Performers’ Network Meeting Minutes

Date: 14th July 2022

Venue: In Another Place/ Bootle Strand

Attendees: Maggi - Sefton CVS, Steph -Venus, Sam –Jacob Billington trust, Michael - Stepping Stones, Annie – IAP, James – Things I wrote, Pete – Simple Reflective Places, Richard Talbot- multiple hats, Carran Waterfield- multiple hats, Jake Davies – Ykids, Joanne– Abbeyfield, Peter - Opera Viva, Terry– Sefton CVS, Joe -Sefton CVS, Lauren – Volunteer Centre, Beth Rycroft- multiple hats, David Booth- multiple hats, Gemma – Sacha, Martin- Feel good Factory, Stephen – Sing Plus, Serah – Southport Contemporary Arts, Irma – Viva foundation, Jen Corceran- multiple hats, Chantelle - Bootle Strand, Bernie – choir master multiple choirs including Buddy Up, Abi Collective Encounters, David Eddy Sefton MBC.

Apologies:

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| Agenda item | Notes | Actions |
| This meeting was slightly different as Annie from In Another Place kindly gave a tour of Bootle Strand’s community spaces and Jake gave a tour of Kingsley and Co.  | The tour consisted of the following:* In Another Place- performance, community arts and crafts space reusing materials, creating pieces for performances
* Canalside event space- a Climate action event was taking place run by Regenerus
* Bootle Tool Shed and Community Workshop- mainly aimed at men, woodwork skills and bicycle repairs
* Daisy Disability charity shop
* Strand By Me- health and wellbeing signposting
* The Leonards – hub mainly aimed at women, open Monday and Tuesday providing crafts
* Liver care charity shop
* Kingsley and Co- Y Kids run café and children’s bookshop, literacy outreach programme
* Big Onion- Expanding Horizons providing small spaces and support for new business start ups
* The Reach Mens Centre- just starting out in the space, opportunities for men’s health and wellbeing
* OLLY charity shop
* In Another Place castle- family area with giant games and escape rooms. Open at weekends, cheap to play
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| One minute updates | * Carol Waterfield, Norwood ward councillor- planning the cultural strategy with MBC and involved in the steering group for the High Park Project festival in August
* Peter, Opera Viva- performances ongoing.
* Peter Hughes, Simple Reflective Spaces- providing mindfulness, health and wellbeing
* Stephen, SING- space available to hire
* Beth and Dave, Art Artisan- offering art workshops. Also have a gallery in Wayfarers Arcade, Southport
* Sarah, Southport Contemporary Arts- provided an arts trail in Southport in June and would like to link up with other organisations to do the same this year
* Jen, Kew ward councillor- Southport writing circle festival in August, linking in with schools to try to provide drama performances in line with the curriculum to encourage attendance with the Little Theatre, Southport
* Terry Kane, Sefton CVS- Social Prescriber
* Jake, Y Kids- Story Keeper at Y Kids. Pirate festival 25th July-6th August at Kingsley and Co with an event on 6th August for families
* Martin, Feelgood Factory- programme worker supporting various groups including Man cave and the community garden. Have lots of plant pots available for free if anyone would like them
* Richard, Southport Heritage Project- oral history project making an oral history film and publication with Sefton Older Person’s Forum
* Joe Boyd, Sefton CVS- Community Connector
* Joanne Paige, Abbeyfield- providing events for older people in Formby.
* Gemma, Sefton CVS- Equality and diversity support across Sefton. Also part of Southport African Community Heritage Association which meet for a monthly social at Crossens community centre.
* Sam, Sefton CVS- Social prescriber and trustee of Jacob Billington Trust providing creative performance and education to young people
* Abi, Collective Encounters- Health and wellbeing project. Also doing a masters project at the moment
* Michael, Stepping Stones- Have a 10 year anniversary celebration coming up on Sunday 14th August, Southport
* Bernie Whelan- choirs for health and wellbeing. Would like to link up with groups
* Uma, Viva foundation- Arts events/ festivals
* Chantelle, Bootle Strand- marketing officer, provides community spaces in the shopping centre
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| Longer updates  | Annie In Another Place:* Next events planned are 3 week Narnia experience, a variety show on Saturday 27th August and the castle will be open on certain dates for families.

Maggi, Sefton CVS:* There are spaces still available on Better Bid Writing on July 21st
* Emma Copestake is currently1/2 of the way through the Heritage project. They will be scoping a phase 2 soon if okayed by funders and will have an exhibition and celebration event in the Autumn.
* Living Well Sefton fund opens on 4th August
* Meet the funder events planned are National Lottery Heritage Fund, Ph Holt, Burbo Bank, National Lottery Community Fund, DWF Foundation – more details to follow.
* Also Awards for All is open on a rolling basis for applications up to 10k so well worth looking at.

Lauren Jones, Volunteer Centre Sefton:David, Sefton MBC/ The Atkinson:* The Atkinson has a new exhibition to visit
* Currently involved in Sefton townscape planning and a cultural strategy for City of Culture 2025
* The first exercise will be to map arts activities across the borough
* There will then be a consultation followed by possibly starting some small seed activity in line with the findings to monitor before growing
* Possibility of a Diplodocus skeleton (Dippy) coming to Bootle Strand for 3 years from the Natural History Museum
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Next meeting TBC