

Meeting Report – Argyll & Bute Intergenerational Network

In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Liz Marion (Argyll & Bute Council), Christine MacArthur (NHS Highland), Alison McGrory (Argyll & Bute CHP), Cat Newshellar (LORI), Gwen Harrison & Maggie Dougall (Argyll Voluntary Action), Gillian McInnes (Argyll Community Housing Association), Duncan Martin (NHS PPF/RCOP & Community Council), Laura MacDonald (Argyll & Bute Council), & Martin Hill (Strathclyde Fire & Rescue)

Apologies: Cath Bertin, Heather Bellshaw, David Millward, Cllr Douglas Philand, Alison MacKenzie & Cllr Anne Horn

GWT update

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.

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

Alison is looking to recruit a new local coordinator to help support the Argyll & Bute network as Heather Bellshaw is standing down, Heather however hopes to remain an active member of the network. If you are interested in helping please get in touch with Alison at alison@generationsworkingtogether.org (Maggie may have someone in mind)

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 has been extended to 31st October 2012. 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 We hope to launch the website soon (Sept/October time).

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 in the North if we have enough interest. Please let Alison know if you are interested.

Guidelines

An evening reception was held at Scottish Parliament on the 28th 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 Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Presentations

- **Grab Trust Lori Project** (social enterprise) with Cat Newsheller
- **Walk in our Shoes – Act on our issues with Christine McArthur & Gwen Harrison**
Gwen & Christine described how they were using the 'Walk in our Shoes, Act on Our Issues' from Age Scotland in a number of different sites across Argyll & Bute as an Intergenerational project
Action: Alison to contact Doug Anthony from Age Scotland to discuss the potential of other IG projects using the pack.
Action: Alison to email case study template for Christine & Gwen to write up for GWT website.

There are opportunities for organisations and groups to get involved in the **sporting memories network** – 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

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

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- Oban fire station celebrates their 10th Anniversary in 2013. Martin may consider some IG activities
- Liz, Maggie & Gwen working on a new IG project collating historic memories
- The men shed project has been awarded funding from the Change Fund
- Consider a virtual network online for those people who can't attend the local network meetings.

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th February 2013, 1-3.30pm in the Nicoll Hall, Church Square, Inveraray, Argyll, PA32 8TX