



SCDN Glasgow Network Meeting

Wednesday 20th July 2022

Crossroads Youth and Community Association

Present: Debbie Winchester, Community Hope Hub Volunteer – Gorbals Community Hope Hub, Kirsty Chapman, Youth Worker – Castlemilk Youth Complex, Ola Pawluk, Community Connector – Glasgow Kelvin College, Mark Langdon, Lecturer in Community Education – UWS, Brian McQuillan, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator – GCC, Colette McLure, Community Connector – Thriving Places, Yvonne Liddell, Community Worker – Thriving Places, Fiona Ballantyne, Community Worker – Crossroads Youth and Community Association/SCDN Board Member, Susan Campbell – SCDN Consultant

Welcome

Fiona welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief background on the work of Crossroads. Everyone then introduced themselves and gave a little background to their work.

Fiona went on to explain that SCDN is a national network organisation open to anyone with an interest in CD across Scotland. We have networks in Glasgow, Fife, Ayrshire and Dunbartonshire which meet regularly to offer a safe space for practitioners to share practice issues, ideas and resources. We also send out a weekly bulletin to our members with information on events, funding and updates on CD. We host an annual national conference bringing practitioners together to discuss relevant themes and issues and are active on social media (You can follow us here [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#))

A discussion took place around the key areas the Glasgow network could work on:

- What are the practice issues?
- What is it like for practitioners just now?
- Who is not around the table and how can we get them there?

The system is not working and we need a place for people to come together, share and get support. Collectively we can change this and it needs to be more than a talking shop.

Education and Jobs

There is a Scottish CD jobs Facebook page and a youth work Facebook group that looks at funding and jobs. Kirsty will share this with the group. A discussion took place about youth work and CD and where this all sits. CD runs through all work that is done with groups and is at the forefront regardless of the group/community of interest or neighbourhood.

National Conference

We are working on a theme of Reimagining CD given that a lot of the feedback we have had from our members highlights how little CD is recognised or valued. SCDN has been working with Common Weal and Stuart Hashagen to look at these issues and explore a way of taking them forward. Community work can campaign on this and we are looking at ways to challenge the system, have a voice and bring in the political analysis.

It was raised that Health Issues in the Community (HIIC) courses run by CHEX are really supportive in encouraging activists to come forward and to support communities to identify issues and take action as is the Activate course. It's what matters to people that makes them engage.

Mark told the group about a Peoples Health Movement meeting that is taking place online on 15th August. He will circulate details.

SCDN's AGM is taking place on 10th August at 10 am, online. We will be discussing our engagement report with those who attend which highlights feedback from our members at all of our events between 2018 and 2021. If you would like to attend you can register [here](#) Promotion of our conference, which is on 28th October at Townhead Village Hall Glasgow, will begin after that.

Growing the Network

Brian agreed to promote the Glasgow network to his team and ask that reps from different areas join. It was suggested that everyone attending today could bring one person with them to the next meeting. SCDN can only offer facilitation support of meetings every three months due to limited resources and Kirsty kindly offered to host the next one. The group agreed that they could meet in-between this, perhaps online in August to keep the momentum going. All email addresses of those attending today were shared so that people can keep in touch and organise this.

Everyone attending was encouraged to take out free membership of SCDN if they are not already a member and you can do so [here](#)

Date of Next Meeting – The next SCDN Glasgow Network Meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th October at Castlemilk Youth Complex – details to be confirmed.