

Meeting Report – Dumfries & Galloway Intergenerational Network

Date: 28th January 2013 **Venue:** Dumfries

In attendance: Jane Anderson & Scott McGill (Food Train Friends), Fiona Marshall (Neighbourhood Link Worker), Alan Sidaway (D & G Seniors), Cllr David Mekié (D & G Council), Mandy Paterson (Community Safety office), Dorothy Aitchison (Integrated Children's Services Officer), Idris Dean & Liz Forsyth (GWT Local Network Coordinators), Helen MacKintosh & Morag Curtis (Self Management Worker, NHS), Shona MacKinnon & F Roddy (Loreburn Housing), Melita Loaring (D & G Council) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Gail Copeland, Jim Cooper, Eileen Cravens, Harriet Oxley, Cllr Colin Smyth, Cllr Alastair Geddes, Cllr Ronnie Nicholson, Cllr Rob Davidson, Cllr Roberta Tuckfield, Cllr Gill Dykes, Cllr Andrew Wood, Cllr Tom McAughtrie & Cllr Colin Smyth

Coordinator Updates:

- Vincent McWhirter to present IG project at next meeting

Project updates:

- Art's n crafts group intergenerational project – North West resource centre – 18th Feb

GWT Update

- GWT's new website was launched end of Jan 2013 – check out the network section for Dumfries & Galloway at www.generationsworkingtogether.org
- Alison offered members the opportunity to place details of their IG work on the local news section
- GWT annual conference - 13th March 2013, St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh. Request video conferencing if required by 13th February 2013
- Delegates have seven workshops to choose from and the opportunity to see the Baldy Bain intergenerational play on road safety. To book check out the following link: www.generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/annual-conference-09-09-2013
- Education working group meeting on 30th January. Alison to invite Lesley Sloan who may be interested in being involved.
- Training the Trainers Course - This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Courses now organised for Glasgow, Edinburgh & Aberdeen in March/April. Alison will be able to organise another course for Dumfries & Galloway later in the year. If you are interested please contact Betty at office@generationsworkingtogether.org
- **Guidelines - Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – Alison highlighted that GWT were inviting local authorities who were interested in intergenerational practice and who would consider adopting the guidelines document to contact them. GWT would like to work in partnership with Dumfries & Galloway and would be prepared to run an event on the Guidelines. Cllr

David Mekié agreed to spread the message back to the council and hoped to be back in touch.

- **Photo & video competition** – Congratulations to Food Train, runners up in the photo competition – check out their winning entry currently displayed on our news page at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/>
- **GWT actively recruiting new volunteer coordinators** across Scotland - also plan to work with VDS & Third Sector Interfaces and a range of relevant organisations to encourage intergenerational volunteering to help both active ageing and community cohesion.
- **In partnership with Age Scotland to publish another round of walk in our shoes** – act on our issues. 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
- **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

Next meeting: Thursday 6th June 2013 at Loreburn Housing Association Ltd, Huntingdon, 27 Moffat Road, Dumfries, DG1 1NN