

## Meeting Report – Forth Valley Intergenerational Network

**Date:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012

**Venue:** The Hub, Whins Road, Alloa

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**In attendance:** Alison Clyde (GWT), Davy Cairns (NHS), Maureen Hill & Kaire Connor (CTSi), Caroline Horwood (SACRO), Jason Moyes (RSVP), Victoria McRae (Volunteer Centre, Falkirk), & Fiona Hutchison (SVE)

**Apologies:** Marie Throp, Anne Campbell, Susan Greenhaigh, Anthony Morrow, Pat Scrutton & Helen Granville

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

### **GWT Update**

GWT **intergenerational photograph and video competition** for amateur photographers and filmmakers now open for entries. The competition is for the BEST photograph or video taken **BY** a younger or older person **OF** younger and older people together, and should demonstrate the importance of intergenerational connections. There are two categories: Photo and Video, each with a first prize of £150 and a second prize of £75. Deadline for entries is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 12noon. For more details check out the website at [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

A new **website is currently being designed for GWT** – If anyone has any intergenerational projects or activities they'd like to write up and showcase then please get in touch with alison at [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)  
We hope to launch the website mid September.

GWT annual **conference** 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013, St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh – Now looking for feedback from members as to what they'd like to hear and see at the conference. Potential stall holders spaces may be available.

### **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. This year we have run nine training courses across Scotland and have plans to organise another four before Christmas. We may have the possibility of holding one in Forth Valley if we have enough interest. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending a course at the beginning of November.

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.

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. Dissemination should be early 2013. Emma from Health Scotland researching for rigorous evidence for briefing from around the world. Should be an exciting piece of work.

GWT also plan to work with Third Sector Interfaces and a range of relevant organisations to encourage intergenerational volunteering to help both active ageing and community cohesion. It was suggested that GWT bring together representatives from third sector organisations & vol organisations to discuss further.

**Our next national network meeting** is planned for **19th of September**, in **Arbroath Library**, Hill Terrace, Arbroath DD11 1AH at 11am – Speakers include Truth about youths and an intergenerational games project. **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](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

### **Presentations were given by**

- Davy Cairns, Public Health Practitioner - Cross Generations Project  
The aim of the project was to develop social interaction between the generations in the area of Denny/Bonnybridge, increase social inclusion and reduce isolation. The project also aimed to promote healthy, fun ways for participants of all ages to keep fit, using modern technology and traditional games.
- Caroline Horwood,, Restorative Justice Worker – “We are all Bairns of the Bog” (Intergenerational event held in Falkirk)  
Youths, residents, local businesses and professionals were brought together to break down barriers and share experiences of their community. They were united in the idea that all generations should be involved in the sharing of ideas to better their community. They spoke of tolerance, sharing knowledge and mutual respect for one another and agreed the involvement of all the community could lead to the breaking down of barriers and could only serve to make their community a strong and happy one.

### **Other IG Opportunities**

There are opportunities for organisations and groups to get involved in the **sporting memories network** – [www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com](http://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, is being launched nationwide in October 2012 to celebrate and profile people’s creative lives as they age. [luminate@agescotland.org.uk](mailto:luminate@agescotland.org.uk)

**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@baldybaine.org.uk](mailto:administrator@baldybaine.org.uk)

**EY2012 Awards** for which deadlines for submission of entries is looming. I've had communication from the EY2012 organisers that so far there are only 6 UK nominations for awards, which is a shame as this does not reflect the amount of fantastic work that is going on out there by all of you, and by your networks of members, supporters, and volunteers. While not wanting to cause anyone extra work, please do think about the awards and entering your project, activity or initiative. Details of the awards, the different categories and

links to entry forms and guidance are now on the official EY2012 website and can be found at: <http://europa.eu/ey2012/ey2012main.jsp?catId=1026&langId=en>

The awards are:

1. **Workplaces for all Ages** awards (improving conditions for older workers). Relevant for employers, non-profit orgs. who are promoting better working conditions. **Deadline 1 Sept**
2. **Social Entrepreneurs** awards (spreading examples and models of social entrepreneurship) Relevant for individuals who are driving social change to tackle the challenges of ageing and strengthening solidarity between generations. **Deadline 1 Sept**
3. **Reporting on Ageing and Relations between the Generations** awards - an award for journalists who are informing the public about challenges and solutions. **Deadline 1 Sept**
4. **Towards Age-Friendly Environments** awards - an award for local and regional authorities who are creating better living environments for an ageing society. **Deadline 1 Sept.**
5. **Life Story Challenge.** This award is about sharing inspiring stories about 'active agers' and is open to both young and old individuals jointly presenting an inspiring story about active ageing. **Deadline 16 Sept.**

There is a cash prize for the winner of each category, and the finalists will be invited (with travel costs paid) to Brussels for the Awards Ceremony later this year.

Evening reception held at Scottish Parliament 28<sup>th</sup> June to raise awareness of our newly published **Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and IP in a Scottish policy context.** GWT are ready to work alongside Local Authorities and welcome discussion on how the Guidelines can be implemented. For more details contact

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### **Funding Opportunities**

**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](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund)

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in November at the CVS in Falkirk. Alison to contact Jonathon from the Youth Philanthropy Initiative inviting him to speak about their programme and possibility seek someone who has a potential intergenerational project/activity idea who might appreciate help in formulating a plan of action.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 9.30am – 12noon, CVS Falkirk & District, Callendar Business Park, The Courtyard, Callendar Road, Falkirk, FK1 1XR