

Meeting Report – East Dunbartonshire Intergenerational Network



Date: Thursday 23rd May 2012

Venue: Bishopbriggs Library, Bishopbriggs

In attendance: Margaret Friel (Planning & Dev Officer), Linda McKenna (Corporate Dev Advisor), Fiona Gray (Children & Family Coordinator), Martin Brickley (East Dunbartonshire Equality Engagement Group), David Law (Mental Health Improvement Senior), Esmee Thompson (Cultural Coordinator), Pedro Santos (East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Anne Kennedy, Iain Duncan & Cllr Gemma Welsh

GWT Update

GWT's new website was launched end of Jan 2013 – please check out the network section for your area at www.generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/

GWT continues to develop 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 now up on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether

GWT Education working group – A short life expert working group was brought together (approx 50 members) consisting of a variety of partners (including Education Scotland) to help guide and support GWT to develop a strategic approach with the aim of raising awareness of the benefits of intergenerational work and how it fits with Curriculum for Excellence.

The group has met twice and has tasked four sub groups (strategy, education resources, mapping & marketing) with the following tasks:

- A strategic document detailing GWT's education strategy
- A resources pack for teachers and practitioners and opportunities for professional development through training.
- Map 12 – 15 case studies

GWT health paper

A briefing paper (intergenerational approaches to health & well-being) is being written in partnership with Health Scotland which will highlight why people with a health remit should consider creating intergenerational opportunities within health. The paper has been drafted and we hope to have a final draft including 12-15 case studies by end of August 2013. Health Scotland will assist GWT in the dissemination of the paper.

IRSS (Institute for research and innovation in social services) has agreed to programme an Insights booklet (4000 words) for Intergenerational Practice later in the year with GWT guiding IRSS on the direction of evidence.

The Scottish Co-Production network is keen to promote intergenerational work to their network members and we hope to include coproduction case studies.

(Co-production recognises that people have 'assets' such as knowledge, skills, characteristics, experience, friends, family, colleagues, and communities. These assets can be brought to bear to support their health and well-being. Co-production begins and ends with the person, placing them at the heart of any given service and involving them in it, from the creation and commissioning of that service through to its design and delivery, its assessment and sometimes, where appropriate, its end.)

Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Bookings and further details available online via the website.

Guidelines - Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context – How can we encourage your local authority to adopt the Guidelines document and promote intergenerational working? GWT has sent a letter to the Chief Executive in each local authority.

Photo & video competition – online application form now available on website

Local Updates

- Check out East Dunbartonshire's community website at <http://eastdunassets.iriss.org.uk/>

The site offers a range of community assets (resources, places, activities and businesses) that have been identified by members of your community as useful for their well-being. The assets are collated so the wider community can benefit from all of this knowledge. You can use the website to search for assets, add any assets that we might have missed, or comment on your favourite assets.

- The East Dunbartonshire Equality Engagement Group will be hosting an Intergenerational Practice Event on Thursday 26th September. If you have any work in this area that you would like to showcase at the event, please contact Linda McKenna on linda.mckenna@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Actions: It was agreed that the network could be launched officially at the intergenerational event in September. Martin and Linda agreed to act as interim local network coordinators till after the September event. Alison to email Martin and Linda further information on the role of coordinator.

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. 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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Funding opportunities

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

Heritage Lottery Fund

Heritage Lottery Fund Scotland will fund intergenerational work and will consider applications from areas other than the priority areas mentioned on their website. Groups planning to apply for funding including start up funding should contact their Development Team first. Thanks Marion for the tip and the link to the following successful project recently funded...

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/ourproject/Pages/LifeisforLivingston.aspx#.UZSRNKLvtqy>

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.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th August, 1.30-3.30pm, Room G5, Council Headquarters, Southbank Marina, Kirkintilloch, G66 1XQ

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