

## Meeting report - Argyll & Bute Intergenerational Network

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Venue: Lochgilphead Community Education Centre

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In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Pat Dean (Argyll Voluntary Action), Eileen Bellshaw (Argyll & Bute Council), Richard Barrie (Strathclyde Police), Heather Bellshaw (Tarbet Youth Club), Antonio Baird (Argyll Voluntary Action), Alison McKenzie (Argyll & Bute Council), Kirsty McCuaig (PACT), Clare Ogle, Gwen Harrison (Argyll Voluntary Action, Dunoon), Roanna Clark (Young Scot), Kirsty Simpson (Argyll & Bute Council), Jenny Wandle, Paul McGuire (Red Cross Volunteer), Laura Mair (Tarbet Youth Group), Verina Litster & Andrew MacLure (Strathclyde Fire & Rescue)

Apologies: Jo Cowan (Age Scotland), Gillian McInnes (Argyll Housing Association), Scott Douglas (CLD Worker), Neil McKnight, (DHT, Lochgilphead HS), Audrey Baird, Ann Kennovin (CLD Worker), Cathie Bertin (Project Coordinator) & Richard Barrie (Strathclyde Police)

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

### **Generations Working Together – update**

The meeting began with a quick introduction to each other round the table. Alison then talked about what Intergenerational Practice is and gave a quick briefing on the previous meeting. The following topics were also discussed:

- 3 years funding secured from the Scottish Government (31<sup>st</sup> March 2015)
- GWT continue to work in partnership with the **National Forum on Ageing** to create a Guidelines document bringing together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice into a Scottish Policy Context. The guidelines show how Local Authorities can embed IG work into policy and practice, which can contribute towards achieving national outcomes and local indicators. Copies should be available at the next meeting. For more details contact Alison.
- GWT National Conference, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Scottish Youth Theatre, Glasgow
- Intergenerational case studies have been written up with the evidence being collated to show records of individual journeys and experiences.
- More leaflets available from the office if required for the European year, this will provide information on how to link into this initiative and see how it can be celebrated.
- Website brief now being written and quotes sought
- 18 local networks up and running by end of April – check website for further details

### **Training for Trainers Course**

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](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

**A course will be held in Oban from 10 am until 4.30pm on Friday 25th May at The Fire Station, Soroba Road, Oban, PA34 4SB.** This training course will help us plan new

intergenerational projects, challenge attitudes & stereotyping, and provide time and ideas to think about evaluation methods.

### **Funding information**

Eileen touched on local funding informing members that there is £35,000 available to cover the whole of MAKI and £8,000 available to the public health network. For further information please contact Eileen Bellshaw or Audrey Baird from Argyll & Bute Council.

Other areas of funding worth checking out include dormant bank accounts (Young Start), voluntary action, & communities 2014 from the Big Lottery. Further details can be found on GWT website & Facebook sites.

### **Feedback from activities and discussion:**

Members in attendance raised the question of how they go about filtering information down to others and to whom? How would it be of best benefit to all.

Members felt that it would be beneficial to build upon the projects already out there and enhance the provisions that are there already.

Roanna mentioned she could filter information through Young Scot.

Future venues for meetings to accommodate all who wish to attend were discussed, with suggestions including the McNicol Hall in Inverary, Oban Museum (Donnelly House) and The Fire Station (Andrew 07770824058)/Court Room(Richard Barrie) in Oban.

Members felt there was a need to bring policy makers round the table to discuss intergenerational work. Members discussed talking to the community planning partnership however were aware it is a very large group and thought it might be best to go to them.

**Action:** A briefing paper to be written up to present to the Community Planning Group. Send invite to next meeting to Cllr Horn, Cllr John McAlpine & Cllr Dougie Philland.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on how best to make the most of future meetings.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 30th August, 10am - 12.30pm in the Fire Station, Soroba Road, Oban, PA34 4SB** showcasing intergenerational projects. Anyone wishing to showcase their IG project please contact [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

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