**Present:** 51 people from 31 organisations

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| **Name** | **Organisation** |
| Elaine Lennon | City of Edinburgh Council |
| Naomi Dixon | City of Edinburgh Council |
| John Halliday | Community Renewal Pennywell |
| Rebecca Livingstone | Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre |
| Rik Hodgson | Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre |
| Natalie Taylor | Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre |
| Kate Greenwood | Edible Estates |
| Pippa Lobban | Edible Estates |
| Ben Paterson | Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equality Council |
| Biddy Kelly | Fresh Start |
| Julia Tweedle | Granton Castle Walled Garden |
| Tom Kirby | Granton Community Gardeners |
| Anna Barran | Granton Goes Greener |
| Sandra Cummings | Granton Goes Greener |
| Gail Milner | Granton Information Centre |
| Elvira Vila | Granton Information Centre |
| Hannah | Lauriston Farm |
| Susan Reynolds | LIFT |
| Pauline Bowie | LIFT |
| Tracy Gilbert | MP |
| Ben Macpherson | MSP |
| Daniella Meehan | MSPs office |
| Sam Pearce | MSPs office |
| Debbie Brown | Muirhouse Housing Association |
| Dean Shanks | Muirhouse Youth Development Group |
| Holly Yeoman | National Galleries of Scotland |
| Valla Moodie | North Edinburgh Arts |
| Kate Wimpress | North Edinburgh Arts |
| Lesley Hinds | North Edinburgh Arts |
| Evelyn Henderson Child | North Edinburgh Arts |
| Mary Keegan | North Edinburgh Arts |
| Lunn Woodman | North Edinburgh Childcare |
| Becky Radin | North Edinburgh Childcare |
| Claire Chalmers | North Edinburgh Childcare |
| Mubarra Ashfaque | North Edinburgh Childcare |
| Adele Conn | North Edinburgh Community Festival |
| Sarah Macgregor | North Edinburgh Drug and Alcohol Centre |
| Dave Pickering | North Edinburgh News |
| Elspeth Harley | Pennywell Kirk (Old Kirk and Muirhouse) |
| Jools Patterson | Pilton Community Health Project |
| Aileen Jeffrey | Pilton Equalities Project |
| Francesca Malila | Project Esperanza |
| Anita Aggarwal | R2 |
| Mark Henderson | Robertson/Urban Union |
| Pat Gilhooly | Royston Wardieburn Community Centre |
| Billy Fitzpatrick | Royston Wardieburn Community Centre |
| Suzanne Ebel | Royston Wardieburn Community Centre |
| Jed Milroy | Tinderbox |
| Emily Graham | U-evolve |
| Kya Mackay | U-evolve |
| Willie Black | West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre |

**Assets/strengths mapping**

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| **Organisation** | **Strengths of my organisation that I could share** | **Stuff that my organisation has that I could lend** |
| Stepping Stones | Welfare advocacy – staff experience in different areas  Referral routes  Expertise of staff eg play therapist, baby massage | Use of our facilities (playroom) |
| U-evolve | Staff/volunteer wellbeing support  Work with oung people, young voices volunteers | Use of our office/therapeutic space |
| LIFT at Muirhouse Millenium Centre | Support and advocacy – no criteria  Open door policy  Highly experienced staff  Whole family support model and keyworker approach | Use of Centre and rooms  Petes playden  Sassy savings  Sharing shelf  Baby bank |
| North Edinburgh Arts | Strong links with the community  Staff and Board expertise  Marketing | Venue – rooms/studios/theatre/offices/garden /shed/Café space  Arts supplies  Programme information |
| Granton Castle Walled Garden | A peaceful outdoor space  Volunteering opportunities | Community groups could make use of our space on an adhoc or regular basis  Garden produce and flower for those in need in the community |
| Pianodrome | Pianos   * Music * Sculpture - planters, bike racks or firewood | Community/performance space in an amphitheatre made from Pianos |
| Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council | Strong links with BAME and migrant communities  Effective outreach | Room hire (in Forth street) |
| NEDAC |  | Tools/garden equipment |

**About your organisations**

**Things we need**

* Granton Information Centre are looking for staff and management committee members
* North Edinburgh Arts will have office and studio spaces to let in October 24
* North Edinburgh Community Festival are looking for committee members
* U-evolve are looking for new referral partners and aligned organisations for joint funding bids
* NEDAC would like advice about small funding pots
* RWCC would love some help and advice on how to apply for big grants (and so would North Edinburgh Community Festival)
* Project Esperanza is looking for space for activities and are recruiting staff and volunteers
* Granton Goes Greener is looking for more volunteers to maintain and do some improvements at Granton Parish Church Garden (55 Boswall Parkway)

**Practitioner forums/peer support**

We are thinking about how to enable local workers to connect up with each other to share best practice and ‘do’ peer support.

Are you interested? What would work for you?   
  
Leave details of your ideas, contact details and the kind of work you do (e.g. youth work, advice work etc.)

**Evaluation of R2**

**What’s going well with R2?**

* Feels like a co-created space that everyone can shape/contribute to
* Great way of stimulating partnership working
* Great way to facilitate partnerships and collabs
* Great for bringing new people into the area
* Bringing people together
* Getting everyone together
* Bringing organisations together
* Good vibes
* Relaxed space to share information and services
* Use of other venues for meetings
* Focus on collective action
* Areas/projects working together
* The networks sharing resource, information about training courses, events and workshops
* Networking and attendance at meetings
* Trying to bring together interest groups to work collectively e.g. food group etc
* I think its great!

**What should R2 do differently?**

* Teams/zoom meetings
* Alternate teams/zoom meetings with in person meetings
* We do a lot of very long term thinking and short term thinking, more medium term stuff maybe
* We sometimes do things in the name of all members when its more just from some members
* Voting system? (online)
* Would be great if other organisations could get more involved – seems like the same core few coming forward
* More BAME involvement

**What are R2’s next achievable steps?**

* Framework ;transparent and flexible
* Online place for sharing useful docs/information
* Website with map of organisations x2
* Online opportunities i.e. notice board
* Blog or notice board that organisation could post project on, share ideas/best practice, ask for help

**Key barriers to participating in R2?**

* Time x2
* Availability, smaller organisations are already stretched trying to meet their own funding commitments
* Possibly that the meetings are held on a Tuesday
* More variety in meeting days/times

**Next steps**

I want to collaborate with others on………..

* Granton Castle Walled Garden – would like more community groups to make use of our space
* U-evolve would love ot collaborate on work with oung people, mental health, intergenerational work, identity etc.

R2 guiding principles / values:

* We will seek to build and strengthen ***trusting relationships*** with our members, our community, funders and other stakeholders. ***Authenticity and integrity.***
* We will work ***collaboratively*** as a whole R2 and in mini-partnerships to ensure everything we do is community led. ***Connected and supportive.***
* We will ***share our learning*** and be focused and deliberate about the learning. ***Collaborative not competitive****.*

Our strategic aims:

1. We are better connected and have a good understanding of the strengths of our members.
2. We will together to be more strategic in our approach – responding to the now and planning for the future.
3. We will have a more collective voice to represent our members and wider community.
4. We will seek to push for more collaborative funding opportunities.
5. Feasibility on the development of a Community Wealth Partnership.

**Still right?** Yes 11 No 0

**Thoughts/comments**

* Wholesale food procurement, fairtrade
* Can we focus more on making our organisations more financially sustainable
* More in person meetings please with networking time

**What do we need to do together to achieve our aims**

* Long term thinking
* More volunteers and local organisations involved to create a self-sustainable network
* North Edinburgh News 2
* Lobby elected representatives
* Funding

**What needs to change if we want to achieve our aims?**

* We should focus more on the goal of making all members more financially sustainable and resilient
* Short term and long term aims
* Focus on funding bids together
* Share best practice e.g. staff handbook/anti-racist training