

Meeting Report – North/South Lanarkshire Intergenerational Network

Date: Tuesday 14th February 2012

Venue: VANL Community Hub, Wishaw

In attendance: Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together (GWT)), Susan Sandilands (South Lanarkshire Council), Simon Knight (North Lanarkshire Council), Nadia Lipsey (Princes Trust), Craig Russell (Voluntary Action NL), Rosemary Stewart (NLC Libraries), Lizzy Hammond (NHS Lanarkshire), Clare Malone (NHS Lanarkshire), Scott Sinclair & Ian Wallace (Forclydesdale) & John McQuade (Strathclyde Fire Rescue).

Apologies: Donna Morley (LEAD Scotland), Angela Kidd, Michael White (Alzheimer Scotland), Robert Piper (Utheo Ltd) & Bernadette Lynass (Relationship Scotland)

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

GWT Update

The Scottish Government recently agreed to continue to fund GWT for the next three years (31st March 2015).

GWT continue to work with the National Forum on Ageing – futures group to develop guidelines, which bring together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice into a Scottish policy context. The guidelines have been drafted and an event was held in Renfrewshire in late January. For further information please contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Our National Conference will be held on Tuesday 13th March in the Scottish Youth Theatre in Glasgow.

The **development of local networks** around Scotland continues with 18 networks currently meeting 2-4 times per year. Details of local networks can be found on our website www.generationsworkingtogether.org

We are **seeking to recruit a volunteer** coordinator who would like to help coordinate the North/South Lanarkshire Network. Local coordinators will have access to free training from the centre, expenses paid for all travel to GWT meetings, training and events including our annual conference. For further information please contact Alison on 0141 559 5024.

Training for Trainers: This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programmes of work. Courses are being planned throughout Scotland. For further details check out the GWT website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

Future courses:

Dumfries - Wednesday 30th May, St Teresa's Education Centre, Lochside Road, DG2 0DY

Scottish Borders - Thursday 31st May, Old Gala House, Scott Crescent, Galashiels, TD1 3JS

Edinburgh - Thursday 7th June in the South Bridge Resource and Education Centre, 6 Infirmary Road, Edinburgh, EH1 1LT

What is intergenerational practice? – Definition

Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities, which promote greater understanding and respect between generations, and contributes to building more cohesive communities. Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the young and old have to offer each other and those around them. (Definition of Intergenerational Practice: Beth Johnson Foundation, April 01)

Common themes arising from intergenerational programmes and activities include:

- Community safety
- Enterprise & employment
- Family & early years
- Health & well-being
- Learning & teaching
- Regeneration
- Volunteering & community
- Arts/culture & heritage
- Natural & built environment

Future Plans for network – invite intergenerational projects to present at next meeting and organise a speed networking session.

Action: Alison to contact Bob Kelly (Sidekicks)

AOB – GWT National Network meets regularly throughout Scotland in different locations and provides opportunities for national organisations to network, show case and share experiences and engage in discussion about opportunities, ideas, issues and challenges. For further details contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Information on the following topics was circulated:

Go for Gold Challenge

European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (2012)

YPI – Youth Philanthropy Initiative Scotland (Wood Family Trust)

GWT local network leaflet

GWT National Network leaflet

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th June, 10am – 12.30pm, VANL Community Hub, 9 Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, ML2 7LP

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