

Community Engagement Activities

Living and Working Together in Scotland

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PAR & Community Engagement SSAMIS Social Support and Migration in Scotland

- Includes practical initiatives to improve migrants' lives at both local and national levels.
- SSAMIS working in partnership with local people and relevant stakeholders to develop community initiatives
- Key themes include:
- difficulties in accessing support for language learning
- loneliness and isolation
- lack of community spaces especially in smaller and more rural settings.

Make It Happen Peterhead!









What is Working Well?



- Building capacity within the migrant community
- Seeking additional funding and support
- Having time to build relationships with participants and other agencies.
- Crossing Local Authority boundaries
- Knowledge exchange and sharing of good practice at regional and national levels.

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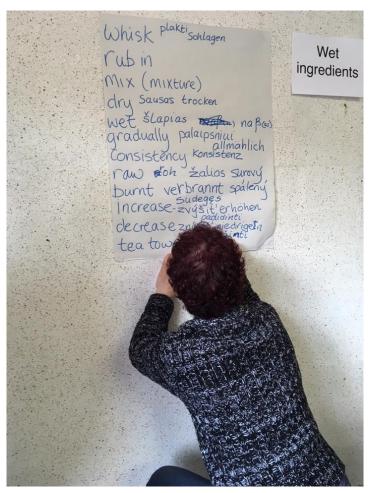


Language Learning



- Peterhead Language Café
- Participant Led
- Social Practice model
- Mornings and nights
- Talks and conversation
- Not just language
- Wider cultural integration
- Community building





Making Migrants' Lives Visible

- 'Journeys' Exhibition
- Arbuthnot Museum Peterhead
- Working with Aberdeenshire Museums
- Participants tell their own stories
- Progression from Make It Happen
- Donated 'objects from home'
- Programme of community events
- Come along! Now 10th January



My name is Evija. Juggling clubs is my favourite thing to do of all the circus skills. Two summers ago we went to Grenoble in France for a theatre festival. It was a European-wide festival with people from many different countries. I live in Peterhead but I'm also from Latvia so it feels natural for me to be interested in different cultures.

Successes and Challenges



- Make It Happen experiments generated new possibilities
- Joint funding applications with partners
- Increasing impact #explorathon 16
- Fewer CEE migrants than expected
- 'It's not a competition!' Challenges of multi-agency working



Questions for Discussion

- How can we make these initiatives more sustainable?
- Are there ways we can work in partnership with your organisation?
- How can we increase the impact of our community engagement?



