

## Lenadoon Photographic Exhibition Group

1970 - 2020



The Lenadoon photographic exhibition group would like to invite the local community to participate in a new and exciting historical photographic exhibition in the Glen Community Complex which aims to tell the unique story of the Greater Lenadoon Community from 1970 to present day. This will be open to the public during the Lenadoon Community Festival August 2021. We are working in partnership with Belfast Exposed Co-Founder and documentary photographer Sean McKernan. Sean has almost 40 years of experience in developing local community photography projects and his work has been exhibited internationally.

The core objective of the project will be to invite residents, community groups, special interest projects and local businesses to contribute to the exhibition which will be held in the Glen Community Complex on the Suffolk Road. During the month of June, contributors can bring their original photographs to the Complex where the images/negatives will be professionally scanned and copied together with information relating to each photograph. Following this process all contributors will leave with original photographs following the copying process and will also receive a high quality/resolution digital copy of any images used for final exhibition.

We hope to collate, preserve and showcase the following:

- The social, cultural, and political history of Lenadoon
- Events such as the battle of Lenadoon July 1972 the ending of the IRA ceasefire
- How the demographics of the community changed following the start of the Conflict which evolved into the current population of approximately 13,000.

- The development of the Half Moon Lake and Lenadoon Community Park
- The development of other buildings such as the old Suffolk House, the Pig Factory, and the old Daily Mirror Building.
- Past festivals, cultural events
- Most importantly the personal photographic history/stories captured by the local community.

**Please note at this stage we are not looking for family photographs.**

We are confident the exhibition will demonstrate significant local support and act as a cohesive and inclusive project. It will provide a platform for the wider community to not only celebrate the diverse history of Lenadoon but also provide the opportunity to reflect on past challenges and celebrations and highlight current social issues which will contribute to a fresh debate on how to shape future local needs.

In addition, given the current Covid-19 crisis we are confident the project will play a pivotal role in assisting the community to recover, rebuild and harness social solidarity. This crisis has accelerated a movement of community power that has already taken shape, largely unseen and unreported and we are confident that this Project will help the Lenadoon community to rebuild, recover and reconnect.

Paddy O'Donnell

Sean McKernan

If you would like to contribute to the photo exhibition you can email [lenadoonexpo@gmail.com](mailto:lenadoonexpo@gmail.com)

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