

Generations Working Together
Edinburgh and Lothian Network Meeting
The Citadel, Leith January 23rd 2012

1. **Apologies:**

2. **In attendance:**

3. **Generations Working Together Update – Alison Clyde GWT**

(Read by Yvonne Coull in Alison's Absence)

- Working towards the development of a local authority framework – a workshop event is being held on the 30th Jan in Paisley. This is a joint GWT and National Forum on Ageing (NFA) Futures Group initiative which is being developed in conjunction with Renfrewshire Council. Using a Framework produced for English councils by the Beth Johnson Foundation, Ambi Wildman, Project Manager for the NFA Futures Group is adapting the document to reflect the main Objectives of the Scottish Government. The document will allow those undertaking projects to align them with local outcome agreements to justify funding. Case studies from GWT will also be included. There will be a workshop on the final document at the GWT conference in March.
- Generations Working Together is holding their national conference on Tuesday 13th March 2012 in Glasgow (limited numbers).
- Internship: Karolina Jindrova is working on case studies – if anyone has any interesting work developing we'd love to hear about it...
- **Training needs** Training for Trainers course ;
Inverness – Wednesday 28th March, 10am – 4.30pm
Shetland (Tuesday 17th April) and Orkney (Thursday 19th April)

May be able to offer training days in 2012 for various areas throughout Scotland.

- Case studies from Edinburgh & Lothians – looking for educational examples for GLOW website – maybe some of the IG case studies could contribute to a Glow broadcast. Please contact Alison directly.
- Brief being written for new website – will have a members only area and local network area with protected password.
- 18 local networks now set up throughout Scotland – check website for further details of new networks.
- European Year 2012 Active Ageing and solidarity between generations – annual day 29th April – members could link activities and programmes to events to encourage local and national media to cover story.



European Year for **Active Ageing**
and **Solidarity between Generations 2012**



- Funding information updated onto Facebook/Twitter and website. Please join us on Facebook/Twitter.

twitter @ GenerationsWT

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Generations-Working-Together>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/GenerationsWT>

4. New Spin – and Intergenerational Project, Andy Skea, Development Worker, Citadel Youth Centre

Andy outlined the project with slides and then showed a short DVD which the group had developed about their project. Further information can be found at

<http://www.citadelyouthcentre.org.uk/new-spin.html>

5. Group Discussion – Future of Local Network

Five tables of around 8 participants discussed the following questions, guided by a facilitator:

- Making partnerships and connections - what is the best way of doing this to be ready for new funding streams. Is there anything GWT can do?
- What would you like to see from your local network? What support would you like from your national centre?

The following is an amalgamated summary of the results of the discussions.

Making partnerships and connections

- Older people supporting younger people with employability, skills etc.
- Accessing groups of different generations
- Snapshot of what everyone does and contact details – speed dating!
- Awareness of what is out there
- Best practice – what works? Barriers, issues and practicalities from previous projects
- Quarterly meetings
- Advice and support – eg PVG Scheme/Curriculum for Excellence
- Longer term projects – how do you follow up?
- Edinburgh network on Facebook – (would exclude some)
- Need to create agreed and defined structures with good communication systems
- Be prepared to access existing structures/systems to get our message across
- How to get started – money resources etc.

Is there anything GWT can do?

- ‘Matching’ between groups looking to do intergenerational work
- Database – menu of resources specifying what partners are wanted for – what skills mix are required
- Training – dealing with stereotypes/practicalities/consent forms/getting groups to gel/introductions for groups/keeping yourself safe
- Activities at meetings
- Small, local grants scheme
- How do we implement national strategy and inform national strategy?
- Identify key people who can distribute newsletter wider i.e. not only to members e.g. library and schools contacts that can distribute to all locally. Include Councils, Chambers of Commerce, NHS, Equality Partnerships.

What would you like to see from your local network?

- Sharing good practice and information
- Make new partnerships
- Table sales etc
- Provide information, speakers (need money for meetings)
- Content of meetings – people coming together, share ideas, similar to today’s meeting
- Totally socially inclusive meetings – e.g. LGBT, BME etc
- Case studies at local level important
- Information on BME festivals to promote inclusion
- Permanence is required – sustainability needed

What support would you like to see from your national network?

- Training – facilitation and Train the Trainers course
- Funding advice x 3
- How to write applications x 2
- Online Training (although not the best, prefer personal touch!)
- Toolkit – people, needs, this is what you need to do - Info on how to get started on website – how to replicate projects?
- General principles of setting up a project
- Sustainability – how to keep going? X 2
- Practical Workshops
- How to do a pilot project, linking with: curriculum for excellence; care homes; specific groups
- Info on types of partnerships – what does a partnership agreement look like?
- Keep in communication – although newsletters may not be read!
- Highlight particular skills mix that works well – art/IT/nutrition/techie/community projects
- Head office should develop a volunteer pool that would help expand capacity!

6. Summing Up and Close

Yvonne Coull facilitated the feedback session and called for volunteers to host the next meeting. No funding is available for this network so it will be up to the enthusiasm of this group to keep the network alive! The group agreed that quarterly meetings would be appropriate and the next one would be in May.

Yvonne Coull promised to write up notes and distribute them to all members of the network. Membership forms were distributed and are available on the website. If current members have not updated their membership details in the last year they should do so by completing the form on the web site and sending it to the GWT administrator Betty Matheson office@generationsworkingtogether.org

Yvonne Coull will meet with Glenda Watt who coordinates the local network with her and discuss topics for future meetings.