



**We welcome asylum seekers
and refugees**

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Annual General Meeting 2021

Monday 6th December 2021, at 4:30PM

On Zoom

Minutes

1. Present

60 people were present online and attended the *Inspire Us!* + AGM event

2. Apologies for absence

Hannah Sabatia, Mike Hedges MS, Julie James MS, Carolyn Harris MP

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2019 were approved by the membership.

4. Co-Chairs Report

Co-Chair, Alan Thomas, presented the report which highlighted:

- Anniversary Sanctuary Awards
- Partnering Projects: SCVS, Share Tawe (soon to be part of EYST)
- Supporters' activities
 - African Community Centre – Cookery Book
 - UWTSD - Art for the Park
 - Taliesin Arts Centre – workshops and “A New Kind of Home” film series
 - Cwmdonkin Park – Orchard of Sanctuary
 - Ravenhill Park Friends – series of multi-cultural events and parade
 - UWTSD and Swansea University – Sanctuary Bursaries

- Legacy of the Swansea City of Sanctuary 10 Year Anniversary
 - Stronger Committee – more active members
 - More active self-supporting subgroups (sanctuary awards, comms, schools, parks & gardens; arts)
 - Better communications (circulars to pledged supporters; website; Facebook; Twitter; Instagram; YouTube)
 - Travelling exhibition (postponed but set up for 2022)
 - Swansea Asylum & Refugee Support Coordination Meetings
 - Broader network of support - potential for mobilization
- New Opportunities
 - Schools and Universities of Sanctuary
 - Potential for joint comms between AS & R support organizations
 - Joint work on access to employment for refugees
 - Travelling Exhibition – different venues
 - Linked event programmes
 - Football Club of Sanctuary pilot
 - International singing group, local workshops, choral extravaganza
 - Expand work with parks and gardens
- Challenges faced

The report was accepted by the membership

5. Financial report

Richenda Leonard reported that the accounts showed that SCoS cash flow was good, the organisation is solvent and in a good position financially.

The report was accepted by the membership

6. Resolutions

The details of the proposed new structure are attached to these minutes. To proceed with this a change in the rules was required:

Following the unanimous decision of the Management Committee in Sept 2021 the Membership resolves to give the trustees permission to:

Change the rules in the constitution relating to the numbers on the Management Committee/board to a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 12. The Board to be mandated to devise a structure for consultation with members which may change from time to time.

This resolution was agreed by the members present at the meeting

7. Appointment of Management Committee Members

Amber Esther, Tracy Anstee, Desmond Bangura, Marilyn Thomas, Jill Duarte, Saba Humayun, Alex Warlowe, Gemma Mughini, Ibrahim Badawi, Sezgin Erdem, Jami Abramson, Christiana Olagundoye had resigned since the last AGM or were standing down now from the Management Committee.

Given the new structure a new committee was proposed en masse. The following nominees were willing to stand for election and were duly elected.

Carys Davies, Domini Lewis, Helen Gough, Jose Cifuentes, Funmilayo Olaniyan, Carlos Ibarra, Grace Rungua, Sibu Mbwebwe (ACC nominee), Klaudia Krogulec, Krys Williams, Alan Thomas (Quakers nominee), Kathryn Williams, Richenda Leonard.

8 Close of Meeting

Alan thanked everyone who had contributed to the meeting and hoped that everyone would enjoy the rest of the event which included an opportunity for those present to join discussion groups and to Inspire the new committee. Followed by a showing of the film 'Sanctuary' produced by Fusion Project.

Proposed new structure

Management Committee / Board	Small Groups	Sounding Board/ Networking
Minimum of 7 and maximum of 12 members. Responsible for setting priorities, developing strategy, looking after finances, major decisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committees -eg Comms. • Ad Hoc groups as required – eg for particular short term needs • Streams of Sanctuary • For where there is local Interest and commitment. 	Commitment from MC to consult / involve quarterly to review decisions taken by MC and discuss plans for next 3 months
Nominated by pledged members (organisations or Individuals) at AGM. MC may co-opt additional between AGMs.	Both MC members and others. Report to MC.	Pledged members and Supporters and other orgs/individuals