



SIDCN FEST 2026

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FESTIVAL GUIDE
PROGRAMME & SESSION DETAILS

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OUTSIDE
THE BOX

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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| 10:00 | Arrival and welcome |
| 10:15 | <i>Top Tips for Small Charity Leaders</i> - Vic Hancock Fell |
| 10:25 | <i>Qlic IT for Charities</i> - Oliver Bradshaw |
| 10:35 | <i>The Reality of How to Get That Big Grant</i> - Bill Bruty, Fundraising Training Ltd. |
| 11:20 | Comfort break |
| 11:30 | <i>Outside the Box Fundraising</i> - Member Spotlight Sessions (breakout rooms) |
| Room 1 | <i>Fundraising as a Consortium: Leveraging Partnerships for Scalable Social Impact</i> Eunice Owino - CWE-Tech |
| | <i>Putting the Fun in Fundraising</i> Connor Grant & Eugenio Sigauque - Bristol Link with Beira |
| Room 2 | <i>Beyond Donations: Building Sustainable Income Through Social Enterprise and IGAs</i> David Bateganya - EduKey |
| | <i>Diaspora Giving: Hype, Hope, or Hidden Opportunity?</i> Nick Sankey & Saba Firdaus - Pratham UK |
| Room 3 | <i>Raising More With Less: Gamifying Peer-to-Peer Fundraising for Small Organisations</i> Purity Mwaka - AkaMusyi |
| | <i>Why Small Is Your Superpower: Creating Intimate Events Big Charities Can't</i> Jo Bega & Bhaskar Karki - Child Rescue Nepal |
| Room 4 | <i>EduSpots Unlocked: Generating Income From the Inside-Out</i> Isaac Ayibor & Cat Davison - EduSpots |
| | <i>Fundraising For the Forgotten: Creative Ways to Build Support for Overlooked Crises</i> Andy Caudell - Kids for Kids |
| 12:50 | Lunch break |
| 13:20 | <i>The Risk Collaborative</i> - Sabrina Segal |
| 13:30 | Afternoon Learning Sessions (breakout rooms) |
| Room 1 | <i>Shifting Power in Practice: Funding Strategies for Locally-Led Change</i> Patricia Essel - WomenStrong International & Roseline Orwa - The Rona Foundation |
| Room 2 | <i>What If Closure Isn't Failure? Leading With An End In Mind</i> Lucy Morris - INTRAC For Civil Society |
| 14:15 | Optional networking (breakout / "Brag" rooms) |
| 15:00 | Close |



MORNING SESSIONS

10:15

Top Tips For Small Charity Leaders

Vic Hancock Fell – Vic Hancock Fell Ltd.

We hear from Vic Hancock Fell, who is the Founder and Director of Fair Collective and also runs training and consultancy for small charities through Vic Hancock Fell Ltd. She has worked in the social good sector for almost 20 years as a Co-Founder, Fundraiser, CEO, Volunteer, Trustee, Consultant and Trainer. Vic will be sharing some of her insights and top tips for small charity leaders.

10:25

Qlic IT For Small Charities

Oliver Bradshaw, Account Manager, Qlic IT


Qlic IT is a specialist managed IT provider dedicated to supporting charities and not-for-profit organisations across the UK. With over 20 years' experience in the sector, Qlic helps organisations improve security, simplify technology, and get more value from their IT through tailored support, cyber security, cloud solutions and strategic guidance. As a certified B Corp, Qlic is passionate about using technology to help purpose-driven organisations work smarter, safer and more sustainably.

10:35

The Reality of How to Get That Big Grant

Bill Bruty, Director, Fundraising Training Ltd.

Drawing on more than 700 funding case studies, Bill will share practical insights into securing major gifts from foundations and high-net-worth donors, and explore how the funding landscape is changing for small charities.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT ROOM 1



Fundraising as a Consortium: Leveraging Partnerships for Scalable Social Impact

Eunice Owino, Co-Founder, CWE-Tech

This session explores how four organizations; CWE-TECH, CASDA, Power for the People Africa Trust (PFP), and Sikhona Rescue Center, formed a consortium and pooled resources, expertise, and innovation to develop the Dignity App without waiting for donor funding. The app uses AI-assisted and mobile technology to address the Triple Threat of HIV/AIDS, GBV, and early marriage by connecting girls and young women to SRH information, emergency support, and protection services. This session highlights collaborative fundraising, survivor-informed design, and lessons from the ongoing pilot in Homa Bay County.

Putting The Fun In Fundraising

**Connor Grant, Bristol Link with Beira
& Eugenio Sigauque, Adel Sofala**

Examples from a small charity that connects Bristol with Beira through the mediums of Film, Sport and Cultural Heritage. Plus, insights and updates from Mozambique, on the impact of fundraising on the lives and land of local Beiras people.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT ROOM 2



Beyond Donations: Building Sustainable Income Through Social Enterprise and IGAs

David Bateganya, Executive Director, EduKey Gender Support

Balancing a clear social mission with revenue-generating business to complement and facilitate the implementation, promotion to realize the goal and set objectives for the organization. This is a hybrid approach combining nonprofit purpose with private-sector strategy that ensures long-term financial independence and sustainability while tackling critical societal challenges to bring about development and self-reliance.

Diaspora Giving: Hype, Hope, or Hidden Opportunity?

Nick Sankey & Saba Firdaus, Pratham UK

Diaspora fundraising is often seen as a major untapped opportunity, but when does it actually work? Drawing on Pratham UK's experience and some academic theory, this session explores the realities behind diaspora philanthropy: the importance of identity, trust and community; the role of events and social networks in unlocking major gifts; and the challenges of sustaining support across generations and economic cycles. A practical look at the promise—and limits—of diaspora giving.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT ROOM 3



Raising More With Less: Gamifying Peer-to-Peer Fundraising for Small Organisations

Purity Mwaka, Founder & Executive Director, AkaMusyi Kenya

As traditional donor backing grows more complex and competitive, small organisations are being pushed to invent new ways of raising money. AkaMusyi, a women-led organisation on Kenya's Yatta Plateau, has been testing gamified mechanics to build peer-to-peer funding systems that deepen impact without inflating cost. This session shares what has worked, what has not, and what other grassroots organisations might borrow. A Global South–Global North exchange.

Why Small Is Your Superpower. Creating Intimate Events Big Charities Can't

Jo Bega & Bhaskar Karki, Child Rescue Nepal

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BREAKOUT ROOM 4



EduSpots Unlocked: Generating Income From the Inside-Out

Cat Davison & Isaac Kobby Ayibor

In 2026, after a decade of igniting digitalised community-led education, the EduSpots team is launching EduSpots Unlocked, a new initiative designed to strengthen our internal practice, share proven learning tools with NGOs and schools, and build sustainable income streams that support our long-term impact. Our first offers include training in WhatsApp for Learning, online courses exploring Communication, Power and Agency, and the launch of a new EduSpots Experience in Elmina. Join this interactive online session to hear the story behind EduSpots Unlocked, explore key lessons from the journey so far, and discover opportunities to collaborate, learn and grow alongside us.

Fundraising for the Forgotten: Creative Ways & Challenges to Build Support for Overlooked Crises

Andy Caudell, CEO, Kids For Kids

Andy will discuss what a charity does when the world looks the other way, as the international media focus on more immediate and closer world events; how does a charity seek to keep their cause prominent, how their mission and vision become critical factors in informing and recruiting new donors, supporters and advocates; and how the tools of business have never been more necessary for small charities to employ to maintain their ability to fulfil their purpose.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

13:20

The Risk Collaborative

Sabrina Segal, Director, The Risk Collaborative

The Risk Collaborative (TRC) works to rethink, redesign, and rebalance the power in the third sector through the lens of risk. For small and grassroots organisations, risk isn't just about what might go wrong. It's about who decides, who carries the burden, and who gets to be part of the conversation. Too often, risk frameworks are designed by funders and imposed on partners, reinforcing the very inequalities that undermine impact. TRC is changing that, building tools and approaches that help implementing organisations name their risk reality and push for the kind of funder relationships that share risk equitably. Because better risk management isn't just about minimising threats – it's also about maximising impact. Learn more here – www.TheRiskCollaborative.org

13:30

Afternoon Learning Breakout Rooms:

BREAKOUT ROOM 1: *Shifting Power in Practice: Funding Strategies for Locally-Led Change*

Roseline Orwa, Founder & Executive Director, The Rona Foundation

Patricia Essel, Senior Advisor for Programmes, WomenStrong International

What does it really mean to shift power and resources to locally led organisations, and how can grassroots groups position themselves to thrive in a changing funding landscape? In this joint session, Patricia Isabella Essel and Roseline Orwa bring perspectives from both global philanthropy and grassroots leadership. Together, they will explore how local organisations can access and sustain funding through partnerships with international funders, in-country resource mobilisation, sub-national government engagement, and solidarity-based financing models. Attendees will gain practical insights, candid reflections, and actionable strategies for building sustainable, locally grounded organisations that drive lasting change.

BREAKOUT ROOM 2: *What if closure isn't failure?*

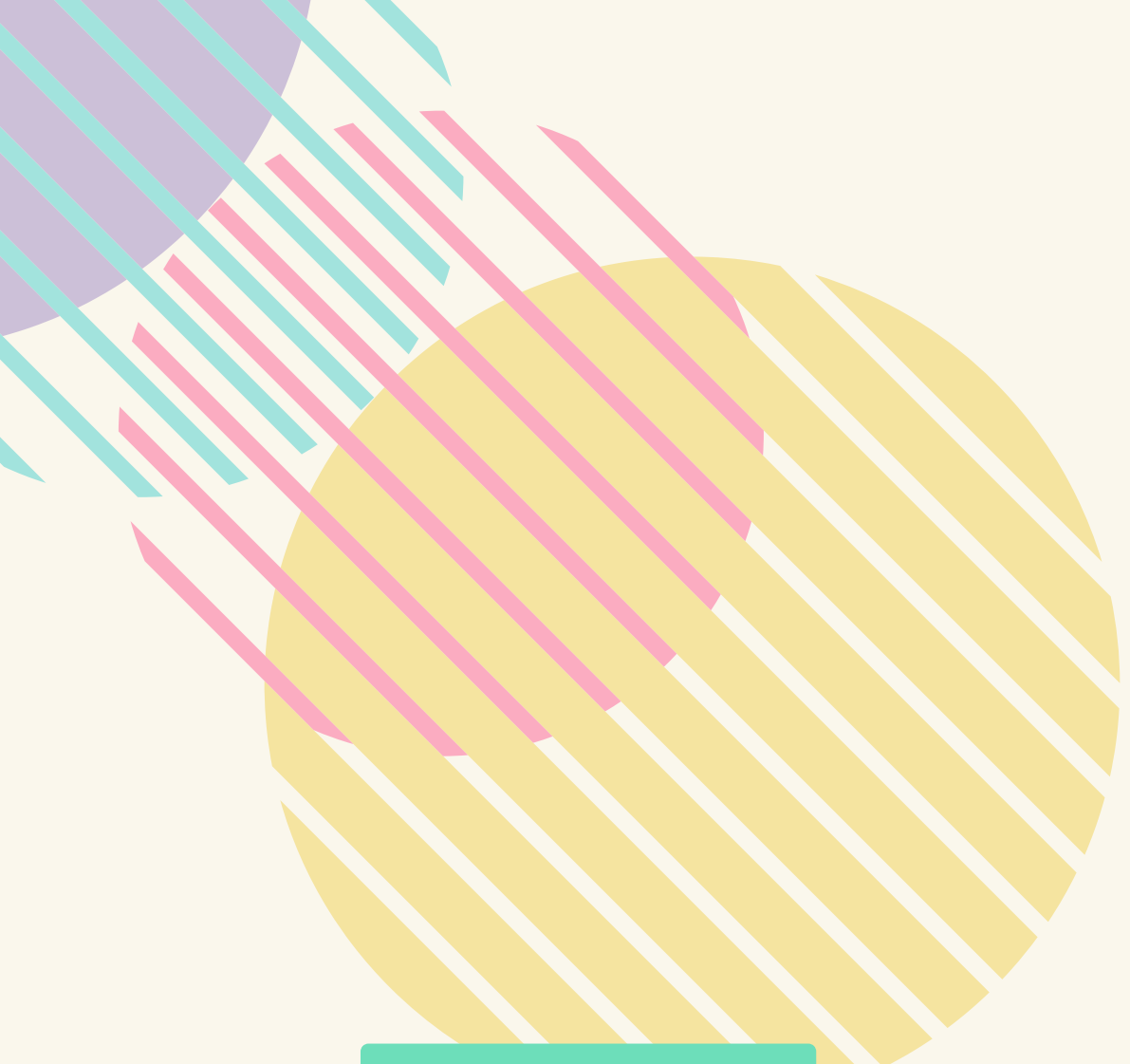
Leading With An End In Mind

Lucy Morris, Principal Consultant Organisational Development, Intrac

Join us for a transformative session that challenges the stigma around organisational endings. Whether you're navigating power shifts, considering closure, or simply want to lead more intentionally, this session offers fresh perspectives on how endings can lead to greater impact. What you'll gain:

- New ways to view organisational closure as strategic success, not failure
- Practical insights from a real-world first-hand case study
- Resources and support for your leadership journey

This interactive session combines individual reflection, a practical case study, and actionable takeaways to help you lead with greater awareness and intention – whether that means continuing your current path or embracing more radical change for greater impact.



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

14:15

Networking Breakout Rooms


For the last 30-45 minutes of the event, there will be the chance to mingle, network and connect.

We will be setting up a number of breakout rooms which you are welcome to choose from. To help facilitate meaningful networking and connections, we'll have breakout rooms for different causes and geographical areas:

- Room 1: Environment & Climate
- Room 2: Education & Employment
- Room 3: Health & wellbeing
- Room 4: West Africa
- Room 5: East Africa
- Room 6: Southern Africa
- Room 7: Southwest Asia & North Africa
- Room 8: South Asia
- Room 9: South East Asia
- Room 10: Rest of the world

Feel free to join any of the breakout rooms and come and go as you please. We're really looking forward to seeing what connections and conversation happen in these spaces!

If you join a breakout room, we'd encourage you to:

- Introduce yourself and your organisation / role
 - Share a 'brag' - something you or your organisation have done recently that you're really proud of. SIDCN has always valued celebrating each other's wins, so we're looking forward to hearing yours and cheering each other on!
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MEET THE SPEAKERS



Bill Bruty

Director, Fundraising Training Ltd.

Bill Bruty has over 40 years of fundraising experience and has spent more than two decades supporting locally led organisations through partnerships with major grant makers and philanthropic networks. He has advised organisations across Africa, Europe and beyond, helping them secure funding and build long-term donor relationships.



Patricia Essel

Senior Advisor for Programs, WomenStrong International

Patricia is a Ghanaian development and gender equality specialist with over 20 years of experience supporting women's rights, leadership development, and organizational strengthening. She serves as Senior Advisor for Programs at WomenStrong International, where she leads capacity-strengthening and learning initiatives for women-led organizations globally.

Patricia holds an MBA in Project Management and is widely recognized for her expertise in feminist leadership, grant management, organizational development, and community-based learning. She is passionate about strengthening locally led solutions that improve the lives of women and girls.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Roseline Orwa

Founder & Executive Director, The Rona Foundation

Roseline Orwa is a social justice advocate, author, and the Founder and Executive Director of the Rona Foundation, a grassroots human rights organization in Kenya advancing widow rights, institutional accountability, and access to justice.

With over a decade of executive leadership experience in the development sector, her work focuses on dismantling predatory cultural systems, advancing sub-national protection frameworks, and championing feminist economic and environmental justice. Roseline is an Atlantic Fellow for Social and Economic Equity at the London School of Economics (LSE) and an Aspen New Voices Fellow.

Lucy Morris

Principal Consultant Organisational Development, Intrac

Lucy brings more than 25 years' experience in international development and humanitarian response, having worked across administration, programme management, senior leadership, advisory roles, and consultancy positions in both the UK and overseas. Her career has included work with organisations such as GOAL, CAFOD, the United Nations, and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. She is currently Principal Consultant for Organisational Development with INTRAC and is also a qualified coach.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Eunice Owino

Co-Founder, CWE-Tech

Eunice Owino is the 2026 Warrior for Good in Sustainability Champion, Co-Founder of Centre for Women Empowerment in Technology (CWE-Tech) and Deputy Director for Linkages and Partnerships at Mount Kenya University. With over 21 years' experience in partnerships, EdTech, social entrepreneurship, and livelihood development, she champions women's and youth empowerment through technology and innovation.



Connor Grant

Trustee, Bristol Link With Beira

Connor Grant is an Exercise Psychologist /Social Prescribing Lead & Sustainability Student. He has visited Mozambique about every two years and has engaged with marine conservation and public health initiatives in Ponta Malongane. He feels a deep connection to the people and geography of this unique stretch of land in South-East Africa. His trustee role focuses on building partnerships and facilitating projects that honour the local socio-cultural dynamics in Beira, and face the rising threat posed by the climate crisis. He is passionate about contributing to the city of Bristol's wider policy and international relations work.



Eugenio Sigauque

Environment & Community

Development Officer, Adel Sofala

Eugenio Sigauque is the Environment and Community Development Officer at Adel Sofala. His work is focussed on Sustainable Energy, Mangroves and Livelihood Programmes.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

David Bateganya

Executive Director, EduKey

David Bateganya is Executive Director of EduKey Gender Support Organization and an experienced development practitioner working across Uganda and Tanzania. His work focuses on community transformation, education, economic empowerment and sustainable development.

Nick Sankey

Executive Director, Pratham UK

Nick is Executive Director at Pratham UK. After volunteering at a school in Kalimpong, West Bengal, during his gap year, he earned a Master's in Education for International Development and a PGCE, then spent three years with an anti-child trafficking charity in Kathmandu, Nepal. Upon returning to the UK, Nick built a career in fundraising, leading the Philanthropy and Partnerships teams at World Child Cancer after roles at Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity and Hope and Homes for Children. He served as a trustee of Child Rescue Nepal for nine years and is currently studying a part-time Masters in NGO Management & Charity Finance.

Saba Firdus

Communications Lead, Pratham UK

Saba is the Communications Lead at Pratham UK. She holds an Integrated MA in English, with a minor in Development, from IIT Madras, which led her to work at the intersection of storytelling and social impact. She began her career at Pratham Books, where she witnessed first-hand how grassroots interventions can transform children's learning outcomes. Since then, she has worked with a legal firm supporting undertrial prisoners and built a community wellbeing function at a start-up. Now based in the UK, she is building on her experience in fundraising with her team, alongside volunteering with Kalayaan, supporting migrant worker rights.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Purity Mwaka

Founder & Executive Director, AkaMusyi

Purity is the Founder and Executive Director of AkaMusyi, a community-based organisation on Kenya's Yatta Plateau. She brings a strong marketing background to grassroots feminist organising and is an intersectional feminist who believes education for all is the first step towards the eradication of poverty. AkaMusyi has reached more than 600 women in over eighteen months through peer-led adult literacy, vocational scholarship pathways, and feminist economic empowerment work that refuses to flatten women into beneficiaries.

Jo Bega

Chief Executive, Child Rescue Nepal

Jo has spent over 25 years in the voluntary sector proving that small charities can punch well above their weight. Since joining Child Rescue Nepal in 2016, she's overseen the rescue of hundreds of trafficked children whilst refusing to do fundraising the boring way. She's run three successful Radio 4 Appeals (raising over £175,000 combined), created imaginative annual challenges that engage supporters in unexpected ways and recently turned a standard donor presentation into an immersive four-station journey that people are still talking about. Jo believes the best charity events make attendees participants, not spectators – and that intimacy will always beat scale.

Bhaskar Karki

Country Director, Child Rescue Nepal

Bhaskar has been on the front lines of the fight against child trafficking in Nepal since 2008. He holds degrees in Management and Business Studies, but his real expertise comes from years of rescuing and repatriating exploited children – and crucially, keeping them safe at home with their families where they belong. He knows what works on the ground in Nepal, which stories need to be told, and how to bridge the gap between Western donors and Nepali realities. When Jo designs an immersive event, Bhaskar ensures the stories being told are authentic, dignified and true to the children's lived experience.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Cat Davison

Founder & CEO, EduSpots

Cat Davison is a philosophy teacher turned social entrepreneur working and learning with grassroots educators in Ghana and across the world to ignite digitalised community-led education through participatory design methods and EdTech. She has degrees in Philosophy, Management, Education & International Development with a PGCE and 11 years of classroom teaching, sports coaching and community action, for which she was one of two UK teachers selected as a 2021 Global Teacher Prize finalist.

Isaac Kobby Ayibor

Communications and Digital Skills Manager, EduSpots

Isaac is a communication and digital skills professional dedicated to strengthening the digital confidence of educators and young professionals in rural communities and across Ghana. He designs and leads programmes that equip individuals with practical digital competencies needed to thrive in today's evolving world. Passionate about building Africa's next generation of AI-confident professionals, he also develops programmes and systems that help individuals and organisations improve productivity, streamline everyday workflows, and adapt effectively to emerging technologies.

Andy Caudell

CEO, Kids for Kids

Andy Caudell is the CEO for Kids For Kids, a charity founded in 2001 which serves to transform the lives of the forgotten children of Darfur, through sustainable projects, such as goat loans, installing hand-pumps to access clean water and building schools, amongst many other activities. Andy came to the charity sector after a rewarding commercial career in the international healthcare space. He has served as a volunteer and a trustee to different charities focused on elevating the lived experience for children. A proud father and grandfather himself, he is focused on securing the future capability of Kids For Kids to continue its transformative work in Sudan and support many more children and families.

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Vic Hancock Fell