



Role Description

Volunteer - Local Network Coordinator

Overview

Generations Working Together (GWT) began in 2007 and is the Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice. It works with public, private and voluntary sector organisations to gather and share best practice, provide information and support and develop new opportunities for intergenerational working in communities.

A key component of our work and the work of local network coordinators is to bring people together from all organisations to exchange information and share good practice, create and maintain new partnerships and, strengthen communities.

GWT plan to develop existing networks and create new networks in a variety of areas across Scotland providing a point of contact for every individual and organisation that wish to be involved in intergenerational projects and activities.

Core tasks

- Plan, support and develop 2-4 local network meetings each year for existing and potential members inviting the National Development Officer along
- Provide GWT with any new case studies or project updates for the website
- Assist GWT to promote and market training opportunities and events throughout local area
- Extend the membership currently held within local area
- Assist in ensuring all local projects complete an online profile template.
- Attend volunteer coordinators' meetings (2 -3 per year - possibly in Glasgow)

Other tasks that might be undertaken by volunteer co-ordinators as appropriate in discussion with GWT:

- Raising profile regarding the benefits of intergenerational practice
- Disseminate information about 'Generations Working Together' widely in the local network area, with marketing provided by GWT
- Liaise with Generations Working Together in terms of local activity
- Identify levels of support from a variety of organisations which may include
 - Free meeting rooms
 - Council resources
 - Admin resources

And where appropriate the following tasks may be dependent on funding and time

- Assist GWT in setting up high profile events to showcase intergenerational working by local organisations
- Local mapping of all IG projects in local area
(Agree other tasks as appropriate)

Finance

Generations Working Together will pay reasonable expenses as we appreciate how expensive it can be for coordinators to travel and attend GWT meetings/ training and events.

Some volunteer co-ordinators have also looked at making contacts with the following Organisations:

- Education – schools, colleges, universities, community education, nurseries, playgroups etc
- Voluntary and community organisations such as local interfaces/CVS/VC
- Local authorities, community planning partnerships, health improvement
- NHS health boards, health improvement groups, community health care groups, healthy living centres & mental health projects
- Police/Fire and rescue, community safety partnerships, community councils
- Older peoples groups and organisations, including care homes, sheltered housing, day centres etc.
- Younger peoples organisations such as youth groups, uniformed groups for example Scouts/Guides/Boys Brigade
- Environmental groups and organisations
- Arts and heritage groups
- Outdoor groups such as countryside rangers & walking groups
- Sports groups; local faith communities and other related organisations
- Job centres
- Libraries and museums
- Local media
- Rotary/Round Table/Soroptomists
- Credit unions

Personal Profile:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Good IT and admin skills
- An interest in intergenerational work
- Experience of project work in local community
- Good organisational skills

To discuss further or to request an application form please contact Alison Clyde, National Development Officer, on 07769629988 or email Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

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