



Meeting Report – Forth Valley Network Meeting

Date: 29th April 2013 **Venue:** Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise, Stirling

In attendance: Michelle Russell (The Leprosy Mission Scotland), Fiona Hutchison (SVE), Anne Marie O'Hare (ACE Cornton), Jean Porter (St Mark's Parish Church), Paddy Ryan (Young Explorers Scotland), Pauline Roberts (Stirling Council Communities Team), Jenifer Watson (Stirling Carers centre), Brian Owen (Throsk Community Enterprises Ltd), Shelley Batty (LMIB), Jason Moyles (CSV) & Gilbert Wilson (Raploch Community Partnership) & Alison Clyde (GWT).

Apologies: Anne Knox, Victoria McRae & Katherine Day

GWT Update:

- **GWT's new website** was launched Jan 2013 – www.generationsworkingtogether.org
- **GWT** continues to develop the new local networks with another nine being created over the next couple of months giving a total of 29 local networks across Scotland
- **GWT annual conference** went extremely well and evaluated very positively – all powerpoints and handouts now available to download from the website. Photos can be viewed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether
- **GWT Objective - Education** working group – four sub groups are meeting over the next 5 months – strategy, education, mapping case studies and marketing. GWT are looking to produce a strategic document, an educational intergenerational resource pack and training which will be offered to local authorities for all teachers and practitioners. Looking for educational IG case studies to be included in resource. If you have an educational IG case study please contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
- **GWT Objective** – Our Health paper has been drafted and a literature review carried out. Next meeting to discuss progress taking place beginning of May. NHS are looking for health IG projects who would like to carry out more rigorous evaluation. If you are interested please contact Alison.
- Details of our next round of **intergenerational training** can be found on the website. These courses will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Places can now be booked for the following courses: Edinburgh, Fort William, Inverness & Shetland.
- **Guidelines - Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – How can we encourage our local authority to adopt the Guidelines document and promote intergenerational working. A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive in each local authority. So far we have received 6 responses excluding Stirling.

Action: Fiona requested a copy of the letter and promised to pass on to her CEO, Alasdair Tollemache, Stirling Voluntary Enterprise. Alison to email a copy.

- **Photo & video competition** – deadline September 2013 – more details online including an application form
- **Young Start Funding** from the Big Lottery has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years. www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund

Opportunities to join other IG projects

1. Walk in our Shoes – act on our issues. GWT are in partnership with Age Scotland. 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 – leaflets attached for anyone who is interested.

2. Intergenerational Quiz – piloting in East Renfrewshire – more details at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/east-renfrewshire>

3. Go for Gold 2013 Challenge week

In 2013 the Go for Gold team are planning to continue implementing the 5 physical activity challenges with partners across the care sector in Scotland, (the Games Challenge, the Dance With Me Challenge, the Walk With Me Challenge, the Try-athlon Challenge and Creating Your Own Challenge. They are also looking to enhance the Go for Gold 2013 programme through developing the themes of intergenerational activity and community engagement.

For more information contact:

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4. Older people’s day – www.olderpeoplesday.co.uk/

People are living longer and 23% of the UK will be aged 65 and over by 2035. The aim of the above website is to celebrate the achievements and contributions that older people make to society and tackle negative attitudes and outdated stereotypes.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27th August 2013, 9.30am – 12noon in The Hub, Whins Road, Alloa, FK10 3TA