

# POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Notes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## 1 Welcome and Apologies

Chaitrali Chitre (Sahyadri Friends Groups), Lucy Winter (Earlsdon Library), Shabana Sarguro (Festival Publicity Officer), Nor Aziz (Canley Pop-up cafe), Diane Hill (Coventry Ambassadors)

## 2. Update on Festival Planning for 2021

\**Colin Scott* informed the meeting about: The Multicultural Concert at the Ukrainian Hall on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July, with the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in attendance; and the combined Multicultural Craft & Food Fair (MCFE) & Community Information Fair (CIF) on 4<sup>th</sup> September in Broadgate. 13 out of the 25 stalls have been booked. Entertainment will begin at 11.30am.

Funding for Poetry Co-ordinator & Artist in Residence

PIF has appointed with Arts Council funding the respected national poet Laura Potts to the post of the Poetry Co-ordinator for the October Poetry Evening planned for the Tin Music and Arts and the Positive Images Peace Festival Awards Event in November 2021.

Mary Courtney, a local poet and visual artist has been appointed as the PIF Artist in Residence during the summer 2021 and it is hoped that she will be based at the Central Library. More information on both posts to follow.

\**Peter Wilford* – participating in the Community Information Fair and will promote Coventry Freeman's Guild and recently produced books about Coventry.

\**Gabrielle Back* – Has sent posters about the competition on climate change to a number of schools. 20 of the best entries will be sent to COP26. Hopes to arrange an exhibition of entries at Holy Trinity Church. Rotary Clubs are participating in the Community Information Fair.

\**Sheila Grainger* – The City of Culture Trust is still recruiting City Hosts. Induction is being delivered online. EnV Coventry had expressed an interest in participating in CIF and providing volunteers.

\**Maxine Smalling* – West Indian Heritage Group is interested in participating in MCFE. Will liaise with Kate Hills for an interview on Hillz FM.

\**Manjit Rehal* – CRASAC organised an event on 23<sup>rd</sup> June to raise awareness of sexual abuse. Requested contact information for Friends of War Memorial Park.

\**Debbie Jones & Donna Bridgewater* – *Capturing Coventry* Exhibition can be viewed at the Central Library up to 9<sup>th</sup> July. Suggestions were made about other venues for the exhibition – Broad Street Hall, Albany Theatre, Drapers, Fargo Village, Daimler

Green Community Centre, Litten Tree. Mehru, who had visited the exhibition, was impressed by the work of Hereward College students.

\**Kate Hills* – Hillz FM and WATCH are hoping to hold an outdoor event on 11<sup>th</sup> August, with information stalls, Tai Chi demonstration, a used clothing stall, etc. Will also have a stall on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Will provide presenters and volunteers. Kate is also hoping to arrange an Art & Craft workshop for women. Kate mentioned radio training programme and training sessions for people seeking employment. In response to Manjit's query about the possibility of inclusion of discussion about sexual harassment, Kate pointed out that topics covered in radio programmes are selected by young people. Also mentioned Bayleigh who is on Instagram as hands\_off20

3. **Funding Update:** Positive Images Festival has received funding from the Arts Council of England for workshops to be held right up to May 2022. Colin will circulate information about proposed workshops.

4. **Volunteer Update:** We continue to get help from some of our volunteers. Our next priority is the designing of a poster for the Multicultural Concert.

5. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 12.30pm.

Attendees:

Colin Scott, Chair -Positive Images Festival [positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com](mailto:positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com)

Mehru Fitter, Secretary, Positive Images Festival

Donna Bridgewater, Hereward College

Peter Wilford, Coventry Freeman's Guild

Debbie Jones, Hereward College

Gabrielle Back, Environmental Ambassador

Manjit Rehal, CRASAC

Maxine Smalling, West Indian Heritage Group

Kate Hills, Hillz FM/WATCH