

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Friday 28th September 2018 at Coventry Central Library

	Item	Comment/Action
1	<p>Welcome and introductions Apologies: Pru Porretta (Godiva Trust), Michelle Tyrntania (CCC – Parks), David Chapman (University of Warwick), Nor Aziz (Canley Uniting Communities), Shaista Hussain (Belgrade Theatre), Caroline Hobday (Activity Club Coventry)</p>	
2	<p>Provisional dates for PIF 2019 Next year, we mark PIF’s 25th anniversary. So we need big and new ideas. The main festival will be held from Saturday 15th June to Saturday 6th July. Post-festival events will be held during the period July – September.</p>	
3.	<p>Feedback on the 2018 festival Mehru presented a brief report on this year’s festival, which has broken all previous records for attendance figures. The success of the festival is attributable to the enthusiasm of event organisers, the inclusion of new partners and the remarkable contribution of volunteers. The full report will be circulated shortly. Attendance figures are awaited for four events. Three events were filmed by a crew from M&C Saatchi.</p> <p>Comments from around the table: *Coventry Freeman’s Guild – sold a number of copies of its 2 publications. Also recruited new members. Peter kindly offered to include a summary of the PIF report in the next issue of the Freeman’s Guild newsletter which will be out in the new year. *FWT – Encouraged women to attend other events</p>	<p>Action: Peter</p>

	<p>*John Marshall – There is lack of awareness about PIF and its role as an umbrella body. Colin explained that it started as a multicultural festival and has now become a diversity festival. Colin will send out information about PIF.</p>	<p>Action: Colin</p>
4	<p>PIF 2019 25th Anniversary – Big Ideas</p> <p>*It was suggested that we use YouTube. Colin pointed out that M&C Saatchi is already working on this.</p> <p>*<i>Shabana Sarguro</i> – As 21st June will mark the International Day of Yoga as well as the International Day of Music, could we think about a big event, marking yoga as well as music?</p> <p>*<i>Linda Hiron</i> – An event marking the twinning of Coventry & Stalingrad.</p> <p>*<i>Eleanor Nesbitt</i> – Asked if all our twin cities know about PIF. Linda explained that only a few links are active.</p> <p>*<i>Colin Scott</i> – Anyone who has thought of a project, which could do with a small amount of funding, is requested to contact Colin with an outline of the project so that it could be included in a future funding bid.</p>	<p>Action: Linda Action: Mehru/Colin</p> <p>Action: All</p>
5	<p>Coventry Peace Festival</p> <p>PIF is arranging a poetry competition on the theme of Safe Places, as its event forming part of this year’s festival. Last year, the competition attracted over a hundred entries, including some from outside UK. Literature about the competition has already been circulated. The competition runs from 1st to the 27th October. Entry details on attached flyer. The Award Ceremony will be held 1.00pm – 4.00pm Saturday 10th November at the Hope Centre in Hillfields.</p> <p>It was pointed out by Murielle Galvani that organisations hadn’t received information about the Peace Festival. Colin agreed to channel this information to the coordinators of the Peace Festival.</p>	<p>Action: All</p> <p>Action: Colin</p>
6	<p>Notice of AGM</p>	

	<p>Our AGM will be held on 1st November at 2.30pm, Offers have been received from individuals who are willing to take on specific roles. Information about the location will be circulated shortly.</p>	<p>Action: Colin</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Information Exchange and AOB</p> <p><i>*Murielle Galvani</i> – A Black History Month event, arranged by Coventry Against Racism (CAR), will be held at the Council House on 17 October 2018 from 7.00pm-8.30pm. Roger McKenzie, Assistant General Secretary of Unison will speak about Black History, Racism and Fascism. CAR Would like wider representation in the audience. Further information: tony.conway@live.co.uk Website www.coventryagainstracism.co.uk</p> <p>Murielle also provided information about the dates of events planned for PIF 2019: Multicultural Big Lunch – 2nd June (the national Big Lunch dates for 2019 are 1st and 2nd June); Multilingual Language Café – Sunday 16th June (People with language skills requested to volunteer); Coventry Against Racism event – Sunday 23rd June</p> <p><i>*Shabana Sarguro</i> – Sahyadri will arrange a yoga event at the War Memorial Park on 21st June and will also plan some more events.</p> <p><i>*Peter Wilford</i> – The 2 colouring books produced by Coventry Freeman’s Guild are on sale at The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum and Priory Visitor Centre. Price: £5.00 per copy. Funds raised are donated to charity.</p> <p><i>*Debbie Moss</i> – The 2019 Refugee Week will be held from 16th to 23rd June. Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre will arrange a Picnic in the Park on 22nd June. Also planning a fashion show.</p> <p><i>*Mehru Fitter</i> – A free poetry workshop, led by Emilie Lauren Jones, will be held at the Central Library on Sunday 30th September from 1.00pm to 3.30pm.</p> <p><i>*Colin Scott</i> – Is in discussion with Fargo Village re: a food festival on 13^{/14} July. The event would also include music, entertainment and stalls.</p> <p><i>*Eleanor Nesbitt</i> – Conducted a city centre walk for Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre. Will also arrange an Industrial History Trail for visitors from our twin city Dresden. Also informed the meeting about the availability of Coventry Literary Trail booklet from Holy Trinity Church and Herbert Art Gallery & Museum.</p>	

	Eleanor pointed out that any reprint of the booklet would need an amendment as Etna Restaurant, mentioned in the booklet, has closed. Eleanor has also received a comment about the need to make the booklet more youth-friendly.	
8	Date of Future Meetings 26th October, 23rd November from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm	

Attendees

Name	Organisation		Email
Colin Scott	Chair, Positive Images Festival		positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com
Mehru Fitter	Secretary, Positive Images Festival		
Faye Pettitt	FWT		
Peter Wilford	Coventry Freemen's Guild		
Shabana Sarguro	Sahyadri Friends Group		
John Marshall	Stoke Local History Group		
Debbie Moss	Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre		
Eleanor Nesbitt	History Trails		
Farah Mahmood	Adult Education		
Farah Shahabuddin	Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre		
Linda Hirons	CAIF (Coventry Association for International Friendship)		
Murielle Galvani	Coventry Language Café/Coventry Against Racism (CAR)		