



Minutes of South East Integration Network Meeting

Tuesday 9th November 2021 – Online

Present:	Agnes Berner	South Seeds
	Chani Bond	Givin' it Laldie
	Francine Bucumi	We Are With You
	Marketa Buricova	Bike for Good
	June Burgess	GCVS
	Meg Camley	Home Start Glasgow South / SEIN
	Ruth Cape	SEIN
	Sabine Etchu	Women's Support Project
	Jenna French	The Arkbound Foundation
	Nicola Godsal	The Glendale Women's Café
	Grace Gracie	Families Outside
	Leon Healy	Action for Children
	Tarka Heath	Rumpus Room
	Joe Isaac	pink peacock
	Zoe Jarvis	Pollokshields Development Agency
	Susan Johnstone	Castlemilk Parish Church
	Alexandra Krause	Govanhill Baths
	Pip Lawrenson	Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries
	Deva MacGinty	Braw Birth
	Zoe Madek	South Seeds
	Emma Malcomson	ENABLE Works
	Janine Matheson	Glasgow Connected Arts Network
	Angie Mwafulirwa	Sharpen Her / SEIN
	Lababa Naqvi	Empower Women for Change
	Mimie Oduangh	Women's Support Project
	Frankie Rose	The Alliance
	Alex Sarkisian	Glasgow Zine Library
	Mary Sneddon	SEMDC / Gilded Lily Inspiring Enterprise CIC
	Jess Steele	SEIN
	Anne Strachan	Voluntary Sector Voice

Apologies: Ghazala Amin (The Daisy Project), Marzanna Antoniak (Govanhill Housing Association), Tracy Brown (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde), Jola Dolewska (SEIN), Ruth Forsythe (Finn's Place), Jane Hazlett (Simon Community Scotland), Karen Krawczyk (SEIN), Penny Macleod (The Well), Kirsty McDonald (The Alliance), Paddy McKenna (Cassiltoun Housing Association / SEIN), Sohini Petrie (SEIN), Sally Pritchard (Ardenglen Housing Association)

1. Welcome

Meeting chaired by Jess

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Grace, seconded by Ruth

3. Board Update

AGM

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

Network Meetings

There will be no network meeting in January. The following meeting will be on Tuesday 8th February.

4. Staff Update

COP26

Highlighting our [Your COP26 post](#) which gives a run-down of many of the workshops & activities that our members, and others, are running around the COP26 summit. With a shout out for The People's Summit, which is running until the end of this week.

Arkbound Blog

We were pleased to publish [this guest blog](#) on our website from our newest members, The Arkbound Foundation, celebrating the success of their project; Bridging Literary Divides. If you would like to share something on our website as a news or blog post – please get in touch.

New Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund

A heads up for this new fund from The Scottish Government, for grassroots community groups and organisations to deliver activities and programmes to people to re-connect and revitalise communities building on examples of good practice which have emerged throughout the pandemic.

In Glasgow, this will be managed via GCVS. Application details are yet to be announced. We will share this once they are.

As ever, we are keen to encourage & facilitate partnership working across our membership. If anyone is interested in proposing a joint project, and would like to talk this through or have support connecting with other members, please let us know.

Climate Justice = Migrant Justice March

As part of the demonstrations happening around COP26, there will be a march

from Kenmure Street to The Home Office on Thursday 11th November, meeting at The Bowling Green at 10am, centring migrant rights in the conversations around climate justice.

MORE (Migrants Organising for Rights & Empowerment) [have a crowdfunder](#) to support their work around climate justice & migrant justice. Please support / share if you can.

5. Breakout Groups

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

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- Where do you see the work that you do sitting within the wider conversation around climate justice?

6. Discussion

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Rewilding in Govan

Urban wasteland is being converted into wetlands in Govan. The project is very solutions based and works to address sustainable food production, reduce carbon emission, create jobs, and develop a community space. They are keen to get folk involved. [Check out Blue Green Glasgow](#) who are running the project.

Community Fridges in Glasgow

Pollokshields Development Agency ran a successful community fridge, which the community really gathered around. Discussions about waste and food poverty were had, as well as opportunities for signposting for those not accessing mainstream services. It's not financially sustainable model however, requiring sources of income to function.

Govanhill Baths is now running The People's Pantry, which works on a subscription basis. Alexandra from Govanhill Baths is happy to chat to anyone who would like to set up something similar. Contact: community@govanhillbaths.com

pink peacock café on Victoria Road also run a community pantry which Joe will give an update on later in the meeting.

The Landing Hub

Inhouse have been programming a 17-day free climate festival on a pop up site on the Broomielaw called the Landing Hub which is centring voices often left out of the climate conversation.

Where do you see the work that you do sitting within the wider conversation around climate justice?

Gilded Lily

Have been climate challenge funded for a few years and have programmes supporting upcycling, waste reduction, and using recycled materials for art, household objects, jewellery etc. They also run a climate leadership project for women. They run a group called Climate Sisters, who have been lobbying and creating different initiatives. The project has a tower in the science centre.

Empower Women For Change

Have a clothing swap shop and a sewing club. EWfC gives away altered and upcycled clothes to asylum seekers and anyone else who needs them.

7. Updates

ENABLE Works

All In Glasgow Project is an employability support project for people living in Glasgow with additional support needs over the age of 29. The support aims to help people find and keep a paid job. Enable support with breaking down barriers, such as access to devices.

Action for Children

Action for Children run employability programmes for young people aged 16-24 across Glasgow. The recruitment is closed for this year. Coming up in 2022, they have new programmes including a sport specific employability programme, hospitality programme, and their driving programme which supports with driving lesson, basic car maintenance knowledge and theory. Contact Leon.healy@actionforchildren.org.uk - If anyone wants added to their mailing list just let Leon know.

South Seeds

South Seeds is preparing for a busy and difficult winter where we will continue to help Southsiders access energy advice and support such as Warm Home Discounts and emergency energy vouchers. It is going to be a very difficult time with the combination of colder weather and increased energy costs, so please don't hesitate to refer people to us. People need to make an appointment at our office on Victoria Rd, either by calling us or coming into the office.

The Tool Library has also extended its opening hours – Wednesday 3-7pm, Saturday 10am – 2pm.

Glasgow Zine Library

Glasgow Zine Library is back open for appointments for anyone who would like to visit and look at the collection. The space is also open for smaller workshops. [Find out how to visit.](#)

[GZL are also hiring for a part-time fundraiser!](#) (Deadline for applications: 22nd November, 5pm)

We Are With You

Francine, Community Links Worker with We Are With You, is looking for referrals of people in the asylum system for activities and community links to improve their wellbeing. Most referrals come from GP practices, and the people who access the services must be registered with a GP.

Francine is looking for a room in the South Side to use for appointments (must be a private room), please contact her if you can help:

francine.bucumi@wearewithyou.org.uk

Pollokshields Development Agency

Pollokshields Development Agency have put in an application to Glasgow City Council to a lease & manage the Pollokshields Community Centre. They have been approved for the Community Consultation stage of the application process. [See their proposal](#). They are planning to extend the opening hours to evening and weekends and make the kitchen available to community groups. Please get in touch with your thoughts / ideas.

PDA are also recruiting new board members. If you are interested in applying or nominating someone please contact info@pdaglasgow.org.uk

PDA are also launching a youth forum for 16-23 year olds. Hosting a small event with documentary screening on 17th Nov from 6pm-7:30pm. The first meeting will be held on the 24th November. Please contact Khadijah@pdaglasgow.org.uk or message her on 0751805417 for more info or if you would like to refer any youth people to the group.

Women's Support Project

Mimie has recently joined the Women's Support Project as their Labyrinth Project Development Worker. The project aims at mapping services for BAME in the area of harmful practices and will provide capacity building for organisations through training, workshops, etc. Contact Mimie for more information / a copy of their training calendar: mimie@womenssupportproject.org.uk

Empower Women for Change

Empower Women for Change is working in partnership with 16 Nicholson Street Gallery to support a year-long project called Power in Creativity (funded by The National Lottery Community Fund). The Project focuses on co-production, collaboration and mindful activity through visual arts and exhibition production. The aim is to support BME women aged 14+, but due to our core value of integration, all women will be welcomed. We aim to produce high quality art workshops and to improve confidence, the environment to creativity and learning transferable skills.

We also have another project called the Financial Wellbeing Project (funded by Rosa and Smallwood Trust). This project aims to support vulnerable, disadvantaged and under-represented women and girls to improve financial resilience, increasing their roots out of poverty. We will develop a program of workshops to assist our community of women and girls in gaining confidence and skills to support a stable financial future.

We also have a project called Food Security Project where we help asylum seekers and refugees with free food parcels – this takes place every Tuesday and Thursday.

Lababa would also like to add that she is a freelance fine artist, and is always interested in new projects to be involved with. If anyone has any art project in mind, please get in touch: lababanaqvi@hotmail.com

Govanhill Baths

The [Govanhill vs Climate Chaos programme of events](#) is currently happening in The Deep End. This is an opportunity for local community groups, initiatives and individuals to meet activists from around the world; to connect, to share inspiration, to share tools and instruments for community-led change.

The Govanhill Baths Community Trust 20/21 [annual report](#) is out.

[The Occupy! Occupy! Occupy! Conference](#) will explore occupations as a tactic in industrial, community, student and environmental disputes. This is happening in December.

Contact Alexandra Krause: community@govanhillbaths.com

pink peacock

We are finally open as a café! Please visit at 451 Victoria Road for pay what you can food and coffee.

We've got a free fridge and pantry just outside the café on Victoria Road. [Please follow this link for guidelines on what you can leave](#). It's been going really well – we really encourage people to leave things because things have been going immediately, so there is clearly a need for it.

We've just started offering the cafe as a meeting space. We're keeping it low capacity because of Covid, but if anyone has a need for meeting spaces - outside of our opening hours - then please let us know.

Finally, we've got a massive window space on Victoria Road. If you would like us to put a poster up in our window, please drop it by cafe.

Contact: hi@pinkpeacock.gay

GCVS (Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector)

June introduced herself as the Funding Officer at GCVS: I provide support to volunteer groups in organisations to help them to secure the funding they need to continue their activities. It's all completely free of charge. Please contact me for 1-1 fundraising support & help with your grant applications. We've also got free training sessions including Digital & Online Fundraising on 22nd November. Contact june.burgess@gcvs.org.uk

8. Notes from the chat

Families Outside

From 8th November, Families Outside are launching a new family induction webinar series, for families affected by imprisonment. The webinars will run from Monday 8th - Thursday 11th November 2021 and will take place on Zoom. These webinars have been created specifically for families, to provide information they might need throughout a family member's sentence. [You can register your place at each webinar on our website](#). You can attend all of the webinars, or individual ones if you are interested in a particular topic.

Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries

Are providing free cancer support and info in 6 libraries including Pollok and Castlemilk as well as support over the phone. Find out more and refer people at www.glasgowlife.org.uk/Macmillan

Glasgow CAN

I've just started at Glasgow Connected Arts Network, great to be connected to SEIN. (janine@glasgowcan.org)

9 Updates in absence

Siyakhuluma We Talk Podcast

We are doing stand-up comedy tomorrow as part of COP26 in Soulsa Café 87 Glassford street. ([Follow the podcast](#))

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 14th December (AGM)

Tuesday 8th February