

Date: Monday 27th February 2012

Venue: Castle Douglas Community Centre

1. Welcome & Introductions

Alison welcomed everyone and asked everybody to introduce themselves.

Present: Gail Copeland, Liz Forsyth (notes), Sandy Brown, Anne Matley, Idris Dean, Thomesena Lochhead, Sue Thompson, Alan Sidaway, Alison Clyde, Harriet Oxley and Chris Fyles.

Apologies: Lorna McGowan, Dorothy Aitchison, Peter Kormylo and Shona Mackinnon

2. Previous minutes were agreed as being an accurate record.

3. Generations Working Together update

- 3 further years of funding for GWT from Scottish Government
- It is hoped in this period that all sectors will work together. One of the key things GWT are working on is identifying and publicising intergenerational case studies
- Local networks are currently evolving.
- 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. These will take into account the 5 Strategic Objectives which should fit in with the SOA. It is hoped that work in D & G will contribute to this and that GWT could be involved in a local event to promote guidelines.
- GWT National conference will be held in Glasgow on the 13th of March.
- GWT will try to ensure any funding for this kind of work is widely circulated.
- An example of IG work is a 'falls prevention' programme in Argyle and Bute. Any reports on projects in D & G should be sent to the GWT intern who can write them up and put them on the website.
- Intergenerational Training Course - Training for Trainers - Wednesday 30th May, St Teresa's Education Centre, Lochside Road, Dumfries, DG2 0DY
Available for 1 person from each representative group. This is a free course with local input providing the accommodation. Places still available see website for more details.
www.generationsworkingtogether.org

Feedback:

- Anne hopes that there will be some work around reducing anti-social behaviour.
- Alan hopes that there will be ways that older and younger people can work together without the need for PVG's.

4. Local updates

- Idris and Liz fed back on a recent meeting in Dumfries this had quite an educational focus and showed a commitment from various agencies to get involved in IG work which is positive.
- Sue mentioned a Drama idea she had and Alison confirmed this had worked well in other areas.

- Anne mentioned Operation Safety and Young Citizen that could both involve older people. As always funding is a major barrier to a lot of really good work going on.

5. Activity

- Participants were split into 2 groups and given several tasks. Firstly to write a definition of Intergenerational Practice then given scenarios and asked to decide which was Intergenerational Practice. This was harder than it sounded but a consensus was reached. It was clear that it is not always obvious what is and isn't Intergenerational Practice but if something *almost is*, it wouldn't take a lot to make sure it *definitely is*. e.g. Denny in Forth Valley had a community project involving traditional games and Nintendo Wii where older people teach the younger people how to use traditional games and the younger people show their elders how to play on their new toys etc.
- The second activity involved coming up with an idea, which involved Intergenerational Practice, showing outcomes for all parties, identifying barriers, and how it fitted into local and national policy.

6. Events and updates 2012

Napa – Go for Gold 2012 – British Heart Foundation Events (if interested contact Alison for details)

5 challenges where you are asked to do 1 or more challenges - with a main event on July 3rd 2012 – Try-athalon

7. AOCB

8. Date of next meeting – Monday 3rd September 2012 from 11am – 1.30pm (room 3 & 4), Castle Douglas Community Centre.