

Date: Thursday 23rd May 2012

Venue: Concord Community Centre, Dumbarton

In attendance: Eileen Kay (Argyll & Bute Council), Jane Logue (Senior Adult Learning Worker), Kimberly Moffatt (CLD), Alan Deans (CLD), David Robertson (WD CVS), Sonya Peddie (CLD), Maeve Dixon (Arts Development Officer), Andy Binnie (Levensgrove Arts Project) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

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 meet 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 briefing paper** (intergenerational approaches to health & well-being) is being written in partnership with Health Scotland highlighting 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 the end of August. Health Scotland will assist with dissemination of 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)

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

Discussion

- Good idea to create an intergenerational network for West Dunbartonshire, should meet once per quarter
- Themes suggested for IG projects included: inspirational walks in the park, travelling community (growing veg garden/park), safety, health, heritage, cookery & cultural influence, mental well-being, car mechanics, community gardening, healthy eating, IT skills, care homes & territorialism
- Organisational charts may help Alison – Sonya to email
- Barriers identified include: teams bound by structures for example can't work or use budget for 24 plus and vice versa.

Opportunities to join other IG projects

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.

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: Bob Laventure – bob.laventure@ntlworld.com or Edith Macintosh - edith.macintosh@careinspectorate.com

Funding opportunities

Young Start Funding (Big Lottery) has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years. www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund

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 Dev. Team first. <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: Monday 2nd September 2013, 10am – 12noon in Dalmuir Community Centre, Duntocher Road, Clydebank, G81 4RQ

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