

Meeting Report – Dumfries & Galloway Intergenerational Network

Date: Monday 3rd September 2012

Venue: Castle Douglas Community Centre

Present: Liz Forsyth, Idris Dean, Harriet Oxley, Iain Howie, Alan Sidaway

1. Welcome

Liz & Idris welcomed people to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Jim Cooper, Scott McGill, Lindsay Callander

3. Introductions

Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves and their roles.

4. GWT Update

Liz worked through the minutes of the previous meeting & all agreed them to be accurate.

Liz fed back that she'd heard that several events had been useful.

GWT video/photograph is still open for entries.

A new GWT website is being developed. Discussion took place on what people would like on D&G page e.g. Case Studies; Harriet's Presentation.

GWT annual conference is to be held on 13th March 2013. What would people like to see? - More advanced workshops & international examples.

There will be more Training the Trainers events before Christmas.

A short life working group will inform new strategy on how IP can integrate to Curriculum for Excellence.

Health links.

3rd Sector Organisations

The next National Network meeting will be on 19th September in Arbroath.

Other IP's were discussed e.g. Muckle Toon Memories. The Baldy Bain Production was well received in Langholm.

The deadline for the EY2012 awards is 16th September 2012.

Funding Opportunities

Guidelines Event 28th June 2012-10-02

5. Local Authority Guidelines.

Alan to mention at Care Project Board later in September.

6. Local Project/Activity Updates

Seniors Memory Sticks project in the Stewartry. There are 4 schools signed up who will identify, encourage & train older people in using the sticks.

The Retired Members Trades Union project is in its' early days.

Liz is hoping to work with a school to set up a project in Annan.

The Village Voices had a Queen's Jubilee event in Springholm which went very well. Participants are now a constituted group.

The Muckle Toon Memories project in Langholm is going well. It's mostly been for older folk though Liz is trying to encourage younger folk to take part, including school pupils.

The Forgotten Voices project in the Stewartry was effective in getting younger people to come along to record older folks talking about their experiences.

Liz is using an Age Scotland idea & pack to work with schools, parents and older people in order to map problems within their communities e.g. no public toilets, broken pavements. This project is in its' very early days and needs partners to help take it forward. (Alan wondered if this project could be used to address the selling off of playing fields.)

The Moffat C.A.N. project is using older & younger volunteers, as is the Kate's Kitchen project.

Alan spoke about a film called 'Ping-Pong which is to be shown at the Burns Centre in Dumfries on Weds 5th September. It's about older people taking up table tennis. Younger people help in care homes with table tennis activities. The film's available as a DVD and on-line. It will be shown on Channel 4 in 2013.

7. Speed Networking – did not take place

8. AOB

Liz & Idris said that due to work commitments they would welcome someone or some others taking on the role of Local Network Co-ordinator in D & G.

Harriet is taking GWT info to a CLD meeting tomorrow.

9. Date of Next Meeting

28th January 2013, 11.00 – 13.30 – venue to be confirmed