



Minutes of South East Integration Network Meeting

Tuesday 13th April 2021 – Online

Present:	Eileen Baxendale	Castlemilk Community Church
	Kim Blyth	The Glad Café
	Emma Calam	Glasgow Mutual Aid
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Susan Clark	The Dixon Community
	Claire Cooke	Women's Support Project
	Cara Craig	Glasgow Community Food Network
	Lisa Doherty	GMAC Film
	Marion Eele	Thriving Places (Govanhill)
	Ruth Forsythe	SEIN / Finn's Place
	Paul Gallacher	South Seeds
	Catherine Gillard	The Occasion Theatre
	Leon Healy	Action for Children
	Joe Isaac	Pink Peacock
	Zoe Jarvis	Pollokshields Development Agency
	Alexandra Krause	Govanhill Baths Community Trust
	Rachel Krofcheck	Youth Community Support Agency (YCSA)
	Hazel Kyle	Glasgow Life
	Jen O'Brien	Music Broth
	Reginald Oko-Flex Inya	Migrant Help
	Kieran Manchip	Archaeology Scotland
	Grace Mark	The Hidden Gardens
	Aiesha Marr	The Dixon Community
	Kirsty McDonald	The Alliance (Community Links)
	Jordan McCart	Action for Children
	Paddy McKenna	SEIN / Cassiltoun Housing Association
	Sarah McPhie	The Well
	Angie Mwafulirwa	SEIN / Sharpen Her
	Amra Nazim	Govanhill Housing Association
	Deirdre Nelson	Artist in Residency (Linn Ward)
	Frankie Rose	The Alliance (Community Links)
	Alex Sarkisian	Glasgow Zine Library
	Jess Steele	SEIN
	Anne Strachan	Voluntary Sector Voice
	Karolis Toleikis	Bike for Good

Apologies: Jola Dolewska (SEIN / South Seeds), Hayden Foreman-Smith (Govanhill Baths), Kirsty Hood (Queen's Park Arena), Vicky Kakos (The Wee Retreat), Karen Krawczyk (SEIN), Penny Macleod (SEIN / The Well), Yasmine Rahemtulla (Glasgow Mutual Aid)

1. Welcome

Meeting chaired by Paddy

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Susan, Seconded by Eileen.

3. Board Update

Mears Mother & Baby Unit

Following on from the last Network meeting our Development Manager facilitated a useful online meeting of several of our membership organisation representatives who want to be kept informed about what is happening to ensure the support needs and concerns of residents are being met. Please contact Ruth if you want to find out more about this (ruthc@seinglasgow.org.uk).

Board Development

We will be holding two board development sessions over April & May. They will be facilitated by Joette of Animate Consulting who has worked with us in the past. These sessions will ensure board members are well equipped for their responsibilities - as well allow proper time to further clarify our goals and plan for the future.

New Treasurer

After interviewing candidates for this role we can confirm that Aastha Aryal will be the new SEIN treasurer. There are formalities we have to go through - but we do appreciate Ruth Forsythe's ongoing support during this transition period, and are looking forward to welcoming Aastha to the board.

New Board Member

We have also interviewed another prospective board member - and hope they can be introduced to the network very soon.

4. Staff Update

Ramadan

We wish a peaceful month of Ramadan to everyone here & in the wider network observing.

New Members

A warm welcome to new members Pink Peacock, GMAC Film & The Sound Lab.

[Asylum, Migration & Integration Fund](#)

Encouraging our members to think about joint applications; let Ruth know if you'd like to put a call out for a partnership or would like to join a meeting of others thinking of applying to discuss the fund / possible ideas & crossovers. **Deadline for applications: 22nd May.**

Coalition for Racial Equality & Rights (CRER)

CRER will soon be able to distribute funds through the Global Majority Fund (Comic Relief). The purpose of this fund is to provide support for organisations led by and/or serving black and minority ethnic (BME) communities who are experiencing hardships due to COVID-19 and focussed on addressing COVID-19 needs and priorities among communities experiencing racial inequality. They are asking organisations across Glasgow to complete [a survey to understand funding needs](#) **(complete by 5pm, 27th April)**

Feature in Greater Govanhill issue #3

We can offer a half page feature in Greater Govanhill Magazine for our member organisations working in/around Govanhill to highlight projects that they're doing. This month's issue is themed around food. For SEIN Members: get in touch with Ruth if you have a project that you would like to be featured in the next issue.

Polls

A poll was taken asking the following questions:

- Covid Vaccine Questions

Is access to reliable information about the Covid vaccines something that you are concerned about for the communities that you work with? **48% YES**
52% NO

At next month's network meeting: would it be helpful to have a short presentation/q&a from a doctor from the Oxford Vaccine Group to answer any question about Covid vaccines? **86% YES 14% NO**

- SEIN Members Categories

As the network grows, we looking in to making our website easier to navigate. As part of this we'd like to make sure our members are categorised in the most meaningful way, so they are easily searchable.

We will follow up on this soon, but in the meantime please have a look at the [current member categories](#) and add any thoughts [to this jamboard regarding categories that you feel are missing](#) that describe the work of our members.

Illustrations Project

Thanks again to the members who came along to our focus group to discuss illustrations to represent the network. All the input was very useful, and we will use this to create a brief for an illustrator connected to the network. We will keep members updated, and let you know when the opportunity is available.

SEIN Website

A reminder that we have a Jobs and Volunteering page on our website for members to advertise upcoming opportunities. We are also looking for news features and guests blog posts from members. Please get in touch with Jess (jess@seinglasgow.org.uk) if you have an opportunity or idea for a news/blog post, or would like to have a chat about this.

Feedback

As ever, we would greatly appreciate your feedback about our network meetings so we can continue to develop and improve them. [Fill out the short feedback form here.](#)

5. Breakout Groups

The meeting broke in to groups, with the following guiding questions (summary of group discussions included):

How has the easing of restrictions affected your services? And/or how will the coming easing of restrictions affect your services?

- Many places are still waiting for further easing/settling of restrictions as their spaces are too small and want to reduce stress and anxiety as much as possible for staff, volunteers, and participants.
- Lots of places considering outdoor activities initially.
- Looking at blended approaches, many considering this long term, or at least for the foreseeable.
- Many places looking forward to restrictions easing as online really hasn't been an option for them and have communities in need of support.

What are you feeling most hopeful about as lockdown eases? (for yourself/your staff/volunteers/people using your services)

- Looking forward to being able to do things outdoors/in person.
- Feeling hopeful being able to put more thought into accessibility how things can develop.
- Looking forward to being able to work with volunteers and feel more connected to the wider community and partnership orgs than currently.

Is there anything you're concerned about as lockdown eases? (for yourself/your staff/volunteers/people using your services)

- Concerns about how people accessing the services has changed/grown over lock down, and many of them won't be able to access in person activities and services.
- Concerns for the mental wellbeing of staff and volunteers trying to manage the transitions/workloads/creating and maintaining COVID safe environments.
- Concerns about funding and recovery, both long and short term, and the wider impacts this year has had on the communities.
- Capacity to cope with transition
- Concerns about irresponsibility of the wider public, and the potential for lockdown to happen again.

6. Updates

The Hidden Gardens – We have an exhibition starting at the end of April called 'Fly Away Home'. Our last Tai Chi is this Friday [Tai Chi \(online\)](#) (10am). Men's Group – meets Tuesdays 1pm, contact Grace@thehiddengardens.org.uk if you're working with anyone that's interested. The gardens are free to visit Tues – Sun.

Thriving Places Govanhill Dev Trust - If you live or work in Govanhill, fill in the survey about the [Community Engagement and Information Strategy](#) to help us form our locality plan for the area.

GMAC Film – We are in the development stages of our project GMAC Action, and are looking to partner with organisations in Govanhill. We will pair vulnerable young people up with groups in the community to give them experience in film making.

I am looking to speak to young people aged 14-18 for short one-to-one consultation interviews along with youth workers and other third sector organisations who work with vulnerable young people at risk of being not in education/training or offending. Interviews will take place this month over zoom or phone and roughly last 20-30 mins. I can offer £10 amazon vouchers as an incentive for taking part. Please get in touch if you are interested: lisa@gmacfilm.com.

[GMAC are hiring two new posts which go live on the 16th \(Outreach Worker & Youth Working Project Assistants\)](#)

Glasgow Community Food Network - Our [Cash First approach project looks at an alternative to food aid provision](#). Our leaflet is almost done, but in case anyone missed orders for them, please get in touch: CaraC_GCFN@outlook.com

Castlemilk Community Church – We wanted to look more effectively as to what the issues are that effect our service users. Something that has come out of that is a new podcast called SIYAKHULUMA (We Talk). It's ongoing and you can get involved, this is about letting asylum seeker's voices be heard. Listen to our [new podcast](#) (you can search for this on your podcast provider).

Pollokshields Development Agency - [Invitation to register your events on our website](#). Please share with other Southside organisations. For more info email: zoe@pdagladgow.org.uk.

Archaeology Scotland – New project: community archaeology excavation at Hampden Bowling Club (7th – 13th June). Opportunities available to all in the area; keen to work with New Scots and diverse audiences. Activities include digging, tours and we are looking to explore more creative interpretation ideas to share the story of the site and Andrew Watson. We want to ensure that everyone can access, learn about and celebrate this fascinating part of Glasgow's and our shared heritage. All participants will have access to our Heritage Hero Award scheme too, ideal for CV's, careers and education. If your organisation would like to chat further

about co-designing some sessions, contact Kieran:

k.manchip@archaeologyscotland.org.uk

Pink Peacock – We're a Queer, Yiddish, Anarchist, Pay-What-You- Can café currently setting up our physical space in Govanhill. We're setting up a free community fridge soon, and have a weekly Havdalah (jewish community group) that would be lovely to have people signposted to. Visit our website:

pinkpeacock.gay / @dirozevepave on twitter and Instagram

Glasgow Zine Library - Glasgow Zine Fest is currently taking place, until the end of April 2021, this year's festival has our young producers programme and events have access arrangements. [Full programme of talks, workshops, online zine fair and more.](#)

PATH Scotland - PATH (Scotland)'s Positive Steps programme supports people from BAME backgrounds in the south of Glasgow who are unemployed or under-employed to improve their employment opportunities, build resilience and challenge barriers. It gives people tools and a realistic action plan to achieve their goals. It consists of assessment, one to one support, job search, interview skills, networking, labour market research, supporting health and wellbeing, building resilience and on-going evaluation and support.

PATH's Life Skills & Employability programme helps to increase access for BAME women who have experienced life challenges through developing skills such as interpersonal communication, improving self-confidence and working with people.

[See PATH Scotland leaflets](#)

For more information about any of our services/programmes, contact Najimee Parveen on najimee@pathscotland.org.uk or 0141 332 9477.

Action for Children – We are actively recruiting referrals for our next programme which is called 'Positive Choices' (16-24 yrs who are unemployed). This is a face-to-face course booting confidence and workplace skills for young people. Various guest speakers and awards included. Contact Leon.healy@actionforchildren.org.uk / 07971 095 906

Music Broth – Music Broth is a free musical instrument library based in Govanhill. [We're continuing to do our musical instrument delivery service, we take referrals for this.](#) FUSION creative song-writing project looking at themes of stereotyping, run by the fantastic Grace, a regular musical expert at Music Broth. Via Zoom, Free. [Open to those 16+ Signup](#) Starts 22nd April. Drop in Guitar and Ukulele sessions with Roger, Saturdays, free, via Zoom 10th April – 29th May
[Guitar 10am – 11:30am](#)
[Ukulele 12noon – 1:30pm](#)

The Well - The Well's advice line: 07894972377 runs from 9.30am. Advice about anything, including immigration and welfare. Leave a message and we will call you back if you don't get through first time.

South Seeds - New phone number 0141 636 3959 - press 1 for Energy Officers. Support with bills/lost keys/cards/ fuel debt/heating controls/energy advice and much more.

Tool Library: new opening times are Saturdays 10am-2pm, book by midnight Thur to collect Sat.

Applications open to adopt a raised bed at the Croft, see website for details. Over 20 raised beds available, applications close 9am Mon 26th April. Induction sessions in May, restrictions permitting.

YCSA - Fariha Thomas, YCSA Manager, is retiring on 31st May 2021. Morag Macpherson has been appointed to start on 1st June.

New enrolment for a summer football programme and a summer creative project for BME young people 16-25yrs begins in May. Email rachelkrofcheck@ycca.org.uk for more details.

Our New Tracks programme for BME young people 12-18yrs struggling to engage with school is also enrolling on programmes. Email sarahbowers@ycca.org.uk for more details.

Bike for Good – Our west shop is running Fri/Sat for bike sales and our south shop is running for bike repairs. We have launched a new service called Pedal Pals that allows people to connect on our website and create their own social rides where they can then go out and cycle together. We still offering help to orgs who need food parcels delivered. We're launching group rides at the end of April. Contact: Karolis@bikeforgood.org.uk

Govanhill Baths – We have just finished our 20th Anniversary celebrations and have plenty more to come throughout the year. [We have a zero waste market that happens on the first Saturday of every month](#); this is an opportunity for those who are makers/artists.

We now have a [Good News Govanhill website](#), this webpage aggregates all the twitter feeds from local (currently Govanhill-centric) grassroots organisations, and has a nifty translation function too.

Finn's Place - [5 week Craft sessions at Finn's Place \(online\)](#) - Free Decopatch & Macrame starting Tuesday 20th April: - contact Hannah@finnsplace.org to register or for more info.

9. Notes from Chat

The Dixon Community (Glasgow South East Carers Centre)

Online [referral form can be found at here](#) OR call The Carers Information Line on 0141 353 6504 who will take the referral over the phone. [Your Support Your Way Glasgow website](#) = information regarding carers & their rights.

Our social media channels are update daily. I would appreciate if you would like and share any information that may be relevant to members of your organisation. Twitter @dixon_east Facebook @DixonCommunity.

Carers Week is taking place this year from Monday 7 June – Sunday 13 June. This year's theme is 'making caring visible & valued'. More information to follow at the next meeting.

The Occasion Theatre – visit our website at: www.theoccasiontheatre.com

Migrant Help UK – [see our March newsletter](#)

10. AOB

[A reminder that we have a newsletter information submission form on website](#), please use this for any updates and opportunities you'd like to share.

[Fill out our short feedback form to give your feedback on this meeting.](#)

11. Dates of Next Meetings

Tuesday 11th May

Tuesday 8th June