



In attendance: Shirley Ashe & Alison Thomson (Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire), Alan Stevenson (East Renfrewshire Council), Connie Graham (Arklet Housing Association), Sandy Devars (East Renfrewshire Community Health & Care Partnership), Elaine Grogan (East Renfrewshire Council) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Cllr Elaine Green (East Renfrewshire Council), Anne MacDonald (Neilston Development Trust (left post), Mary Black & Catriona Miller (Arklet Housing Association), Vivienne Middleton (East Renfrewshire Council)

GWT Update

GWT's new website launched earlier this year - www.generationsworkingtogether.org

GWT now supports 29 local networks covering all of 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 briefing paper (intergenerational approaches to health & well-being) is being written in partnership with NHS 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 end of August 2013. Health Scotland will assist GWT in the dissemination of the paper.

IRISS (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 IRISS 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

Local project updates

Seniors Together - Voluntary Action has been funded for a 5-year project by the Big Lottery. Gill McGregor: Development worker, Alison Thomson: Project worker and Gemma Wood: Clerical worker. The Seniors Together Project is expanding from the BefriendER Project to include group events and activities, outings, clubs and trips; as well as the already existing BefriendER and chataway projects.

Voluntary Action is now also running a **Sign Posting Project**. Shirley Ashe is in post to capture and map all projects and clubs for over 50s in the East Renfrewshire area. Local coordinator volunteers will be recruited to keep an eye on changes and new opportunities and help Shirley keep up to date with the wide. The database will hopefully offer older people quick and easy access to what's on that they could get involved in, and provides a good resource for social prescribing for social work or GP referrals.

Seniors Together are working with the Style Academy for the pupils from various high schools in East Renfrewshire studying beauty to offer hair dressing and manicures to service users of Seniors Together. Jillian Davis also had lots of thoughts about intergenerational work and a wide knowledge on resources available: Jillian.Davis@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

Intergenerational quiz – Alan Stevenson has been in touch with the school in Uplawmoor and they are making connections with older people within the community to form a team. Alan has spoken to Renfrewshire to set up their own team and the date for the quiz is set for November 2103.

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

Generations@schools – focuses on bringing students and the elderly together at schools to talk about experiences and different topics that are important to every generation. Old and young are encouraged to share knowledge and skills, and at the same time to learn about each other.

Lots of resources available online – Deadline end of July 2013

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>

Other information

Amazing Things – A guide to the Youth Awards in Scotland – Awards can be used as drivers for people to get together. Download from www.youthscotland.org.uk/amazingthings

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.

Treasures

Scottish Book Trust is collecting your stories about your most treasured objects. Stories submitted by the deadline of July 31st 2013 will be considered for inclusion in the Treasures book, thousands of copies of which will be distributed during Book Week Scotland.

There are resource packs for schools and adult learning tutors (which can be found in the resources section of the: <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading/treasures/resources>

There is also an additional pack for secondary schools providing a structured way in which the Treasures project can be developed to support transition between primary and secondary schools. More details at: <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/treasures>

Actions:

- Elaine to get in touch with Alison Clyde (AC) re Guidelines document
- AC to contact councillors re Guidelines document
- Alison Thomson (AT) to invite Heather Laton, Young People's Services & Diane Risbey, NDT to the next network meeting
- AC to email info re cooking bus to Ali/Alan & Shirley - cooking bus is still available to book via the website at www.focusonfood.org/cookingbuses.html
- AC to email Michael White's (Alzheimer Scotland) details to Sandy

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2013, 10am – 12.30pm in Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire, Undercover, 56 Kelburn Street, Barrhead, G78 1LR.

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