

Date: 20th March 2012

Venue: The Albany learning & Conference Centre, Glasgow

Attending: Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together (GWT)), Frances Bradley (Learning Officer), Moya Crowley (Project Manager), Agnes McGroarty (Scottish Seniors Alliance), Irene Bannerman (Older Person's Service), Emma Young (Community Development Manager), Roseann Malcolmson (Connecting Generations Development Officer), K Armstrong (GCVS), Alison Couston (Executive Director, Baldy Bain), Nicky Thomson (Community Central Hall, Team leader) & Kirsty White (Arts Officer, Glasgow Life)

Apologies: Bharati Bundhoo (CLD Youth), Natalie Davidson (Glasgow East Arts Company), Angela Fowlis (The Scottish Pre-Retirement Council), Sue Scott (Parkhead Hospital), Roberta Downes, Charlie Murphy (Age Scotland), Vanessa Paynton, Gary Mills, Ann Garry, Hilda Davis (COPE Scotland), Alex Johnston, Sheena Glass & Gaynor Grant (Food Train)

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

GWT Update – GWT are extremely happy to announce that the Scottish Government have agreed to continue funding for the next three years (31st March 2015).

GWT continue to work in partnership with the **National Forum on Ageing** to create a Guidelines document bringing together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice into a Scottish Policy Context. The guidelines show how Local Authorities can embed IG work into policy and practice, which can contribute towards achieving national outcomes and local indicators. GWT are now interested in hearing from local authorities who would like to develop this framework for their local area during 2012.

Alison continues to **develop local networks** (now a total of 18) throughout Scotland and is seeking a local coordinator for the Glasgow network. GWT are able to offer free training and will cover expenses paid for all travel to GWT meetings, training and events including our yearly conference.

YouthLink Scotland Awards – Winners of the Intergenerational Youth Worker of the Year Award and Overall Winner Award went to the New Spin Project Team in Edinburgh. Runners up included Bill Little from Falkirk and Kilsyth Academy 4xl.

Training for Trainers course

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programmes of work. Courses are being planned throughout Scotland. For further details check out the GWT website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org Courses now organised for Perth, Oban, Edinburgh, Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway.

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 01)

Other information

- Kirsty White, Arts Officer for Social Inclusion, Glasgow Arts highlighted events and activities organised to celebrate The Olympic Torch Relay in Glasgow on 8 June and invited members to join the celebrations. This event provides excellent opportunities to work across generations bringing older and younger people together. If you would like to get involved please contact Kirsty at: kirsty.white@glasgow.gov.uk

Kirsty also highlighted a new intergenerational creative programme by Impact Arts where local schools in Castlemilk and Govan will be invited to engage in a series of creative workshops facilitated by Craft Café participants and supported by co-ordinating artists. Impact Arts hope the project will be an organic development between the Craft Café participants and young people, clearly linking to celebration, the Olympiad and Glasgow.

- Alison Couston mentioned that Baldy Bain Theatre Company had produced a DVD called *Changed Days*, which is a moving, poignant film about seeing the person with dementia, rather than the condition. Alison suggested contacting the North Dementia Forum for further details. Their objectives are to improve services for people with dementia and their carers as well as raise awareness about the illness, which lead to the partnership with David Goodall and Alison to produce the DVD.

Funding to have the film made as well as have a supply of DVDs to freely distribute within the Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board area was secured and they were also able to produce a set of *User Notes* although the supply is limited at present (they can be download). So no charge for individual copies but if anyone, particularly organisations and individuals out with the Glasgow area, want to donate £5 per copy, then the money goes to help cover the Forum's running costs. Funding is now being sought to film a sequel. For further details contact John Kelly on 0141 931 5423/0776 2578 242

- Creative Ageing Festival – October 2012
Age Scotland, Creative Scotland and the Baring Foundation are launching a national festival celebrating the creative arts and ageing this autumn.

Action: Alison to invite Anne Gallacher from Creative Scotland to speak at the next meeting.

Information on the following topics was circulated:

European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (2012)

Photo & video competition

Young start funding

YPI – Youth Philanthropy Initiative Scotland (Wood Family Trust)

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Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26th June, 10.15am – 12.30pm in Parkhead Library, 64
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