



Minutes of South East Integration Network Meeting

Tuesday 10th August – Online

Present:	Jana Ahlers	COP26 Coalition
	Huda Alarishi	Scottish Arab Women's Association
	Oumar Akram	Pathway Scotland
	Ghazala Amin	The Daisy Project
	Fiona Ballantyne	Crossroads Youth & Community Association
	Grace Browne	The Hidden Gardens
	Marketa Buricova	Bike for Good
	Alison Burnley	Oi Musica!
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Susan Clark	The Dixon Community
	Naomi Clarke	The Sound Lab
	Jola Dolewska	SEIN / South Seeds
	Sabine Etchu	Women's Support Project
	Debbie Ferguson	SEIN
	Ruth Forsythe	Finn's Place
	Tessa Gordziejko	Independent Arts Projects (Niqabi Ninja)
	Grace Gracie	Families Outside
	Julie Hayes	The Space Glasgow
	Jane Hazlett	Simon Community Scotland
	Zoe Jarvis	Pollokshields Development Agency
	Honor Johnstone	Research Student
	Susan Johnstone	Castlemilk Parish Church
	Vicky Kakos	The Wee Retreat CIC
	Pip Lawrenson	Glasgow Life
	Matisse Lefebvre	Arkbound
	Claire Low	Govanhill Community Development Trust
	Morag Macpherson	YCSA
	Kirsty McDonald	Community Links Worker (The Alliance)
	Amy McElhinney	Queen's Park Govanhill Church
	Paddy McKenna	SEIN / Cassiltoun Housing Association
	Alice Meikle	Co-op
	Lydia Murphy	ProjectScotland / Volunteering Matters
	Angie Mwafulirwa	SEIN / Sharpen Her
	Nico Ndlovu	Siyakhuluma We Talk Podcast
	Jen O'Brien	Music Broth
	Sohini Petrie	SEIN
	Jennifer Scott	The No.1 Befriending Agency
	Jess Steele	SEIN

Anne Strachan	Voluntary Sector Voice
Rosie Trevill	Bike for Good
Dilraj Watson	Amina MWRC
Chris Yeoh	Glasgow Zine Library
Rhoda Yarmahmoudi	The Well Multi-Cultural Resource Centre

Apologies: Marzanna Antoniak (Govanhill Thriving Places), Meg Camley (SEIN / Home Start Glasgow South), Lisa Doherty (GMAC Film), Karen Krawczyk (SEIN), Penny Macleod (SEIN / The Well), Clare McBrien (Givin' it Laldie)

1. Welcome

Meeting chaired by Angie

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Naomi, seconded by Jen

3. Board Update

The SEIN Annual General Meeting will take place on the Tuesday 7th September from 10-10.30am (followed by the network meeting). Please make a note in your diaries – we would love to have as many of our members along to this as possible.

4. Staff Update

Borders Bill

The Borders Bill has been making its way through parliament and has been voted for in its current form. The Bill essentially criminalises a lot of the rights asylum seekers have which are outlined in the Refugee Convention. We are at the stage where the Bill itself will be passed in some capacity, and the best outcome we can hope for now is alterations to the clauses within the Bill. You can show your support in fighting this Bill by [signing the Freedom from Torture petition](#), [joining the Together with Refugees Campaign](#), and writing to your local MP expressing your concerns.

SEIN Instagram

We are now on Instagram! Give us a follow: @seinglasgow

Illustrator Opportunity with SEIN

We are building the visual identity of the South East Integration Network, and have a fantastic opportunity for an illustrator to be part of this. We are looking for an illustrator to create 15-20 spot illustrations that represent both the services of the network, and the activities of our members. We are particularly keen to receive applications from illustrators from New Scots and BAME backgrounds, ideally connected to SEIN through a member organisation or with an active connection to the south east of Glasgow. We want to make this opportunity as accessible as possible, so if you know someone who wants to apply, but has barriers to doing so, get in touch with Jess and we'll do our best to accommodate. **The fee is £1000 and**

the deadline is 16th August at midnight. [The full advert and application pack can be found on our website.](#)

Membership Renewal Survey

We have sent a membership renewal survey to the key contacts for all of our member organisations. Many thanks to all who have completed it, we're very pleased to have you continuing as SEIN members! We will update all of our records & the member profiles on our website in due course (please bear with us). We will also feedback on the results once all surveys are in & information has been collated. If you're not sure whether you are the key contact, or whether this has been completed by your organisation, please get in touch with ruth@seinglasgow.org.uk. For those who still need to complete this, we'd be grateful if you could do so by the end of August at the latest.

Webinar for Reforming UK Asylum System

Highlighting this webinar from the Royal Society of Edinburgh which will be discussing reforming the UK asylum system, particularly Scotland's approach. It's on Thurs 26th of August, 3-4pm. [Find out more & register here.](#)

Vaccine Information in Different Languages

[The Scottish Refugee Council have updated information about Covid vaccinations, with resources in a number of different languages.](#)

Scotland Loves Local Fund

The Scottish Government [have just launched this fund](#) is for projects aiming to help transform towns and neighbourhoods. The fund is open until 1st October.

5. Presentation and Discussion with Jana Ahlers from COP26 Coalition

Jana is the coordinator for The People's Summit which is taking place alongside COP26 this November.

To follow up / for more information:

- Visit cop26coalition.org
- [Subscribe to the Glasgow mailing list.](#)
- Contact Jana at peoples-summit@cop26coalition.org and [contribute to the People's Summit](#)
- [Volunteer at COP for Climate Justice](#)
- If you would like to host someone in your home, you can join [the Homestay Network.](#)
- [Join Slack if you want to get more involved](#)

Presentation

COP26, The UN Climate Change Conference, is happening in Glasgow from 31st of October to 12th of November. The COP26 Coalition is an alliance of NGOs and organisations that bring together different climate justice centred movements to organise around COP26. We are organising a huge demonstration on Saturday 6th

of November, and lots of lead up events at 21 different hubs across the UK, as well as supporting the student strike on Friday 5th of November. We are also organising The People's Summit, which focusses on the societal perspective of what is happening with the climate. We are hoping to bring together 25,000 people online, and 5000 in Glasgow. We are currently working with 15 venues to facilitate this, including Govanhill Baths. There are lots of ways to get involved, and you are welcome to join the local Glasgow group.

Discussion

Comment: Oi Musica! are working on a project that focuses on climate change and currently have an open call for individuals & communities to get involved with music making in the lead up to the summit.

Response: The People's Summit is open for submissions, for both in-person and online. Anything from panels, to workshops, to interactive events. We are still looking for venues and community groups to connect with, this music project sounds really great.

Comment: There is the Climate Fringe happening all over the country, we are running an event at Finn's Place as part of it.

Response: That's great, we're sisters of the Fringe & are working in collaboration with them.

Question: Is there any funding around the COP26 so events can be organised?

Response: Not directly through us as we are a coalition, not a legal entity, but we have a wide network so we can always do a call out through our newsletter. We also offer free venue spaces for events/activists/artists.

Question: How do you reach other communities? There are less resources for my community (by that I mean black people). I'm doing things on my podcast where guests come and speak, but I feel the government has done nothing to engage our communities with this issue. How do you reach these communities?

Response: Absolutely agree. Part of what we are organising is called the counter summit, which will be from the ground up, by the people, focusing on what really matters. In Glasgow, the local group are doing a climate café, and online series on COP called the Boiling Point. But you're totally right, there is always more to be done.

6. Breakout Groups

The meeting split in to break out groups, with the following guiding questions:

1. Do you have anything planned in the run up to COP26?
2. What's important for the communities you're working with to be highlighting to the delegates of COP26?

7. Updates

Bike for Good

We have [a new project for asylum seekers/refugees/new scots/migrants on low income](#). We will be developing volunteer opportunities and offering 1-to-1 sessions to help them achieve their personal goals. We have different weekly activities including bike maintenance classes, cycling classes, and bike rides. We can provide travel expenses for volunteers. Please get in touch if you have anyone who would benefit from these services.

We also have Glasgow Women on Wheels Cycle Festival – running throughout September. This will include a huge range of events for all women & non-binary people in Glasgow to help build confidence and new communities and tackle climate change. Events include cycling lessons, led rides, film screenings, social discussions and more. Visit: www.bikeforgood.org.uk/GWOW and on social media @GWOWFest.

Pathway Scotland

We do employability and business start-up work with under-represented groups / those with cultural or language barriers. We're looking for people who need support with employment. We have a full wrap-around service, and have wide ranging jobs available. We have a BAME business network and around 500 businesses registered in the Glasgow area alone. Everything is free of charge. Contact: oumar@pathwayscotland.co.uk

The No.1 Befriending Agency

We have an exciting project focusing on our volunteers to help them with their employability. We want to focus on people in vulnerable groups in society, and work with them for their individual skills and help them build a CV. We have devices and ways for people to access the internet. Contact Jennifer: jennifer@befriend.org.uk

Project Scotland / Volunteering Matters

We work with people aged 16-24 who are struggling to get into employment. We offer a holistic support, supported formal volunteering placements and mentoring. If you work with young people who you think could benefit from our support or you would like to host any of our volunteers please get in touch at Lydia.murphy@volunteeringmatters.org.uk or via our website at www.projectsotland.co.uk.

Amina MWRC

We have received renewed funding for our helpline service, and re-engaging with our befriending service. We are also running an online drop-in service once a week, and mental health services. [You can find all the info on our Facebook page.](#) for further information please contact info@mwrc.org.uk.

Oi Musica!

We have an exciting new outreach project which aims to engage as many people as possible to create their own musical response to climate change. We are hoping to launch our new website for the project next week, which will have lots of resources to get involved. We are looking for partners who have groups that can create their own response (this could be their own version of the song we have created for this project – Enough is Enough – or something inspired by this, or something completely different; all contributions are welcome). We can also help facilitate linking up groups to collaborate with each other. [Watch 'Enough is Enough'](#) and [find out more about the project](#). Contact: alison.burnley1@gmail.com

The Hidden Gardens

Mind & Draw: Thursdays 12th & 19th August, 11am-1pm. Painting on nature and to live music. Sessions will be outdoors so please dress for the weather. To book your free space, please email Garry at mindanddraw@hotmail.com.

Please note The Hidden Gardens will be closed to the general public this Thursday 12th and Friday 13th August due to private hire.

Men's Group: Tuesdays 1-3pm.

Activities in August will be live music with Music in Hospitals & Care outdoors in the Garden. Tai Chi on the Lawn: Tuesdays 10am, Fridays 10am, Sundays 1pm (until Sunday 22nd Aug). Contact grace@thehiddengardens.org.uk or 0141 433 2722 for more information.

The Sound Lab

Sound Lab have secured funding until next Summer to work specifically with care experienced, migrant and disabled young people up to age 25. If you work with any of these groups and are aware of young people interested in music tuition, we can provide this for free. We're particularly interested in developing partnerships with those who have their own space as we're quite small and currently operate without (funding does not cover venue costs). We also have 2 weeks of Vietnamese guitar learning sessions left, Mondays 1-2 and 2-3pm hosted (weather dependant) in Queens Park or GAS (Glasgow Autonomous Space), on 16th and 23rd August; we are also looking to continue these afterwards. Contact: thesoundlab@live.co.uk

Arkbound

We are a publishing house which aims to diversify authors in literature. We have a creative writing project called Power of the Pen, where we will create a space where people can express their feelings about covid isolation and the lockdowns. It is free and supervised by writing professionals. We are looking for participants/mentees. Please email matisse@arkfound.org for more information.

Siyakhuluma We Talk podcast

The podcast is getting a lot of attention, so thank you to those who have listened and contributed. I am always looking for people to join so please get in touch. I'm also doing my stand up comedy, so get in touch if you'd like to be involved in this as well. Contact: nico775nn45@gmail.com Listen to the podcast: www.wetalkpodcast.co.uk

Independent Arts Projects (Niqabi Ninja)

Combining street artwork, audio-story performance and a walk through your city, you are invited to immerse yourselves in Hana's world. Searing with dark comedy, this is a fearless reflection on the lengths women are willing to go to keep themselves and others safe. Tessa is looking to get different groups involved. Glasgow dates 19th – 28th Tramway, Thursday to Saturday, evening slots from 4.30 to 7pm. Contact: Tessagordz@gmail.com

The Dixon Community - Glasgow South East Carers Centre

Our summer programme with Young Carers has been a huge success. Thanks to funding from Radio Clyde Cash for Kids & Carers Trust Scotland we provided a full summer of face-to-face activities & support. This new group of 12-18 year olds have called themselves 'YC Connect' & this peer support group will continue to meet weekly after school. We know there are many more young carers in our community who would benefit from this group & the support we can offer. To self-refer, call The Carers Information Line on 0141 353 6504 or complete the online form on the [Your Support Your Way Glasgow Website](#). Contact Susan if you would like me to raise awareness about Carers within your organisation: 07377 400127 / susan.clark@dixoncommunity.org.uk.

The Dixon Community Day Opportunities for older people in our community has resumed face-to-face. If you would like more information or details on how to join, please call Michelle on 0141 423 2481.

The Wee Retreat CIC

Our free online wellbeing service 'Time for You' for service users is now going to run until December. Please contact Sarah support@theweeretreat.co.uk to sign up for your service users to access. Includes yoga, mindfulness, healthy eating, martial arts and more.

The Well Multicultural Resource Centre

The Well Multi-Cultural Resource Centre is excited to pilot a bespoke Life Skills Programme aimed at increasing wellbeing and employability for BME citizens in South East Glasgow. The programme will run for 10 weeks, three times during the course of the year. We are looking to recruit a Coordinator to set up and run the programme, who has good communication and networking skills and who is comfortable working in a cross-cultural environment. The Coordinator's role is 10 hours per week – from September 2021 – August 2022. If you are interested, then please contact Rhoda at rho.yar@thewell.org.uk for a copy of the Job Description and application details. Closing Date is Monday 16th August.

South Seeds

[We are recruiting for a part time energy officer](#) to work at South Seeds on Victoria Road. This is a temporary post from 1st September 2021 to 31st January 2022. The deadline for applications is Monday 23rd August and interviews will be held on Wednesday 25th August.

Music Broth

Would you like the opportunity to develop your experience in the community sector? Can you support our aims to build an inclusive musical community across Scotland? We're looking for new people to join our Music Broth Board of Trustees. Deadline: Midday on Monday 16th August. [Full info here](#)

8. Notes from the chat

Castlemilk Parish Church

Coat of Hopes is a project involving a patchwork coat which will journey from the south of England to Glasgow for COP26. Patches will be added as it makes its way North. You can have a look at www.coatofhopes.uk if you are interested in joining in.

Glasgow Zine Library

"Engaging young people with climate research" is a project looking for young people aged 14-18 who want to creatively respond to the issues around climate change, have their voice heard, learn new skills, and contribute to a published zine anthology. Starting in September, it will include video masterclasses on youth activism, drawing, and nature writing, and digital hands-on workshops around activism and zine-making. This is a project from Glasgow Zine Library and the University of Glasgow in the lead-up to COP26. If you know anyone who might want to get involved please email glasgowzinelibrary@gmail.com

Simon Community Scotland

My name is Jane and I work with the Simon Community Scotland organisation in Glasgow. I am grant funded by the Home Office as a EU Settlement Scheme Immigration Adviser. I am coming across a lot of Asylum cases and working jointly with Glasgow City Council to look at future pathways for these vulnerable individuals. This is my first time accessing this forum and I would be grateful to meet with you all. My work mobile is 07900 481111 and my email address is jane.hazlett@simonscotland.org feel free to give me a call.

Voluntary Sector Voice

I'm Anne Strachan, chair of Voluntary Sector Voice, which is the network for all voluntary & community organisations in the south of Glasgow. We meet every 6 weeks to share information, identify opportunities for joint working, etc. If you would like to come along to a meeting or just want more information, please e-mail voluntarysectorvoice@gmail.com. We have thousands of donated disposable face masks. If any organisation would like a supply of these, please let me know (e-mail above or 07726 625038).

9 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 the short feedback form here to give your feedback on this network meeting.](#)

The meeting finished with a climate change joke by Nico.

10 Dates of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th September (AGM)

Tuesday 12th October