Meeting Report – East Renfrewshire Intergenerational Network

Date: 14th September 2012
Venue: Voluntary Action, Barrhead

In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Alan Stevenson (CHCP), Anne MacDonald (Neilston Dev Trust), Marueen Paterson & Mary Black (Arklet Housing Association), David Lamont & Jane Weeks (Young Start Funding, BIG), Elaine Grogan (East Renfrewshire Council, Community Worker), Edmund McKay (Commissioning & Contract Officer, East Renfrewshire), Stephen McGinty & Alison Thomson (Voluntary Action), Rennie Mason (Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service) & Kathleen Strachan (CHCP).

Apologies: Apologies: Marie Hedges & Neilston Community Care

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

GWT Update
GWT are setting up a short life-working group drawn from a variety of partners to help inform and support a new strategic approach from GWT on how we integrate intergenerational practice within curriculum for excellence. First meeting takes place in Glasgow on Tuesday 30th October.

Action: Alison to send invitations for the first meeting to East Renfrewshire’s Eco schools Coordinator, Raymond Weir, Inclusion Manager, Barrhead High and to the two primary schools in Neilston (Anne MacDonald to supply contact details).

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.

Action: Alison to send case template to Anne MacDonald.

GWT 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 has been suggested that GWT bring together representatives from third sector organisations & vol organisations to discuss further.

Evening reception held at Scottish Parliament 28th June to raise awareness of our newly published Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and IP in a Scottish policy context. GWT are able to work alongside Local Authorities and welcome discussion on how the Guidelines can be implemented. Toolkit developed for local coordinators to use in helping the local authority and other organisations understand how the document can be used and embedded within local policy. Could be used in the form of a workshop or seminar lasting roughly 2-3 hours. For more details contact Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Alison is looking to recruit a new local coordinator to help coordinate the East Renfrewshire network as Alan Stevenson is now unable to carry on due to new work commitments. Alan will however continue to play an active role within the network. If anyone has any ideas or
would like to help please let Alison know on the above email address. A big thanks to Alan for helping set up the network.

**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 28th September 2012 at 12noon. For more details check out the website at 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
We hope to launch the website end of September.

GWT annual conference 13th 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 close by to East Renfrewshire. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending a course at the beginning of November. More details soon on our website.

**Presentation -** David Lamont, Big Lottery (Yong Start Funding) – PowerPoint attached

**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

David answered many questions and was very keen to encourage intergenerational projects to apply for funding.

**Other IG Opportunities**
Alan Stevenson provided a brief update on the work of the Knitting Mania project, which is a Voluntary Action Intergenerational arts initiative (handout attached). Alan also mentioned a previous arts project and provided everyone with a couple of postcards showing the work of the project. Alan is currently working towards another intergenerational joint partnership project with a 3rd school in East Renfrewshire. Alan is planning to write a briefing paper on a potential intergenerational quiz project for people across East Renfrewshire to take part in, which will be circulated to everyone in the network.

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

**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

**EY2012 Awards – Deadlines 16th September**
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. 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](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
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.
3. **Reporting on Ageing and Relations between the Generations** awards - an award for journalists who are informing the public about challenges and solutions.
4. **Towards Age-Friendly Environments** awards - an award for local and regional authorities who are creating better living environments for an ageing society.
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.

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.

**AOB**

Maureen offered members of the network an opportunity to highlight pieces of work or events in the Arklet newsletter contact MPaterson@arkle.org.uk

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 5th February 2013, 10am – 12.30pm, Arklet Housing Association, Barrland Court, Barrland Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 7QD