

Meeting Report – Inverclyde Intergenerational Network

Date: 14th June 2012

Venue: Craighend Resource Centre, Greenock

Attending: Cathie Kelly (CVS Inverclyde), Bill Clements & Erin Donnelly (EAGER Project, CVS Inverclyde), Alison Clyde (GWT), Reid McLaughlin (CLD), Margaret Oliver (Contact the Elderly), Emma Maxwell (James Watt College), Kay Clark (The Trust), Bernie McKee (SAMH Gateways), Kirsty Smith & Amanda Ptolomey (The Trust V/C)

Apologies: Susan Chandlier (Dementia Advisor) & Michael Trail (Jericho Society)

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

GWT update

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

The **development of local networks** of organisations, groups and individuals interested in furthering IG work is a key component in the Centre's strategy. There are now 20 networks set up throughout Scotland, currently meeting 2-4 times per year.

Each local network is organised to meet local needs. They are led and supported by Alison Clyde, National Development Officer and local coordinators. Cathy Kelly is your **volunteer** coordinator for this local network. Local coordinators will have access to free training from the centre, expenses paid for all travel to GWT meetings, training and events including our annual conference.

An evening reception at the Scottish Parliament is being held to raise awareness of our new publication: **Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and IP in a Scottish policy context** (Thursday 28th June 2012). Further details will be available from our website after the event. We hope to be able to provide a toolkit for local coordinators to share with local network members.

A **GWT Photo & video competition** has been launched – closing date 28th September 2012 - 1st prize £150 2nd £75 – see website for further details.

A **new website** is currently being designed – if you have any ideas of what we should have on the site please get in touch with Alison.

Training for Trainers: A total of 9 Courses delivered so far this year. If anyone is interested in attending or possibly hosting a course please get in touch with our administrator Betty at office@generationsworkingtogether.org

GWT are working closely with Education Scotland to develop a strategy on how to integrate IP within Curriculum for Excellence (C4E) and with NHS Health Scotland to develop a briefing paper showing a clear relationship on how IP can contribute to a Healthier Scotland.

There are now opportunities for community groups etc to work with **Young Scott** to discuss their Truth about You Project, which aims to challenge negative perceptions of young people in Glasgow. Young Scott is looking to roll programmes out to other areas in Scotland.

For further details contact: Allan Lindsay on 0131 313 2488 or email truthaboutyouth@youngscot.org

Thinking differently – Young people and Alcohol -The scheme is looking to fund projects that look to develop multi component projects that work with whole communities and young people to address local alcohol concerns. Contact matthewplunkett@therobertsontrust.org.uk by 12pm on Wednesday 22nd August 2012

Young Start Funding from the Big Lottery – has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years. Contact 0141 242 1500 for further information or check out the website at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund

Showcase

Kay Clark, Project Manager for the Identity Project shared her experience of successful intergenerational projects including an introduction to her new arts & media project 'Identity'.

- River of Steel-Intergenerational Project on the History of the Shipyards
- Identity-Working with a variety of young and older members of the community to create a range of books and films on the History of Immigration to Inverclyde over 300 years. The Project has its own production studio. You can find more information at <http://www.facebook.com/IdentityInverclyde>
- We are Morton-Young people working with media to gather stories from the older members of the community on Morton Football Club and a variety of Social History themes.

Update on local intergenerational activity

- Partnership Work – successful Pilot project with Volunteer Centre Inverclyde and James Watt College bringing together social care students from the college and older people from the Muirshiel Centre.
- Intergenerational drama, 'The World Before'. WOOPi Drama group with CLD youth drama group. Wed 27th June. Tickets on sale at Arts Guild.
- WOOPi summer activities – groups in all the community centres link in with young groups. Youth in the Park, link in with WOOPi – skills sharing between generations.

Inverclyde Network on IG website

Alison reminded everyone to write up case studies for successful projects. Updated case study template now available – copy will be circulated with notes of meeting.

Activity - What is intergenerational practice? – Definition

Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities, which promote greater understanding and respect between generations, and contributes to building more cohesive communities. Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the young and old have to offer each other and those around them

(Definition of Intergenerational Practice: Beth Johnson Foundation, April 2001)

Groups were asked to look at the ‘what is and what isn’t’ intergenerational activities cards to help clarify intergenerational work that has mutual benefit to both parties.

Common themes arising from intergenerational programmes and activities include:

- Community Safety
- Enterprise & employment
- Family & early Years
- Health & well-being
- Learning & teaching
- Regeneration
- Volunteering & community
- Arts/culture & heritage
- Natural & built environment

Next Meeting - Please note a change to the date circulated with the CVS Newsletter

Thursday 4TH October in Craigend Resource Centre from 10:00am – 12:00 noon.