



Minutes of South East Integration Network Meeting

Tuesday 12th October – Online

Present:	James Bajgar	Music Broth
	Agnes Berner	South Seeds
	Joe Boyle	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
	Grace Browne	The Hidden Gardens
	Marketa Buricova	Bike for Good
	Meg Camley	Home Start Glasgow South / SEIN
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Nelson Cummins	Coalition for Racial Equality & Rights (CRER)
	Lilian Delaney	Home Energy Scotland
	Lisa Doherty	GMAC Film
	Sabine Etchu	Women's Support Project
	Grace Gracie	Families Outside
	Amreeta Graham	Southside Housing Association
	Will Herrmann	Bike for Good
	Kirsty Hood	Queen's Park Arena (Inhouse CIC)
	Poppy Ives	South Seeds
	Zoe Jarvis	Pollokshields Development Agency
	Susan Johnstone	Castlemilk Parish Church
	Karen Krawczyk	SEIN
	Matisse Lefebvre	The Arkbound Foundation
	Connie Lynch	The No.1 Befriending Agency
	Alexandra Krause	Govanhill Baths
	Zoe Madek	South Seeds
	Kirsty McDonald	Community Links Worker (The Alliance)
	Ryan McKeown	Bridges Programmes
	Morag Macpherson	YCSA
	Amra Nazim	Govanhill Housing Association
	Jagoda Sadowska	SEIN Illustrator
	Elena Silich	Bridges Programmes
	Jess Steele	SEIN
	Anne Strachan	Voluntary Sector Voice
	Chris Yeoh	Glasgow Zine Library

Apologies: Ghazala Amin (The Daisy Project), Ruth Forsythe (Finn's Place), Godsai (Glendale Women's Café), Vicky Kakos (The Wee Retreat), Paddy McKenna (Cassiltoun Housing Association / SEIN), Angie Mwafulirwa (Sharper Her / SEIN), Deirdre Nelson (Community Artist – Langside), Sohini Petrie (SEIN)

1. Welcome

Meeting chaired by Ruth

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Kirsty, seconded by Grace

3. Board Update

AGM

The SEIN Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th of December and will be from 10am – 10.30am, we will hold the normal network meeting afterwards. We'd love to see as many members as possible there, so please pop it in your diaries and look out for the sign up form.

Board Members

Penny Macleod has now stepped down from the SEIN board. We'd like to say a massive thank you to Penny Macleod for everything that she has given to SEIN over the years, as board member and Chair. Thanks also for the support she has given Angie during her transition to Chair. Thank you Penny!

We'd also like to say thank you to Debbie Ferguson who was on the board for a short time, and has stepped down due to other commitments.

Finally if anyone is interested in joining the SEIN Board and wants to find out more, contact Ruth ruthc@seinglasgow.org.uk for an informal chat.

Staff Update

Illustrator Selected

We're delighted to announce we will be working with Jadoga Sadowska, who will be creating a series of illustrations to represent the work of the network and our members.

Blog/News

We have a new blog post on our website which was developed after the discussion in our last network meeting. The blog is about current refugee crises; how to support Afghan Refugees and resources available; as well as the threat to asylum seeker/refugee rights in the UK due to the Borders Bill potentially passing. There is lots of information in the post about how to do things on a practical and structural level and is well worth a read. [You can find the blog post here.](#)

We will be putting out a few news posts over the next few months, including one about Black History Month, and one on everything that is going on around the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference. **Please email ruthc@seinglasgow.org.uk with any activities/workshops/events that you are holding in the run-up to/during COP26.**

COP26

There is a lot happening for COP26; a couple things to highlight are the Global Day of Climate Action on the 6th of November. In Glasgow a march will be assembling in Kelvingrove at 11.30 and will march to Glasgow Green. [More details here](#). The COP26 Coalition are also organising a day of 'Raising Banners' on the 1st of November. [Find out more here](#).

Membership Renewal Survey

Thanks to those who have filled out the survey. There are still a handful of members who are yet to complete it, Ruth will be in touch to get in completed by the end of the month.

New Member

Welcome to our newest member, The Arkbound Foundation, who are a publishing social enterprise working with marginalised voices in literature. You can [read more about them on our website](#).

Funding

There are lots of new funding opportunities in our latest newsletter ([which you can read here](#)), and a [new fund from BEMIS](#) for events funding to diverse local community groups to stage their own bespoke celebrations on St Andrew's Day and Burns' Night.

Public Gathering Against the Borders Bill

Organised by Together with Refugees:

When: Wednesday, 20th October, 1.45pm – 3pm

Where: The Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow, G1 1UH

At this public event, we'll show our support for people seeking safety and our opposition to the UK Government's cruel anti-refugee bill. Everyone is welcome so please do share this invitation with your networks and friends.

There is still time to write to your MP protest the Boarders Bill, and you can [sign this petition from Refugee Action](#).

Feedback Form

As ever we'd love to hear your feedback from the meeting, you can do so by [filling out this quick form](#).

4. Presentation: Black History Month with Nelson Cummins from the Coalition of Racial Equality and Rights (CRER)

Overview

Black History Month has happened every October (1st-31st) in the UK since 1987 and was founded by a multiracial group from the Greater London Council. The aim of the month is to focus on hidden histories of Black and Minority Ethnic people in the UK. The month centres Black people in the UK, but recognises the shared oppression of minority ethnic people through colonialism and racism. Black History Month in Scotland has been coordinated by the Coalition of Racial Equality and Rights since 2001.

This Year's Programme

[This year the programme](#) has over 70 events (mix of online and in person) from over 40 organisations. Most of the events are free and accessible, and there are still plenty to come. There are walking tours, film screenings, concerts exhibitions etc. CRER coordinate the programme and are always looking for contributors and encourage organisations to put events on over the month. **Contact Nelson if you'd like to add anything to the programme.**

Legacy and Impact of the Month

Black History Month is not only a month of celebration, but a month of awareness raising, and highlighting the importance of Black histories being taught in schools (all year round) and being rightfully seen as Scotland's history.

Wider Work of CRER

- CRER have lots of publications [on their website](#); there is an introduction to anti racist curriculum development, which is a guide for teachers and aimed at support better practice in Scotland's schools.
- They have also been commissioned by the Scottish Government to support the implementation of a review into structural racism in Scotland, and that can be found on the [Scottish Government website](#).
- You can also sign up for the equalities updates emails that circulate information about the work of CRER.
- CRER facilitate their own network: the Glasgow Voluntary Sector Race Equality Network which meets four time a year, and is steered by members and their concerns. The group is open to all who work in/with BME communities.

CRER are hosting an event related to the COP26 Summit: Climate Change, Sustainability and Race on Tuesday 19th October from 7.30-8.30. [Find out more and sign up here.](#)

Nelson's Contact: nelson@crer.org.uk

6. Breakout Groups

The meeting split into groups, with the following guiding questions:

- Is there anything you would like to share that this discussion brings up for you?
- What are you working on at the moment that you're excited about?
- Do you need to build any connections / partnerships for any of your current projects?

7. Updates

Home Energy Scotland

I'm the local partnership officer and would like to work with you to support your

community members through difficult times with fuel poverty issues. I also want to highlight the [Energy Redress Fund](#) which I can give support with. There is also lottery funding available for carbon reducing activities ([Together for Our Planet](#)) which I can help with. Contact: Lilian.delaney@sc.homeenergyscotland.org

The Arkbound Foundation

Come to our in-person book launch for our upcoming publication, 'Climate Adaptation: Accounts of Resilience, Self-Sufficiency and Systems Change'. This book will showcase real sustainable alternatives to the current socio-economic model of extraction and exploitation of people and the environment in order to provide a constructive and informative vision of a positive future and of course if you want to help us promote the event by sharing on social media or newsletters it would be super helpful. It's on Saturday 30th of October 2-4pm, FREE, at the Mitchell Library. [Find out more about the event and sign up here.](#) Contact: matisse@arkfound.org

Bike for Good

The New Scots Project is in full swing. Offering free activities and volunteer opportunities for New Scots. Wednesdays 10.30 cycling lessons, 12.30 cycle led rides. Various volunteering opportunities (bike refurbishment, cycle trainer assistant etc.). All day cycle trip to Lochwinnoch on Saturday 16th October, start at 10.30 at Bike for Good West, lunch and bikes provided. contact: marketa@bikeforgood.org.uk.

Youth Activities at the South Hub: Tuesdays 1.30-4.30 fix your own bike (bikes can be provided for those who don't have one), there is a bike ride in the afternoons on Wednesdays, and on Thursday's there is an aim to start a girls/nonbinary group. Will is looking to connect with groups who work with young women/girls/non-binary young people to come along. Contact: will@bikeforgood.org.uk

South Seeds

Warm home discount applications are open at the moment, and South Seeds can help with applying, or you can apply online.

Glasgow Zine Library

For Christmas, Glasgow Zine Library will be taking donations of art supplies and vouchers for local art shops, and passing these on to young people as gifts in December. If any SEIN members who support/work with/know of families who might be interested in receiving these please ask them to contact us at glasgowzinelibrary@gmail.com to register their interest. We're looking to work with one or two groups.

Castlemilk Parish Church

We're getting together every second Tuesday in at Castlemilk Parish Church () making green hearts to encourage people to do more about the environment / thank them for what they are doing. We are also making a banner for the march on the 6th of November; if anyone would like to join us either travelling there via public transport, and/or for the march you are very welcome to do so. We'll be meeting at the church in the morning. The 'Coat of Hope' is making its way up from

the south of England, if anyone would like to make a patch there is still time. [Find out more on Facebook.](#)

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds – RSPB

We're offering free outdoor activities in the run-up to COP26 for community groups in Glasgow, with an emphasis on youth groups, New Scots, and other groups who might have limited access to outdoor/wildlife activities. We've had a few walks with different groups on mindfulness, ecology, birdwatching, etc., but are open to your suggestions and what would work best for you. We're happy to host activities at our Lochwinnoch reserve, our Glasgow to Globe Greenspace at the Botanic Gardens, or at a local greenspace in Glasgow. Apologies for the short notice, but if you'd like an activity between now and the 12/11, let me know via joe.boyle@rspb.org.uk, we'd love to hear from you.

The Hidden Gardens

Tai Chi on the Lawn: Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am (until mid-December) Free, Drop in and open to all abilities. Before your first session please complete our online Participant Registration Form and Equalities Monitoring Form

Men's Group: Tuesdays 1-3pm: Activity based group open to Southside men from all backgrounds. To find out more please contact grace@thehiddengardens.org.uk

African Wall Art & Tales by Lantern Light: Friday 22 October 3-6pm Join us as we celebrate Black History Month 2021!

FREE activities for all ages; Stories by lantern light; Paint with natural materials inspired by African women's mural arts; Make birdfeeders; Activities about looking after wildlife in winter. Outdoor event. Dress for Scottish Autumn!

Early Warning Signs by Ellie Harrison: 24 September - 29 October 2021.

As part of the 10th anniversary celebrations for Early Warning Signs all four signs were brought to Glasgow and installed at various community venues across the city in the run-up to COP26. Including Woodlands Community Garden in the West End to Impact Arts in the East End and then to The Bowling Green and The Hidden Gardens in the Southside.

We have exciting activities and artworks in the Gardens for COP26. More information to come soon;

Totem Latamat by Jun Tiburcio: Experience an Indigenous Mexican response to Climate Change this Autumn. In Chumatlán, Veracruz, México a 4.5m high totem is carved from a single tree during a ceremony to thank it for giving its life. A woman, and eagle, an angel, a sombrero and hummingbirds are sculpted into the cedar wood, the chiselled lines imprinting a message that will stretch 9000km from Mexico to Glasgow for COP26. Commissioned by Border Crossings and carved by Indigenous Totonac artist Jun Tiburcio, TOTEM LATAMAT is a messenger sent by the Totonac people. "Latamat" means "life" in Tutunakú, and the totem is expressive of Totonac spiritual ideas as they relate to the environment. It emphasises how deeply our existence is interwoven with nature, calls attention to the damage being done to the seas, the land and the air, and insists that we cannot ignore this destruction any longer. [Find out more and follow it's journey.](#)

We'll be hosting Minga Indigena, a collective of leaders of Indigenous Minga. [For more information visit their website.](#)

Inhouse CIC (Queen's Park Arena / The Landing Hub)

Queen's Park Arena - [Free dance performances at QPA](#) this Friday and Saturday.

The message board at the entrance to Queen's Park at Victoria Road is up and running again; get in contact with kirsty@inhouse.scot if you have posters (preferably a3 portrait) which you would like to be displayed.

We are programming an exciting events space for the COP fringe called the Landing Hub at 220 Broomielaw. See: www.thesustainableglasgowlanding.com We're working hard to make the Landing Hub an accessible, welcoming space where the climate and social justice meets the arts. We'll be centring indigenous voices from those at the frontline of the climate crisis. The programme will be available at the start of next week, and we will be looking to link with members to invite everybody along to the space.

Karen Krawczyk

There is a 24-hour coach-a-thon on 17th November. The event raises money for Microloans charity for women in Africa to set up their own businesses (last year £13,000 was raised). If there is anyone managing team members / or they themselves would like to try coaching, [have a look at the programme](#). There are sessions on leadership, resilience etc. For further information, contact: karen.krawczyk59@gmail.com

Govanhill Baths

See the Govanhill Baths [Community Action programme](#), running from 1-12th November; lots of activities for COP at the Deep End. Contact Alexandra: community@govanhillbaths.com or 07745 707793

[The Youth Club are back on Tuesdays.](#)

Rags to Riches have lots of [workshops](#), and now have a [membership](#). They can provide subsidised prices if you'd like to work with a group.

We are involved in the Southside feeder march for COP26, [find out more here](#).

8. Notes from the chat

Voluntary Sector Voice

Voluntary Sector Voice is the voluntary sector network for south of Glasgow. This is a request to volunteer-engaging organisations. Some of our organisations are helping deliver the community response project in the south as part of Glasgow Helps, i.e. if someone has to isolate but needs shopping collected, prescriptions picked up, dogs walked, etc., they contact Glasgow Helps and we will organise a volunteer to help. Unfortunately, one of our partners can no longer cover the G42 area. If any organisation is working with volunteers who could help deliver this service, please contact me on voluntarysectorvoice@gmail.com or 07947 402166. There is funding available to cover volunteer expenses and some overheads.

Home Start Glasgow South

[Family Support Co-ordinator job opportunity](#) is currently open. Deadline: 18th October

9. Updates in Absence

Finn's Place

Saturday 16th October, 10am-12pm: [Recovery Café](#)

Sunday 17th October, 2-4pm: [A conversation on climate change](#)

Friday 22nd October, 6pm: [What the COP?](#) (Banner Making & Film Screening)

Glendale Women's Café

Glendale Women's Café are looking for board members, for more information, contact Godsai at: theglendalewomenscafe@gmail.com

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 the short feedback form here for feedback on the network meetings.](#)

11. Dates of Next Meetings

Tuesday 9th November

Tuesday 14th December (AGM)