

CASE STUDY

Maryhill Integration Network (MIN)

<https://maryhillintegration.org.uk/>

Aims and objectives:

Maryhill Integration Network (MIN) was established to bring people seeking asylum, refugees, migrants and the local community of Glasgow together. Since 2001, we have been developing projects which support positive social change by investing in communities and providing a welcoming, safe and inclusive space with opportunities for collaboration and connection.

Maryhill Integration Network demonstrate their impact on:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Cost of Living Crisis / Social Justice
- Democratic Participation
- Learning and Education
- Human Rights
- Participatory Arts

Evidence of impact:

MIN's work is structured around the following three themes:

1. Human Rights & Citizenship
2. Wellbeing & Safety
3. Arts & Culture

MIN's activities include a weekly programme which offers 7 social groups (Family / Men's / Women's Art, Peer-Support & Advocacy Groups, Gardening Club and Community Choir), 7 learning opportunities (3 ESOL and 4 ICT Classes), 2 advice surgeries, a counselling service, and a volunteering programme.

At MIN, we work with just under 40 partners over the course of a year and reach between 500-600 people through our groups and volunteer opportunities, as well as our outreach projects and community events.

Evaluation with MIN members demonstrates that our work improves mental wellbeing; increases confidence and reduces isolation.



What does community development mean to you?

“MIN's growth and development has been one that is aligned with the direct needs and experiences of those we work with and it has been our ongoing commitment to creating connections – specifically the social connections between people, organisations and communities – which has been the key to rebuilding lives and developing a supportive society in which prejudice and fear are replaced by belonging and acceptance.”