

POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL 2019 PLANNING MEETING

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2020

1. Apologies:

Emilie Lauren Jones, Kim Hackleman, Diane Hill, Lucy Winter, Donna Bridgewater, Debbie Smith

2. Festival Update

Festival Launch. This will take place in Broadgate on Saturday 19th June 2021. It may take place as a joint event with Coventry Welcomes but this is to be confirmed. Also to be confirmed is whether the Craft and Food Fair will take place on the same day. The community Information Fair will be booked for a weekday (probably a Friday) again probably in Broadgate.

Other events to support the City of Culture.

Positive Images will run from June 2021 to June 2022.

Other events will depend on funding although we have been allotted £3k from the City of Coventry to support an Arts Council bid.

The Awards for All funding will provide for a Multicultural Concert at the Ukrainian Hall and this is hoped to be booked during the Festival period, a major poetry event and a programme of workshops representing various genres. Some projects are already funded including Capturing Coventry – a photographic project working with Hereward College, and Canley Community's Great Places. Nor working with Eleanor Nesbitt and will be producing a map of 8 historical places in Canley and this will include a public event in June 2021. Other projects will be developed as we go forward.

3. City of Culture 2021 Update.

Held over to the November meeting when it is hoped Megan will be able to attend

It is planned to have an outdoor performance highlighting Climate Change by the Highly Sprung Theatre

CAIF are working on a programme for the City of Culture 2021 with the Photo Miners and the Dresden Arts Exchange with a Friendship Festival in November 2021. Venues are needed to the Festival They are also working with the Twin Studios Project for the Friendship Festival.

May 2021 Performance Planned "In Darfur" by Dresden Tudors

ACTION: CS to send request for venues around the PIF Network.

4. Ideas for 2021

Mehru. Twinned Cities Exhibition. Mehru is working with Rose Navab and CAIF on a Twin Cities Exhibition which will involve Coventry Libraries and with each library hosting at least one exhibition. It is envisaged there will be a launch at each of the libraries.

Gabrielle. Recycled Angels Project. The Project will be launched in November 2020 with schools to turn plastic bottles and other images into a mosaic into Recycled Angels. Also an Angels Pebbles Trail and Competition and workshops planned. The Exhibition will be set up in Holy Trniiity Church in June and July 2021.

ACTION. Gabrielle to send information to Colin to send round the PIF Network.

Manjit/CRASAC. 2021 is the 40th Anniversary of CRASAC and a programme of events will take place from May 2021 to May 2022 for the City of Culture.

Kate/ HillzFM/WATCH/Positive Images The Coventry Alive Project is researching how women have been creating during the Covid 19 epidemic She needs images to complement such as painting, cooking, writing and if people can send her images can they include a short sentence about the images. The Project will contribute towards a continuation of the Positive Posts project from 2018. This will feature costume materials with fabrics from different cultural backgrounds.

Kate is now Studio Manager at HillzFM and will be looking for interviews in person or by telephone which will go out on her Wednesday programme. Also HillzFM can produce adverts for organisations tailored to their needs and projects. There is also a need to support families affected by the flats fire in Hillfields. Information packs for the families would also be very useful. Manjit, Maxine and Heather both said they may be able to help in different ways but need to be able to contact Kate.

Action: Colin to send out email contacts of all the meetings attendees so they can follow up their interest from today.

5. Funding Update

Arts Council bid to be submitted shortly to fund a year long Festival project covering music, poetry and workshops supporting people with mental health issues and the Festival Launch, quarterly festival celebrations in local theatres and other venues and for a Finale event in June 2022.

Awards for all Funding already supporting the Canley Project, Hereward Project, the Belgrade Refugee Project, Monthly Poetry Workshops as well as wider workshop programme, a multicultural concert and a major poetry performance event.

6. Volunteers Update

Mehru reported on the work with volunteers. Positive Images Festival receives great support every year from student volunteers from Coventry University and this year is no exception with volunteers coming forward with IT skills such as website support, social media as well as marketing and graphic design. Sandeep mentioned that she is working on digital marketing skills and could look at student training sessions.

Action: Mehru to supply Sandeep with student volunteer contacts.

7. Information Exchange

Sheila. Coventry Ambassadors

Coventry Ambassadors are working with CC Trust Partnership on a Volunteer Programme. The Ambassadors are also continuing their normal programme of Walks.

Kate HillzFM The Violence Reduction Project is continuing and the Watch Centre is now open to young people on Saturdays for access to computer, films and art and crafts. Radio Training is starting again on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 3rd November for over 18s and includes Health and Well Being.

Gabrielle. Coventry Rotary. Tony McNally is working with Coventry University Students, creating posters on Climate Change during late October and November at the Belgrade Theatre.

Heather. Chat Central/VAC. Voluntary Drop In Sessions are available on-line daily or can be accessed by phone. Volunteers can be found for community organisations. A Volunteer Event takes place in person in the Central Hall on the 5th November. Chat Central is providing lots of online sessions and in person sessions. VAC is moving to the Lower Precinct. Next year will be Mental Health Year and the impact of Covid 19 will be looked at.

Mehru. Eleanor Nesbitt gave a popular talk at the City Archives on Faith and Factories. Perhaps more events could be planned on Zoom or in person planned.

Damien. City Archives. An event on the History of Coventry Transport Firms is to take place on 28th November which will be pre-recorded,

- 8. Date of Next Meeting
12.30 – 2.00pm Thursday 19th November
12.30 – 2.00pm Thursday 17th December (to be confirmed)

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Nor Aziz	Canley Pop Up Cafe

Gabrielle Back	NAEE/Coventry Rotary/Savers/Positive Images Festival
Mehru Fitter	Positive Images Festival
Sheila Grainger	Coventry Ambassadors
Kate Hills	HillzFM/WATCH/Positive Images Festival
Linda Hiron	Coventry Association of International Friendship
Damien Kimberley	Local Studies, City Archives
Heather Parker	Chat Central, Voluntary Action Coventry
Manjit Rehal	CRASAC
Colin Scott	Positive Images Festival
Maxine Smalling	West Indian Community Action
Sandeep Viridi	Positive Images Festival