Meeting Report – Lanarkshire Intergenerational Network

Date: Tuesday 12th June
Venue: VANL Community Hub, Wishaw

In attendance: Robert Piper (Utheo Ltd), Craig Russell (VANL), Alison Clyde (GWT), Bernadette Lynass (Relationship Scotland), Donna Morley (Lead Scotland), Mairi McLeod (Nth Lan Council), Margaret Oliver (Contact the Elderly), Stephen McCann (Strathclyde Police), Terry McCann, Frank Ferns, Emma & Daniel (Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School) & Ruth Taggart (Caldercruix Youth Project).

Apologies: John McQuade (Strathclyde Fire & Rescue), Linda Anderson (Age Scotland) & Lynsey Sampson

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

Generations Working Together (GWT) update
Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and IP in a Scottish policy Context
These guidelines, which bring together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice into a Scottish policy context are complete and will be launched at the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 28th June. Further information will be available on our website from 29th June 2012.

A GWT Photo & video competition has been launched – closing date 28th September 2012 -
1st prize £150 2nd £75 – further info at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

GWT have now confirmed web designer for new website (David Kelly Design)

GWT are looking to recruit a volunteer coordinator for the Lanarkshire intergenerational network. If you are interested in helping out or would like to know more please contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Intergenerational Training - Training for Trainers: A total of 8 courses have been delivered across Scotland, our next course is being held on 25th June in Paisley. More details available from the website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

GWT continue to work closely with Education Scotland developing a strategy on how to integrate IP within the C4E and with NHS Health Scotland to develop a briefing paper showing a clear relationship on how IP can contribute to a healthier Scotland.

Presentations included:
• ICT Community Project - Terry McCann, Frank Ferns with Emma & Daniel, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – power point presentation attached
• Relationship Scotland – Bernadette Lynass – The four stories (Tilly, Dorothy & John, Bob & Asim) can be viewed at:
  http://www.youtube.com/user/GenerationsWT
Other IG Opportunities
There are now opportunities for community groups etc to work with Young Scott to discuss their Truth about You Project, which aims to challenge negative perceptions of young people in Glasgow. Young Scott is looking to roll programmes out to other areas in Scotland.

For further details contact: Allan Lindsay on 0131 313 2488 or email truthaboutyouth@youngscot.org

Alzheimer Scotland – Football Reminiscence Project/Sporting Memories Network – for further information contact Michael White michael@sportingmemoriesnetwork.com or 07906 239582

Generations@school project – Schools in Europe are being encouraged to foster intergenerational dialogue by inviting older people to meet young pupils in order to share experience, fears and hopes for the future and reflect together on how to create a better society for all generations. A resource kit - aimed mainly at primary schools - has been developed to help teachers organise such debates as part of their curriculum. This activity is easy to organise and there will be an award scheme where the most innovative projects will be selected. For more information email: generationsatschool@paueducation.com

Youth Philanthropy Initiative Scotland – raises awareness among young people about philanthropy. Launched in Toronto and managed in Scotland by the Wood Family Trust. Aims to develop the next generation of responsible citizens and effective contributors raise awareness of the work of local charities and channel funds to them effectively, to develop the skills and confidence of young people through the hands on experience of philanthropy. For more information contact Jonathan Christies, YPI Coordinator 01224 532541 www.GoYPI.org

Funding information:
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

Thinking differently – Young people and Alcohol - A group of Funders led by The Robertson Trust and including Comic Relief, Children in Need, Joseph Rowntree Foundation as well as Scottish Government, is offering the chance to develop projects in Scotland which focus on three key themes: Families and young people, young people and peers and communities. The scheme is looking to fund projects that look to develop multi component projects that work with whole communities and young people to address local alcohol concerns.

A launch event will take place Monday 25th June 2012, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Stirling Baptist Church, 67 Murray Place, Stirling, FK8 1AU. For more information regarding the Launch event please contact Mark McGeachie at mark@therobertsontrust.org.uk.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 18th September 2012, 10am – 12.30pm in Summerlee Museum, Heritage Way, Coatbridge, ML5 1QD (Speed networking to be given more time at the next meeting)