

Meeting Report – Forth Valley Intergenerational Network

Date: Monday 30th April 2012

Venue: Tolbooth, Jail Wynd, Stirling

In attendance: Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together (GWT)), Anthony Morrow (BTCV Scotland), Caroline Horwood (SACRO), Maria Throp (Central Region Equalities Officer), Michael White (Alzheimer Scotland), Jason Moyes (RSVP) & Pat Scrutton

Apologies: Davy Cairns (NHS Forth Valley), Anne Campbell (Community Education Worker), Lesley MacArthur (Falkirk Council), Iain Emerson (SACRO), Susan Greenhalgh (British Red Cross), Maureen Hill (Clacks Third Sector Interface), Victoria McRae (Volunteer Centre, Falkirk) & Fiona Hutchison (Youth Voluntary Development Officer)

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

GWT Update

The Scottish Government recently agreed to continue to fund GWT for the next three years (31st March 2015).

The **development of local networks** around Scotland continues with 20 networks currently meeting 2-4 times per year. Details of local networks can be found on our website www.generationsworkingtogether.org

We are **seeking to recruit a volunteer** coordinator who would like to help coordinate the Forth Valley 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. For further information please contact Alison on 0141 559 5024.

Training for Trainers: 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

Perth - Thursday 10th May, Glenearn Community Campus, 4 Glenearn Road, Perth, PH2 0BE

Oban - Friday 25th May, The Fire Station, Soroba Road, Oban, PA34 4SB

Dumfries - Wednesday 30th May, St Teresa's Education Centre, Lochside Road, DG2 0DY

Scottish Borders - Thursday 31st May, Old Gala House, Scott Crescent, Galashiels, TD1 3JS

Edinburgh - Thursday 7th June in the South Bridge Resource and Education Centre, 6 Infirmary Road, Edinburgh, EH1 1LT

GWT continue to work with the National Forum on Ageing – futures group to develop guidelines, which bring together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice into a Scottish policy context. The guidelines have been drafted and an event was held in Renfrewshire in late January. The document is now at the final stage of design and should be available shortly. GWT and the NFA are now looking at various ways on how to showcase the

document around Scotland. There are however quite a few local authorities who have already shown a keen interest in the document. For further information please contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

A GWT Photo & video competition will be launched hopefully next week – closing date 28th September 2012 - 1st prize £150, 2nd £75 for each category.

Local IG project updates

- Cross Generation Project (Falkirk Council) – Facilitators pack launched on Thursday 9th February 2012 – For further details please contact Falkirk West Community Learning & Development Team, Park St, Falkirk on 01324 503670
To book the traditional games contact Nikki Stevens, Education Officer for Life Long Learning, Calendar House on 01324 503781
- Alzheimer Scotland – Football Reminiscence Project – for further information contact Michael White michael@sportingmemoriesnetwork.com or 07906 b239582
- Generations@school project – As of 1st March, schools in Europe are being encouraged to foster intergenerational dialogue by inviting older people to meet young pupils around the date of the European Day of Solidarity between Generations on April 29th in order to share experience, fears and hopes for the future and reflect together on how to create a better society for all generations. A resource kit - aimed mainly at primary schools - has been developed to help teachers organise such debates as part of their curriculum. This activity is easy to organise and there will be an award scheme where the most innovative projects will be selected.
For more information email: generationsatschool@paueducation.com
- Youth Philanthropy Initiative Scotland – Check out Wood Family Trust
Contact Jonathan Christies, YPI Coordinator 01224 532541
www.GoYPI.org
- ‘We are all Bairns’ – SACRO intergenerational event in the Bog area of Falkirk addressing anti-social behaviour on Tuesday 29th May.

Action: Alison to email Marie a copy of the local authority guidelines

Future Plans for network – invite Cross Generation Project and SACRO to present their intergenerational project and event at the next meeting.

AOB – 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

Date of next meeting: Thursday 23rd August, 9.30am – 12noon in The Hub, Whins Road, Alloa, FK10 3TA

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