

Meeting Report – Forth Valley Intergenerational Network

Date: 22nd Nov 2012 **Venue:** CVS Falkirk & District, Falkirk

In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Fiona Hutchison & Anne Knox (Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise), Ed Gibbon (Education Service, Stirling Council), George Howie (CTSI, Change Plan Engagement Officer), Katherine Day, (CVS Falkirk & District), Caroline Horwood (SACRO) & Kerry MacPhee (Alzheimer Scotland).

Apologies: Lynne Gibbons, Gail Johnson, Bill Little, Maureen Hill, Claire Connor, Lisa Toon, Anne Campbell, Marie Throp, Victoria McRae, Jason Moyles & Gilbert Wilson

GWT Update

We have had a great response to our short life-working group, which has been formed to help inform and support our new strategic approach on how we integrate intergenerational practice within curriculum for excellence. We have met for our first discussion and a report has been written. Three sub groups will be formed with the next meeting planned for Wednesday 30th January 2013.

GWT continue to work in partnership with NHS Health Scotland to develop a briefing paper showing a clear relationship on how IP can contribute to a healthier Scotland. However this has been delayed by a couple of months.

GWT have met with Volunteer Development Scotland to investigate possibilities of partnering together to look at how we can encourage intergenerational volunteering to help both active ageing and community cohesion.

Urgent: Local Network Coordinator required for Forth Valley network – anyone interested please contact Alison

Our new website is developing well and we should be launching soon. Each network will have access to 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. Investigating video conferencing for rural areas to link in with Edinburgh.

Intergenerational Course - Training the Trainers

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work.

Tuesday 29th January 2013, 10am – 4pm, Ochil Hall, Ochil Crescent, Stirling, FK8 1QJ

To book check out <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Stirling29January2013>

Learning Outcomes:

- Develop an awareness of resources and approaches which can support effective intergenerational training
- Explore and refine their understanding of IP

- Have practical experience of the delivery of IP training
- Develop confidence and awareness deliver IP training to front-line staff

GWT in partnership with Age Scotland to publish another round of walk in our shoes – act on our issues.

The pack is part of Age Scotland's campaign to end isolation for older people. Act on our issues is an activity that community groups can do to tackle barriers such as uneven pavements, public toilets closures, poor street lighting, unsafe road crossings and inaccessible shops.

Other IG Opportunities

- Sporting memories network – www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com
- Football memories project - Michael White 07906 239582 (Alzheimer Scotland)

Baldy Bain Theatre: Better late than dead on time looks at the impact of reckless behaviour from drivers and pedestrians upon one family. The issues are dealt with sensitively and are primarily presented in a humorous but realistic way to focus awareness and discussion in the audience. 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

Funding Opportunities – leaflets for hand out

- 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
- A NEW £50m Scottish charitable trust focusing on transforming the lives of young people leaving care and older people with dementia and their carers is set to go live by next spring. The cash from the Big Lottery Fund will be put into the independent Life Changes Trust, which is soon to start recruiting board members and up to three staff. The fund will be run by BIG in partnership with four leading health and social care charities: The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland, Who Cares? Scotland, Glasgow Council for Voluntary Service and the Scottish Community Foundation.

Feedback from group:

- Stirling is aiming to be a Dementia Friendly city
- Alison to investigate the Forth Valley University of 3rd Age
- Change Fund – attached (Falkirk)
- Possible Stirling group feed back ideas at next meeting
- George interested in a guidelines event in Clackmannanshire and may have an idea re volunteer post

Date of next meeting: Monday 29th April 2013, 10am – 12.30pm in Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise, 4 King Street, Stirling, FK8 1AY