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In Attendance: Chris Kane, Jill Muirie, Fiona Duncan, Judy Wilkinson, John Casey, Gixia Leishman

General Reflection on March Networking event

- Jill says we could tie in a celebratory harvest event in Glasgow 850 Celebrations (maybe we could tie into FCA Harvest festival activities)

- G850 doesn't have funding to offer, a system to publicise events linked to the initiative though

- Fiona likes idea of a seed saving activity - could connect the dots; Susan's talk on potatoes super interesting

- Individuals in Cranhill are doing the growing rather than groups - how do we get those folks involved in a celebratory event? Judy could ask individuals from her allotment to come and present/share something individually; GAF is focused on 'Growing a Good Allotment Community', getting people at the grassroots level to better communicate and build community

Tapping into GCFN Autumn's networking event. 12th Sept. - especially to position GCFN as an anchor for the community food sector, as the umbrella body that supports community orgs

- Fiona agrees it fits well for GCFN to be hosting these

- Judy agrees, as GCFN was originally set up to network, rebuild the strength of its original concepts

- it's a few weeks before Doors Open Day so we could signpost to that, especially if Allotments are having open days across the city

Main components/format of a Fall event:

- community meal, potluck-style

- space to exchange 'wants' & 'needs' - concept of not having to reinvent the wheel

- presentation on success stories - these could be rolling that people can drop into, or more of a stall setup that people can have a visual of what they are working on and how ppl can find out more

- raising some awareness about the City Food Plan as well - exemplify to ppl where they sit within the Plan

How to incorporate Open Days for Allotments > advertise what sites are open which days and when ppl can visit; linking sites to share good practise

Who to invite/be involved?

- Glasgow Afghan United

- GSL

- CWIN

- NHS Health Improvement Growers Network, Northeast

- East Pollokshields & Govanhill food group (John Casey)

- Nourish

- Za'Munda

- Interfaith Community Justice Network (might not have anyone in post at the moment)

Thinking about the space setup -- Jill suggeste a 'market stall' type space -- would need a large space for this. Could we do:

- Civic House

- Glasgow Uni space

- Govanhill Parish Church

- Pierce Institute @ Govan Cross - very accessible by public transport

- Kinning Park Complex (though not as central to other spaces)

Next Steps

- producing copy/plans about the event and circulating around networks to see who'd like to get involved
- have an interest form with a Save the Date
- eventually circulate with 850 - Jill can find out who best contact would be
- also share this with the Communications Working Group (touch base with RLW about this)