

Meeting Report – Glasgow Intergenerational Network

Date: 26th June 2012

Venue: Parkhead Library, Tollcross Road, Glasgow

Attending: Alison Clyde (GWT), Adele Goodfellow (Big Lottery), Alison Couston (Baldy Bain Theatre), Karen Armstrong (GCVS), Robert Smith (Active Seniors), Bharati Bundhoo (Glasgow CSO), Kirsty White (Glasgow Life), Angus Wood (Barnardo's), Roseann Malcolmson, Sylvia Pearson & Andy Forrester (Playbusters), Nicky Thornton (Central Halls), Patricia McGlynn & Elaine Young (Glasgow Libraries), Natalie White (Impact Arts) & Carol Martin (COPE) and one other

Apologies: Derek Kelter (Momentum), Sue Scott (Specialist OT), Margaret Oliver (West of Scotland Development Officer, Contact the Elderly) & Frances Bradley

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

GWT update

- 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.
- **Our next national network meeting** is in the Glasgow Women's Library, 15 Berkeley Street, Glasgow, G3 7BW at 11 a.m. on 4 July. Coffee will be available from 10.30 a.m. and lunch at about 1 p.m. At 1.45 there is an opportunity to join a short heritage walk (please see the agenda for more details). GWT National Network meets regularly throughout Scotland in different locations and provides opportunities for national organisations to network, show case and share experiences and engage in discussion about opportunities, ideas, issues and challenges. For further details contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
- 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.
- GWT **annual conference** March 2013 – ideas and suggestions are now being collated for what we should include at the next one, please contact Alison.
- If you know someone who would be keen to take on the role of volunteer coordinator for our Glasgow network please get in touch with Alison who will provide further details.
- **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

Presentations were given by:

- **Kirsty White and Natalie White** on the crafts designed and created for the Olympic Torch Relay event in Kelvingrove Park.
- **Angus Wood**, Barnardo's, Children Inclusion Partnership on Byshot Path, North Glasgow
- **Adele Goodfellow**, The Big Lottery, Young Start Fund – Adele promised to feed back member issues to the Big Lottery regarding the 'connected' outcome and agreed to come back to the next network meeting with an update and hopefully show examples from successful projects.

Barriers to intergenerational work:

- Lack of respect between generations (teaching or experience of respect)
- Training (more thinking needed) - staff training (older people)
- Funding
- Child protection - protection becomes the barrier
- Do we respect age as a number as opposed to individual person's skills officialdom
- Diverse communities ethnicity, age, integration etc. (ability v disability)
- Perception of human rights issues
- Physical spaces to combine age groups
- Giving responsibility to young people

Angus is meeting with a Child Protection Development Officer soon and promised to raise the above concerns re child protection and feed back to Alison.

GWT's training courses could also help with the training issues above. Anyone interested in attending intergenerational training please contact betty@generationsworkingtogether.org

Other information

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

Luminate: Scotland's creative ageing festival – check out luminate@agescotland.org.uk

Baldy Bain Theatre: Better late than dead on time – free performances for your local group for a ten week tour in Spring 2013 (Feb – April). Contact: administrator@baldybane.org.uk

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 19th October 2012, 11.30am – 1.30pm Tramway, Glasgow (for further details please check the website).