

DemoCrise Glasgow – Detailed Activities Plan (2026)

1. Public Engagement & Education

Monthly Democracy Cafés (12 sessions)

- **Rationale:** Create accessible, informal spaces for citizens, students, and community members to debate pressing issues of democracy, authoritarianism, and misinformation.
- **Context:** Glasgow's café and community centre culture offers a natural platform for grassroots conversations, linking Scottish traditions of debate with African perspectives.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Increased civic awareness; development of dialogue skills; intercultural and intergenerational exchange.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Builds trust, reduces polarisation, strengthens resilience against misinformation and authoritarian narratives.

Quarterly Public Lectures (4 events)

- **Rationale:** Bring academic insights into the public sphere, connecting research with lived realities of democracy in crisis.
- **Context:** Collaboration with universities (Glasgow, Strathclyde, GCU) provides academic credibility while reaching public audiences.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Knowledge transfer; visibility for African democratic struggles; bridges between academia, policy, and community.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Enhances informed citizenship and empowers people with comparative perspectives.

2. Cultural & Artistic Activities

Film & Debate Nights (6 events, every 2 months)

- **Rationale:** Use film as a medium to spark debate and emotional engagement with democracy and resistance.
- **Context:** Glasgow has a strong film culture (Glasgow Film Theatre, Africa in Motion). Screenings on Sankara, African revolutions, and global struggles resonate locally.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Engaged audiences through visual storytelling; deeper cross-cultural dialogue.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Encourages empathy, breaks down stereotypes, nurtures cultural solidarity.

Voices in Crisis & Resistance – Storytelling Nights (4 events)

- **Rationale:** Provide a platform for African diaspora voices, Scottish poets, and activists to share experiences of resistance.
- **Context:** Builds on Glasgow’s traditions of spoken word and music as social critique and solidarity.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Strengthened diaspora identity; community bonding through performance and narrative.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Promotes inclusivity, belonging, and mutual recognition across diverse groups.

3. Community & Activism

School & Youth Workshops (6 workshops)

- **Rationale:** Equip young people with civic tools to resist misinformation and practice democratic engagement.
- **Context:** Delivered in schools and youth centres; methods include role-play parliaments, fact-checking training, debates.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Improved critical thinking, media literacy, and civic confidence among youth.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Builds resilience to misinformation, empowers the next generation of engaged citizens.

Solidarity Action Days (2 events)

- **Rationale:** Mobilise communities on symbolic dates such as **Africa Day (25 May)** and **International Democracy Day (15 Sept)**.
- **Context:** Public cultural events with music, art, and civic dialogue link local and global struggles.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Visible demonstrations of solidarity; increased community pride and unity.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Strengthens collective identity, promotes social cohesion, celebrates diversity.

4. Research & Policy Dialogues

Bi-annual Research Seminars (2 events)

- **Rationale:** Share findings on democracy, terrorism, and civic resilience with public and specialist audiences.
- **Context:** Organised with academic and policy partners (University of Glasgow, CEDAR, WFD).
- **Expected Outcomes:** Informed policy dialogue; integration of African case studies into Scottish debates.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Ensures civic practice is evidence-driven and grounded in research.

Policy Roundtables (2 events)

- **Rationale:** Create forums for policymakers, NGOs, academics, and communities to exchange views on democracy and solidarity.
- **Context:** Builds on Glasgow's role as a hub for international development and civic innovation.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Policy recommendations; stronger networks between diaspora groups, community leaders, and decision-makers.

- **Community Wellbeing:** Ensures communities influence policy and strengthens inclusive democratic practices.
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DemoCrise Glasgow – 2026 Timeline

Quarter 1 – Launch & Awareness (Jan–Mar)

January

- Democracy Café #1 – Theme: *“What is democracy in crisis?”*
- Film Night – Documentary on Thomas Sankara.
Outcomes: Pilot activities, gather first testimonies, spark initial debates.
Wellbeing: Community curiosity, safe space for civic dialogue.

February

- Youth Workshop #1 – Media literacy & fact-checking.
Outcomes: First school/youth engagement.
Wellbeing: Young people gain tools against misinformation.

March

- Public Lecture #1 – Democracy under threat (academics + activists).
- Storytelling Night #1 – Diaspora and Scottish voices.
Outcomes: Academic–community bridge; cultural solidarity.
Wellbeing: Increased sense of belonging and shared struggles.

Quarter 2 – Growth & Community Engagement (Apr–Jun)

April

- Democracy Café #2 – *“Terrorism and democracy: lessons from Africa & Scotland.”*
- Film Night #2 – Global documentary on resistance movements.
Outcomes: Deeper debates, larger audiences.
Wellbeing: Builds empathy across communities.

May

- **Africa Day Solidarity Event (25 May)** – Music, stalls, dialogue forum.
Outcomes: Visible, festive public celebration; diaspora recognition.
Wellbeing: Pride in identity, stronger intercultural ties.

June

- Youth Workshop #2 – Civic participation role-play parliament.
- Research Seminar #1 – Terrorism, democracy, and resilience.
Outcomes: Skills for young people; academic policy exchange.
Wellbeing: Youth empowerment + knowledge-sharing boosts trust in institutions.

Quarter 3 – Visibility & Solidarity (Jul–Sept)

July

- Democracy Café #3 – *“Disinformation, elections, and civic trust.”*
- Film Night #3 – Documentary on uprisings and social movements.
Outcomes: Connect misinformation in Scotland with African examples.
Wellbeing: Shared strategies reduce alienation.

August

- Storytelling Night #2 – *“Resistance through poetry and music.”*
Outcomes: Cultural engagement, creative activism.
Wellbeing: Emotional wellbeing, empowerment through art.

September

- **International Democracy Day (15 Sept)** – Major solidarity action + Public Lecture #2.
Outcomes: Media visibility, larger civic participation.

Wellbeing: Strengthens collective voice, reinforces hope in democracy.

Quarter 4 – Policy & Reflection (Oct–Dec)

October

- Democracy Café #4 – “*Climate, inequality, and democratic futures.*”
- Film Night #4 – Climate justice & democracy documentary.
Outcomes: Broaden democratic debate to environmental issues.
Wellbeing: Links wellbeing to sustainability and justice.

November

- Youth Workshop #3 – Social media activism training.
- Policy Roundtable #1 – Scottish MSPs, NGOs, diaspora leaders.
Outcomes: Youth digital empowerment; policy engagement.
Wellbeing: Communities see their voices reflected in politics.

December

- Storytelling Night #3 – “Year of resistance in review.”
- Reflection Democracy Café – Review + co-design for 2027.
Outcomes: Consolidate learning, publish impact report.
Wellbeing: Strengthens continuity, builds long-term trust.