

MEMBER ACTIVITY UPDATES:

This week we said **sad goodbyes** to **Joel (EVS Volunteer)** and **Amy (Social Work Student)**. We are enjoying the great photos/films Joel produced for Facebook & Twitter. Amy supported many, and grafted to the last minute with a massive admin clear up – not a glamorous job, but Gillian & Hazel are **very happy! Thanks both, we will miss you.**

For the next couple of weeks we will be a little light on the ground so please note:

- No **Swimming** on Fridays 7 and 14 June.
- No **Walking Group** Mon 10 June.
- No **Discussion Group** today or Wed 12 June.
- Also, Stacey is now having a break over the summer, so no **Yoga** for a couple of months – but she really looks forward to seeing you all in September! Have a great break Stacey!
- In other news, Hannah is looking forward to seeing members at **Mindfulness** on Tues 11 June.

As we all know, many of our activities are run by wonderful volunteers, who occasionally can't attend. We try to ensure activities go ahead wherever possible, and we're really sorry about the cancellations above, but expect to be back to normal in a couple of weeks. If an activity you attend is not happening, check out the full programme and see if you might like to **try something new!** Available at Reception or on the "Get Involved" page of our website (www.grassmarket.org).

VOLUNTEER WEEK:

Talking about our wonderful volunteers, it's Volunteers Scotland Week 2019 and our **lead volunteers** and **enterprise volunteers** joined us yesterday for some fun: pizza donated by Mama's Pizzeria, amazing tricks from Jim the Magician, and Jonny explained some amazing figures....

Do you know, the GCP reaches an estimated **267,696** individuals through membership, volunteering, open door meals, funders, supporters, partner charities and agencies, enterprise customers, Fringe visitors, community cinema and social media. Phew! Quite an outreach for our wee community....

We know that **everyone** in our community, whether members, volunteers, staff and board, contribute time volunteering and contributing in some way towards the success of the community. **We simply could not reach everyone that we do without the wonderful contribution from members, volunteers, staff and board – THANK YOU EVERYONE.**



NEW TRAINING COURSE: BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE – starting this week

An introductory course to British Sign Language is start this week, run by Bryan from Deaf Action. It will run for six weeks **from Thursday 6 June to Thursday 11 July at 9am to 11am** in the Robert Burns (IT room). No experience is needed. It should be really interesting and fun learning in a friendly group. If you would like to attend please sign up at reception or email graham@grassmarket.org.



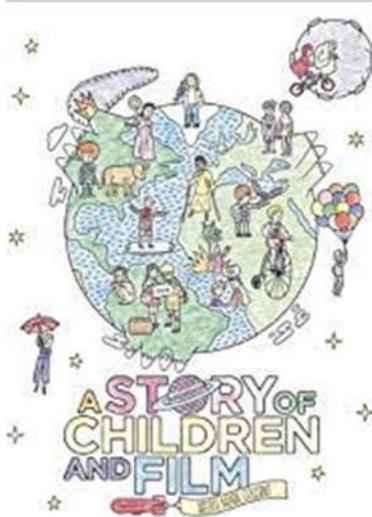
Our **Training Manager Graham** works really hard to organise loads of great, free training for members, as well as supporting many members, volunteers and staff. **Thanks Graham!**

FILMS, FILMS, FILMS...

Our free Community Cinema is run by our tireless CEO and fanatic film buff, Jonny Kinross and experienced film-guru-fan, volunteer Rohan Crickmar. They put together a really class programme. We have received feedback from two or three visitors noting the quality of films, **so well done Jonny and Rohan!** Thanks for all your hard work producing this much-loved opportunity for our community and the wider public to get together and enjoy a wide array of cinematic treats!

Monday 10 June, 7:15pm

A Story of Children and Film (2013) – plus Director Q&A



Dir: Mark Cousins, E, UK (and the Whole Wide World), Documentary, 106 mins

Continuing our central theme for the season, we have a very special event lined up. Mark Cousins is one of the great chroniclers of film currently working at the moment, as well as being an inventive filmmaker in his own right. He has kindly agreed to introduce and discuss his 2013 film about children and childhood, told poetically and passionately through 53 different works of world cinema. It is quite simply an outstanding work of curiosity, that manages to succinctly celebrate childhood in all of its loneliness, stropiness, innocence and destruction. The film will be introduced by Mark and followed by a Q&A.

Tuesday 11 June, 6:30pm

War School: The Battle for Britain's Children – plus Q&A



Join Peace Education Scotland as they screen 'War School: The Battle for Britain's Schools' here at the GCP. This film skilfully demonstrates why the need for active peace education in schools is so pressing.

If you want to come to this film (War School), you **must book a ticket:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/film-night-war-school-the-battle-for-britains-children-tickets-60521967835?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>