

POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Notes of meeting held 11th March 2021

1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

Emilie Lauren Jones, Linda Hirons. Megan Evans.

2. Festival Update

Due to the Covid Roadmap from the Government the programme for PIF has had to be changes. There will not be a Launch event on Saturday 19th June. The Craft and Food Fair and the Community Information Fair have been moved to September 2021.

The Festival will run from 1st June to 30th September and this extended period will allow for both online and in person events. The Festival events programme will be sent out shortly and notification of events for the programme, which will now be online only will be 21st May. However events can be sent in at anytime from 21st May up to the deadline at the end of September.

The Festival will start with a programme of **Three Online Workshops** organised for **Coventry Welcomes Week 15th– 20th June**. These will include a PIF Poetry Workshop run by Emilie Lauren Jones, Flag making workshop run by Kate Hills with Emilie Jones and a Black and White Workshop run by Theo Robinson and Emilie Jones.

The **Festival Launch** will now take place at the Ukrainian Hall on Saturday 31st July as part of the **Multicultural Concert of Music and Dance**.

There will be a **Late Summer Festival Concert in Broadgate on Saturday September 4th** and the **Food and Craft Fair and the Community Information Fair** will take place at the same time.

3. City of Culture 2021 Update

More information to follow

4. Ideas for 2021 Festival

Sue Konrad, Friends of the War Memorial Park. The Centenary event planned for 9th July 2021 has now been postponed to 2022. The Friends may look at some controlled capacity events. The Friends do have a plan B and C and there will be some online events. The Sensory Garden will open as well as the a revised 100 people doing 100 things in the Park. Pru mentioned that the Godiva Sisters would like to be involved in some form.

Ayesha Jones, Belgrade Theatre. Events are planned for children on the 27th March as well as a Bollywood Drama. The Belgrade is recruiting for a Academy for Media Skills There are also plans for an online TV series with a possibility of online speakers.

Kaiser Hussain, Coventry University. Kaiser is working on community projects including the Carnival of Life which will take place in Foleshill and she is also working on her own idea of a Walking Tour of Hillfields which will include the recollections of over 50s of South Asian descent in the community. Kauser will carry out interviews which will form monologues as part of the Walking Tour which will take place in November the weekend of November 13th and again in March 2022. Mehru suggested that Kauser writes a short outline of the project for circulation and that as it takes place on November 13th it could be included in the Coventry Peace Festival. PIF will support a funding bid by Kauser and support the project in other ways.

Sheila Grainger, Coventry Ambassadors. Training is available for City Hosts as part of City of Culture 2021 if there English is good. However those who want to volunteer without this language skill need to be found other ways of finding opportunities to take part.

Faye Pettit, Foleshill Womens Training. FWT will be working on events and activities to form part of PIF this summer.

Christabell Amoakoh, Highlife Centre. The Centre are planning 15 events in June and July including an African Cultural Night (see Chat link and website). Kate asked that Christabell to contact her with a view to promoting the events on HillzFM with an interview.

Manjit Rehal, CRASAC. This 2021 is the 40th anniversary of CRASAC but celebrations have had to be postponed but they hope to run some events for PIF. They are working with the Broad Street Community Hall and there is an open invite to take place in their workshops every Tuesday 11- 12.30pm. CRASAC can also offer workshops about their services to other organisations including PIF. Kate offered to promote these on HillzFM and to take part in Watch coffee mornings

Surjeet Bhachu, Coventry Libraries. Libraries offer Rhymetimes as well as Library Talks on Thursdays as well as Conversation Circle to improve English on Fridays all online. Surjeet to contact Sheila about the City Host Scheme for contacts with those taking part in the library activities.

Kate Hills, HillzFM. Kate will be running interviews and promoting PIF Events from June to **September every Wednesday 9.00am to 11.00am.**

5. Positive Images Festival Bi-Annual General Meeting. This takes place 12..30pm – 2.00pm Thursday 18th March by Zoom. The agenda will consist of Chair's Report, Annual Report 2020, Financial Statement and confirmation of Nominations to the 2021 Executive. All are welcome to attend and Colin will send out the agenda and link to the meeting this week.

6. **Funding Update.** The PIF bid to the Arts Council for the 2021 -2022 programme to support the City of Culture failed however, a smaller revised bid was submitted last week. Unfortunately this will mean that the plans we had for Coventry Welcomes will be reduced but as outlined earlier a **workshop programme will still take place during the Festival week.**

7. **Volunteer Update.** Mehru reported back that we have received applications from three more Coventry University students and because we have no current activities they can assist with we have directed them to the City of Culture Volunteer programme.

8. **Information Exchange.**

Festival Updates. Mehru said that she wants to hear of any events and activities planned from May 2021 to May 2022 which can be included in the PIF Monthly Update. She mentioned that she had included this month Green Week, Food Waste Action Week and she suggested that PIF members consider getting involved in these weeks.

Food and Craft Fair, September 4th 2021. Mehru will let food traders planning to take part know that they will need Level 2 Food Hygiene certificates.

Gabrielle Back, Rotary Club and PIF Executive. Announced that she had been awarded Environmental Educators Award. The meeting congratulated Gabrielle on her achievement. Kate wants Gabrielle to take part in an interview at HillzFM

International Women's Day. There are events this week to support the Celebrations and a good event held for South Asian Women at which Sandeep Viridi and Jitey Samra were involved.

Juliet Mamajay. Juliet's project Pamoja Music UK has won the Connecting Communities Award at the Community Integration Awards. The meeting congratulated Juliet on this achievement. Kate asked that Juliet give an interview for her show on HillzFM.

Lucy Winter, Earlsdon Community Library. The Library is planning events for when the lockdown ends and from this coming Monday Click and Collect Service will be available from the library. Lucy will be working with Kate and Emilie Lauren Jones on poetry and crafts programmes for PIF this summer.

Attendees

Name	Organisation	
Christabell Amoakoh	Highlife Centre	
Gabriel Back	PIF Environmental Officer/ Rotary	

Surjeet Bhachu	Coventry Library Service	
Surinder Dhillon	Broad Street Hall	
Mehru Fitter	Secretary: Positive Images Festival	
Sheila Grainger	Coventry Ambassadors	
Dee Hill	Coventry Ambassadors	
Kate Hills	Vice Chair; Positive Images Festival, HillzFM & Wach	
Kauser Hussain	Coventry University	
Ayesha Jones	Belgrade Theatre	
Sue Konrad	Friends of the War Memorial Park	
Juliet Mamojay	Pamoja Music UK	
Faye Pettit	Foleshill Women's Training Ltd	
Manjit Rehal	CRASAC	
Colin Scott	Chair: Positive Images Festival	
Lucy Winter	Earlsdon Community Library	