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### **Migrant Voice awarded funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to deliver exciting project in partnership with Glasgow Museums.**

Migrant Voice is delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to ensure that migrants' heritage (as part of Scotland's heritage) is recognised, documented and shared with the rest of the community and for future generations. The project, "Putting Ourselves in the Picture", is a partnership with Glasgow Museums.

Starting in Glasgow in June, the project will empower migrants to tell their stories, filling their missing place in Scottish heritage and promoting integration through art, history and culture. This will ensure that migrants' heritage (as part of Scotland's heritage) is recognised, documented and shared with the rest of the community and for future generations.

The project builds on Migrant Voice's planned 2023 exhibition at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow. The exhibition will feature photographic portraits and accompanying text of migrants telling the stories of their lives in Scotland.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund will enable us to run a number of activities alongside the exhibition including training sessions in photography, curating heritage, oral history, public speaking. It will include an ongoing physical and online exhibition, in coordination with Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

Nazek Ramadan, Director of Migrant Voice said: "The impact of migration on Scottish life only receives limited acknowledgement in museums. Thanks to the grant for this project, migrants will have a chance to express themselves and tell their stories to the community at large."

Bailie Annette Christie, Chair of Glasgow Life said: "Glasgow has a long history of welcoming refugees and supporting people to settle in the city and Glasgow Life is keen to acknowledge this positive story. This is reflected in groundbreaking work undertaken with the South Asian diaspora and with former refugees and asylum seekers living in the city, which culminated in the fascinating New Scots display at St Mungo Museum. In addition, the permanent displays at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and



Museum explore identity and cultural connections from across the globe through objects from the Collection. We look forward to working with Migrant Voice to build on this, through the new exhibition, the exciting programme of events and activities for visitors to enjoy and get involved in, and informing future interpretation of the Collection.”

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### **About Migrant Voice**

Migrant Voice is a migrant-led organisation focused on migrant-centred communications and campaigns/advocacy to achieve migrants’ rights and justice for all. Migrant Voice is building a community of migrant voices speaking for themselves to set the agenda on migration and address structural inequalities that surround migrants and shape society.

### **About Glasgow Life**

Glasgow Life is a charity working for the benefit of the people of Glasgow. We believe everyone deserves a great Glasgow life and we find innovative ways to make this happen across the city’s diverse communities. Our programmes, experiences and events range from grassroots community activities to large-scale cultural, artistic and sporting events which present Glasgow on an international stage.

Our work is designed to promote inclusion, happiness and health, as well as support the city’s visitor economy, in order to enhance Glasgow’s mental, physical and economic wellbeing.

### **About The National Lottery Heritage Fund**

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### **Further information**

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