

Meeting Report – North Lanarkshire Intergenerational Network

Date: 26th Nov 2012 **Venue:** Conforti Institute, Coatbridge

In attendance: Pauline O’Neill (Learning Leisure Services), Pauline Eadie (Conforti Institute), Cllr Frances McGlinchey (North Lanarkshire Council), Davy Cumming (Strathclyde Police), Robert Piper (UTHEO), Alison Galbraith (Freelance Storyteller), John Sweeney (North Lanarkshire Council) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Susan Sandilands, Simon Knight, Evelyn Boyd, Craig Russell, Cllr Thomas Morgan & Cllr Willie Goldie, Thomas Armstrong, Steve Cummings & June McHugh

GWT update

- Our new website is progressing well and should be launched December time.
- GWT annual conference - 13th March 2013, St Paul’s & St George’s Church, Edinburgh.
- Intergenerational Course - Training the Trainers
Tuesday 29th January 2013, 10am – 4pm, Ochil Hall, Ochil Crescent, Stirling, FK8 1QJ
To book check out <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Stirling29January2013>
- Great response to the **education short life-working group**, which will help inform and support our new strategic approach on how we integrate intergenerational practice within curriculum for excellence. The first discussion has been held and a report has been written. Three sub groups are planned with the next full group meeting being held on Wednesday 30th January 2013.
- GWT continue to work in partnership with NHS Health Scotland to develop a briefing paper showing a clear relationship on how IP can contribute to a healthier Scotland. However this has been delayed by a couple of months.
- GWT met with Volunteer Development Scotland to investigate possibilities of partnering together to look at how we can encourage intergenerational volunteering to help both active ageing and community cohesion.
- GWT in partnership with Age Scotland to publish another round of walk in our shoes – Act on Our Issues. The pack is part of Age Scotland’s campaign to end isolation for older people. Act on our issues is an activity that community groups can do to tackle barriers such as uneven pavements, public toilets closures, poor street lighting, unsafe road crossings and inaccessible shops.

Alison highlighted the need for recruiting a Local Volunteer Network Coordinator to help support the National Development Officer in developing and supporting the North Lanarkshire Network and members. Anyone interested please contact Alison at alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Discussion – North Lanarkshire Intergenerational event

Thursday 21st March 2013 from 10am – 1pm finishes with lunch (tea/coffee & juice on arrival)
Coatbridge College. Kildonian Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3LS

Numbers minimum 60 - maximum 80

- Pauline O’Neill will bring approximately 24 secondary school pupils to the event (possibly 6 students plus teacher from 4 schools)
- Robert Piper to check for members possibly over 65’s (possibly 14)
- John Sweeney will bring a group of over 50’s (Alison to confirm numbers required (possibly 16))

- Davy will get in touch with colleagues re road safety/alcohol & drugs – will also provide statistics for road safety and help with intro.
- Alison to contact Coatbridge College to request 16 students to take part
- Alison to contact Baldy Bain re discussion after play
- Facilitators required for tables x 10 (8 persons per table) (John Sweeney, Pauline O’Neill, Robert Piper, Pauline Eadie (TBC))
- Alison to chair event and circulate four questions for discussion to members of the meeting
- Flipchart paper & pens required for all tables

Further communication for event to be done by email unless it’s felt a meeting is required.

Other possible contributors and issues to consider:

- Tereasa Aitken – Glenboig Community (may be able to bring older people to the event)
- Investigate CLUBNET through SAMH
- Using a card system for evaluation purposes on perceptions before and after the event.
- Alison to look at the Scottish Learning Partnerships (John has contact)

Other IG Opportunities

- Sporting memories network – www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com
- Football memories project - Michael White 07906 239582 (Alzheimer Scotland)

Funding Opportunities – leaflets for hand out

- 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
- A NEW £50m Scottish charitable trust focusing on transforming the lives of young people leaving care and older people with dementia and their carers is set to go live by next spring. The cash from the Big Lottery Fund will be put into the independent Life Changes Trust, which is soon to start recruiting board members and up to three staff. The fund will be run by BIG in partnership with four leading health and social care charities: The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland, Who Cares? Scotland, Glasgow Council for Voluntary Service and the Scottish Community Foundation.

AOB

The Scottish Storytelling Centre has created some exclusive storytelling resources that will help you run your Tell-a-Story Day. These resources are designed to give you a starting point for your event and inspire you to tell your own stories. For further information check out their website at http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk/festival/tasd2012_resources.asp

Dates for your diary:

Intergenerational Event - Thursday 21st March 2013 from 10am – 1pm finishes with lunch (tea/coffee & juice on arrival) in Coatbridge College. Kildonian Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3LS. Members must book a space if they wish to attend as numbers are limited.

Next meeting: Monday 3rd June 2013, 10am – 12.30pm – If anyone has a meeting room and would like to host this meeting please contact Alison at Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org