

Meeting Report – Glasgow Intergenerational Network

Date: 10th October 2012 **Venue:** 103 Trongate, Glasgow

In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Robert Smith (Active Seniors), Charlie Murphy (Age Scotland), Karen Armstrong (GCVS), Lynda Scott (Strathclyde University), Alison Couston (Baldy Bain Theatre), Rena Ali (GAMH), Kirsty White (Glasgow Life), Teresa McGuire (Tron St Mary's), Nicky Thornton (Community Trust Halls), Jeremy Laycock, Roseann Malcolmson, William Pearson (Playbusters), Andy Forrester (P.A.G.E.)

Apologies: Adele Goodfellow, Alicia Watson (Glasgow Museums), Sylvia Pearson (Playbusters), Irene Bannerman, Sheena Glass (Glasgow Old Peoples Welfare Association), Amanda Taylor & Gary.

Notes: The notes below are a general summary on the key topics/themes discussed at this meeting.

GWT update

Intergenerational photograph and video competition - There are two categories: Photo and Video, each with a first prize of £150 and a second prize of £75. Deadline for entries has been extended to 31st October. More details on our website www.generationsworkingtogether.org

Our new website should be launched October/November time. Each network to have their own page which will be password protected for members of that network.

GWT annual conference - 13th March 2013, St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh. We are collating feedback from members as to what they'd like to hear and see at the conference.

Intergenerational Course - Training the Trainers - This will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Places now available for training courses in Coatbridge on 12th November and Greenock on 13th November 2012. Further details available at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

GWT are setting up a short life-working group drawn from a variety of partners (Education Scotland, youth organisations, NHS etc) to help inform and support a new strategic approach from GWT on how we integrate intergenerational practice within curriculum for excellence. First meeting is planned for Tuesday 30th October 2012 all interested parties should contact Alison.

GWT are working in partnership with NHS Health Scotland to develop a briefing paper showing a clear relationship on how IP can contribute to a healthier Scotland.

GWT are planning to work with Third Sector Interfaces and a range of relevant organisations to encourage intergenerational volunteering to help both active ageing and community cohesion.

Vacancy - Local Network Coordinator - Alison highlighted the need to recruit a volunteer coordinator for the Glasgow network. One option suggested was that a member could take

on the role for one year then pass the role around to other members of the network. Alison promised to email everyone with a copy of the role description. Please contact Alison if you are interested in helping out.

There are opportunities for organisations and groups to get involved in the **sporting memories network** – www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com and the football memories project which has gone national. For more information contact Michael White 07906 239582

Luminate: Scotland's creative ageing festival has been launched nationwide this month (October) celebrating and profiling people's creative lives as they age.
luminate@agescotland.org.uk

Presentation from Jeremy Laycock, Playbusters - Crownpoint Community Garden. There are still some plots available within the community garden for groups or individuals. If you are interested please email jeremy@playbusters.org.uk or call 0141 551 0071.

James McMahan, Greenspace Development Officer, Glasgow City Council is a good contact should you need advice re community gardens. He works with different groups to support new gardens. Email: james.mcmahan@glasgow.gov.uk

Local project updates

EU project - Silver Project aims to develop a unique holistic and inclusive approach for intergenerational learning among knowledge workers by addressing the difficulties of implementing it in an organisation. Lynda is looking for organisations that would like to take part in this research. For further information please contact Lynda.scott@strath.ac.uk or telephone 0141 548 4974.

EU Project - Mixages project run by Alice, Strathclyde University – Playbusters have been involved in this project. Web address is www.mixages.eu

Baldy Bane Theatre: Better late than dead on time looks at the impact of reckless behaviour from drivers and pedestrians upon one family. This production is being funded by Road Safety Scotland and is offered free to community organisations for a ten-week tour in Spring 2013 (Feb-April). For further details contact: administrator@baldybane.org.uk

Playbusters also gave an update on what they were involved in.

New Rhythms for Glasgow is a community music project, which aims to promote community engagement and social inclusion through the performing arts. They offer a wide range of activities and services for people of all ages to get involved in. Contact Kim Stuyck at kin@nrfg.org.uk Website: www.nrfg.org.uk/

Robert reported that the **Active Seniors Forum** are considering setting up an intergenerational choir and a sharing skills project. Alison to email Robert contacts for Clark Community Choir and Working Rite.

Discovery Award – This award is open to adults who are 50 years and over (similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award). Check out the website at www.discoveryawardscotland.co.uk or contact Laurie Young on 01382 641800.

Young Start Funding – www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6th February 2013, 10am – 12.30pm, Community Central Hall, 304 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 7YE