

Meeting report – Lanarkshire Intergenerational Network

Date: Tuesday 18th September 2012

Venue: Summerlee Museum, Coatbridge

In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Robert Piper (Utheo Ltd), Pauline O'Neill (NLC LLS), Evelyn Boyd (The Big Lottery), Pauline Eadie (Conforti Institute), John Sweeney (Learning & Leisure Services) & David Cumming (Strathclyde Police)

Apologies; Donna Morley (Learning Coordinator), Alex Stoddart, Lynsey Sampson (SAMH) Susan Sandilands, Alison Ebbitt, Ruth Taggart, Craig Russell, Stephen McGovern & Stuart Robertson

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

GWT Update

GWT intergenerational photograph and video competition for amateur photographers and filmmakers deadline extended till 31st October. The competition is for the BEST photograph or video taken **BY** a younger or older person **OF** younger and older people together, and should demonstrate the importance of intergenerational connections. There are two categories: Photo and Video, each with a first prize of £150 and a second prize of £75. For more details check out www.generationsworkingtogether.org

A new **website is currently being designed for GWT** – We hope to launch the website October 2012. Each network will have it's own page which will be password protected.

GWT annual **conference** 13th March 2013, St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh – **GWT are now** looking for feedback from members as to what they'd like to hear and see at the conference. Potential stall holders spaces may be available.

Suggestions for workshops included:

- How to develop your own Intergenerational project idea
- Developing a funding application - Led by Evelyn Boyd, Big Lottery

Intergenerational Course - Training the Trainers

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. **Course for Coatbridge being organised on Monday 12th November** – Pauline would like to attend and David thought there would be a couple of his colleagues interested. For more info and booking check out the website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

Anyone else interested please get in touch with Alison ASAP.

GWT setting up a short life-working group drawn from a variety of partners to help inform and support a new strategic approach from GWT on how we integrate intergenerational practice within curriculum for excellence. If you are interested in joining please contact Alison.

GWT are working in partnership with NHS Health Scotland to develop a briefing paper showing a clear relationship on how IP can contribute to a healthier Scotland. Dissemination should be early 2013.

GWT plan to work with Third Sector Interfaces and a range of relevant organisations to encourage intergenerational volunteering to help both active ageing and community cohesion. It has been suggested that GWT bring together representatives from third sector organisations & vol organisations to discuss further. Will happen in the new Year.

Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and IP in a Scottish policy context. GWT are ready to work alongside Local Authorities and welcome discussion on how the Guidelines can be implemented. Toolkit developed for local coordinators to use in helping the local authority and other organisations understand how the document can be used and embedded within local policy. Could be used in the form of a workshop or seminar lasting roughly 2-3 hours. For more details contact Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Presentations included:

- **Pauline O'Neill – Volunteering within the Prince's Trust xl programme in North Lanarkshire** – This is a huge opportunity for groups interested in intergenerational work to connect with schools - see handout attached for more information. If you are interested in taking part in the event on 1st November in Coatbridge College please contact Pauline O'Neill on 01236 812559 or oneillpauline@northlan.gov.uk
- **Evelyn Boyd, The Big Lottery – Young Start Funding** has an intergenerational strand - available for up to £50,000 for two years. Contact 0141 242 1400 for further information or check out the website at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund
- **Robert Piper, Utheo Ltd** - presentation attached

Other info

- There are opportunities for organisations and groups to get involved in the **sporting memories network** – www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com and the football memories project. For more information contact Michael White 07906 239582 (Alzheimer Scotland).
- **Luminate:** Scotland's creative ageing festival is being launched nationwide in October 2012 to celebrate and profile people's creative lives as they age. luminate@agescotland.org.uk
We hope to work with their director over the next year ensuring there is an intergenerational presence in next years programme.
- **Baldy Bain Theatre:** Better late than dead on time looks at the impact of reckless behaviour from drivers and pedestrians upon one family. This production is being funded by Road Safety Scotland and is offered free to community organisations for a ten-week tour in Spring 2013 (Feb-April). For further details contact: administrator@baldybaine.org.uk

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- Alison to ask Craig Russell to circulate details of the local network meetings to all their members
- John Sweeney mentioned he had access to free centres for meeting rooms for future meetings
- An intergenerational event to be planned for March starring Baldy Bain Theatre. Groups of younger and older people to be invited to attend via partners within the network. May be an opportunity to round off the event with group discussions on

challenging issues raised within the play which affect all generations plus some speed networking opportunities. Next meeting will discuss plans further.

- Next meeting – Alison to invite all members to attend who would be interested in joining together for a new intergenerational project with a view to writing as a partnership, a funding application to the Young Start Fund.

Dates for your diary:

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th November 2012, 1.30- 4.00pm, Conforti Institute, Calder Avenue, Coatbridge, ML5 4JS

North Lanarkshire Intergenerational event starring Baldy Bain Theatre – Thursday 21st March, Coatbridge College, Kildonian Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3LS – Looking for partners who can bring along groups of young people and older people to take part in this event.