

POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL 2021 PLANNING MEETING

MNUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2020

1 Welcome & Apologies:

Emilie Lauren Jones, Megan Evans, Damien Kimberley, Chaitrali Chitre, Maxine Smalling

2. Festival 2021 Update

Launch of Festival confirmed as Saturday 19th June 2021

The Craft and Food Fair to be booked for same day 10.00am – 5.00pm Tbc

Community Information Fai. Date to be agreed.

3. City of Culture Update

Deferred until Megan can attend

4. Programme Ideas for 2021

Colin. We need to be prepared to have three plans in place because of the Covid 19 epidemic : 1. Full Programme as normal. 2 Programme designed for social distancing with possible some Virtual elements. 3 Virtual Programme.

David. Green Week takes place online 8th to 14th March. Look to see if elements of Green Week can be incorporated in June/July for Positive Images Festival. If you want to get involved contact David. There is a Sustainability Summit with events at Warwick University on 3rd December. Tony McNally's Climate Change Exhibition will take place in January.

Nor. The Discover Your Canley Exhibition being worked on with support from PIF. The Big Lunch will take place in Canley Community Centre on 3rd July. Discussions on the programme to take place on 3rd December at the Koco Centre.

Gabrielle. The Posters for Recycled Angels competition will form an exhibition at Holy Trinity Church in June and July. Angels Pebbles Trail and Competition and workshops planned.

Linda. Friendship Festival planned but funding and venues needed. In November 2021 a performance is planned with the Big Theatre at the Central Hall, which hopes to become a designated as an Arts Venue. CAIF are also working with the Twin Studios Project for the Friendship Festival with students involved May 2021 Performance Planned "In Darfur" by Dresden Tudors at the Haggard Centre.

Lucy. Earlsdon Community Library has completed its refurbishment with new area now open and one that can offer space for 50 people but also maintain socially distancing. Working with the City of Culture and with other community centres for events starting in February 2021.

Looking to work with Emilie Lauren Jones and Kate Hills on Poetry Workshops to take place during PIF 2021 in June (tbc) Need to look for funding.

Mark. Warwick University working with City of Culture 2021 on a parallel programme in 2021 and looking at themes but only have a small budget so need to involve partners in different parts of the city with a theme of the City of Sanctuary.

Looking at on-line events with Youtube videos. Still the issue of interactivity.

Manjit. Expecting to work with City of Culture and this will be finalised at a meeting tomorrow.

Ravi. Involved in a virtual Diwali Festival this Wednesday. Would look at working with Earlsdon Library.

Victoria. Coventry Archives will be working on a programme for the City of Culture using digital resources and with the Coventry Atlas. Awaiting a Launch date with volunteers by December. Coventry Archives will produce a Virtual Trail for January and anyone who would like to take part in history of Coventry topics which will be pre-recorded.

There might be virtual exhibition during the Positive Images Festival and also using the Archives for small events.

Heather. VAC continues to run on-line events and Christmas event planned for the end of December. VAC runs volunteer one hour on-line drop-ins on Monday and Thursdays.

5. Funding Update. PIF will be submitting a bid to the Arts Council to work with Coventry Welcomes 15th – 22nd June 2021 and then if successful will run a varied programme of events and workshops particularly using poetry and music to June 2022.

6. Information Exchange. The Peace Festival Poetry Competition Readings and Awards Event took place successfully on Zoom on 21st November after 60 people entered 85 poems. All the entries are on the Positive Images website and a video of the afternoon will also be available there shortly. www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk. 30 people who entered, and some read their own poems or the judges read on their behalf. Positive Images will be holding its AGM probably by Zoom in March 2021 as it was due in October this year. The opportunity to take part in the AGM will be sent round the membership closer to the time.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

12.30pm - 2.00pm Thursday 17th December 2020 Executive meeting

12.30pm – 2.00pm Thursday 15th January 2021 Planning Meeting

ATTENDEES

Name	Organisation	
Nor Aziz	Canley Pop Up Cafes	
David Chapman	Warwick University	
Gabrielle Back	NAEE/Coventry Rotary/Coventry Savers	
Mark Hinton	Warwick University	
Linda Hiron	Coventry Association of International Friendship	
Victoria Northridge	Coventry Archives	
Heather Parker	Chat Central, Voluntary Action Coventry	
Manjit Rehal	CRASAC	
Colin Scott	Chair: Positive Images Festival	
Varta.Thakrar	Coventry Carers Trust	
Ravi Vetse	CIAFA	
Lucy Winter	Earlsdon Community Library	

