutions and take action. These key issues can include tackling poverty, littering, poor housing, or public transport.

The pre-requisites for the course are:

- Participating women must be from the Ward 6 area - which includes (Pollokshields, Shawlands, Dumbreck, Strathbungo, Bellahouston, & Craigton)

- Women should have a moderate to intermediate level of English and be able to read and write at a competent level (preferably have taken ESOL or another course at college)
- For women aged 16 and over
- A commitment is needed from Nov 2020 – March 2021 for this course
- Desirable: a stable internet connection and access to either a Laptop, PC, or Tablet

The course will have assignment submission and regular group-work for participants' development and accreditation. Therefore, it is important that women are at a competent level to fulfil accreditation and course requirements. Staff will be available alongside the trainers, to provide guidance and support to women where needed throughout the course. For more information, contact Furrah:

Furrah@mwrc.org.uk

Migrant Help UK – Useful to come to these meetings to be available for any questions that people might have – keen to hear about any concerns or feedback from people using our services. Keep an eye out for our newsletter, which I'll circulate via Ruth, which gives an overview of what we're doing nationally. A reminder to use our Freephone Helpline number (open 24/7) for any inquiries about asylum seeker support (0808 8010 503), rather than the local IA (Initial Accommodation) office. However, if your inquiry is about someone who is seeking asylum but has a vulnerability (including pregnant women, women with children, disabled people), you can contact the local office & we will link you up with our outreach team. You can also make referrals to the outreach team directly at: outreach@migranthelpuk.org.

We are **looking for shoebox Christmas donations** – [see poster](#) for details and ideas of what to include.

Code Your Future – Next bootcamp is starting in January (8-month, part-time) & is currently open for applications (extended deadline). This trains people to become professional software developers & is open to anyone from socially excluded backgrounds. **Costs to barriers such as childcare & data provision are covered and digital equipment can also be provided.** For more info [see flyer](#) / [website](#) / contact: gianluca@codeyourfuture.io

Castlemilk Law Centre – community based law centre (also have offices in Toryglen and the Gorbals). We're still open – doing telephone appointments and can make arrangements to see people in-person when needed. Reminder that we also deal with employment & domestic abuse matters as well as support around Universal Credit, debt and housing. [See our revamped website](#) for more information & contact details.

Voluntary Sector Voice – there is a **vacancy for a voluntary sector representative** for the Southside Central Area Partnership meeting. There are 8 Area Partnerships in South Glasgow – these are structures within Community Planning with the purpose of providing an opportunity for local communities to have some influence over local issues. The Third Sector Interface will provide support for the voluntary sector reps. Contact Anne if you are interested: annejb14@gmail.com

Updates in absence

Music Broth - Musical Instrument Delivery Service: We have seen a huge increase in requests from the community, having now received 185 requests since March 2020 when we first set up in response to COVID-19. We are so glad that we have received an increased number of requests from organisations supporting refugee and asylum seeking individuals and families. We are still accepting requests via our [online form](#). We are also **interested in receiving donations particularly of small guitars** (1/2 and 3/4 sized).

Unsilent Night Gig: On **Sunday 13th December** at 4pm tune in to our online fundraiser music festival to enjoy a huge selection of local musical talent. We have an amazing line up with both pre-recorded and live performances. [Check out our facebook event](#).

Band Together Workshops: We have been delivering online guitar and ukulele lessons every Saturday. High interest and response and we are looking to expand our lessons to an additional day. We will provide details soon!

Dixon South East Carers Centre – Carers Rights Day takes place this year on **Thursday 26th November**. The theme for this year's campaign is "Know Your Rights".

We will be tweeting all day to let Carers know of their rights and we would appreciate if as many members of SEIN would retweet our messages via Twitter [@dixon_east](#) or by sharing from our facebook page [@DixonCommunity](#).

Should any organisation wish further information & template tweets and graphics for the day please contact susan.clark@dixoncommunity.org.uk.

Further information can be found at: [Carers UK \(Carers Rights Day\)](#) & [Your Support Your Way Glasgow - Carers](#)

Carers can self-refer for supports or a professional can refer on their behalf if they have permission. [Referrals can be made online](#) or by calling the Carers Information Line on 0141 353 6504.

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7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th December