

## Meeting Report – Dumfries & Galloway Network

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013      **Venue:** Loreburn Housing, Dumfries

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**In attendance:** Scott McGill (Food Train Friends), Fiona Marshall (Neighbourhood Link Worker), Alan Sidaway (D & G Seniors), Dorothy Aitchison (Integrated Children’s Services Officer), Idris Dean (Dumfries & Galloway Council), Liz Forsyth (GWT Local Network Coordinator), Shona MacKinnon (Loreburn Housing), Melita Loaring (D & G Council), Brian Jones (Catstrand), David Sutherland (Troon Coastal Rowing), Mandy Paterson (Community Safety office), Julie Robertson (Building Healthy Communities), Iain Howie (SCVS) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Cllr Alistair Geddes, Cllr Yen Hongmei Jin, Cllr Peter Diggle, Cllr Jim Clung, Cllr Willie Scobie, Ruth Bowbeer, Gail Copeland, Ernie Turpi, Harriet Oxley.

### National Update

**GWT’s new website** launched earlier this year - [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://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](http://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 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.

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

## **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](http://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#.UZSRNKLYtqy>

## **Project presentations**

- Troon Coastal Rowing Club  
**Action:** Alison to email details of Annan Boat Building project (Ernie Turpi) to Idris
- Food Train Friends

## **Local project updates**

- Muckle Toon memories - By working in partnership; the Day Centre, Langholm Academy History Dept, Community Health Development Worker and local residents who had worked in the textile industry, came together to share information/stories, memories and ask questions. To read more check out the following link:  
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/dumfries-galloway>
- Brian Jones reported that Catstrand had successfully secured new funding from the big Lottery. A big part of the work planned will include IG work.
- Ukulele IG band/orchestra
- Fiona Marshall (Neighbourhood Link Worker) hopes to have the bones of a new IG project agreed by the end of July
- Iain Howie mentioned an IT project involving a primary school which was launched that morning – Iain gave out some pen drives with further details

## **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](mailto:bob.laventure@ntlworld.com) or Edith Macintosh - [edith.macintosh@careinspectorate.com](mailto: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

### **A.O.B**

**Actions:** Alison to invite the following people to the next meeting:

- Youth Services – Youth Support worker [tracey.muir@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.muir@dumgal.gov.uk)
- Activity Agreement Advisor - [lynne.burgess2@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:lynne.burgess2@dumgal.gov.uk)
- Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Support worker contact 01387 260243 or DofE Manager 01776 702151 (Fiona to email contact)
- Andy Todman, Care & Repair - [careandrepair@loreburn.co.uk](mailto:careandrepair@loreburn.co.uk)
- Nithsdale CVS - [info@ncvs.org.uk](mailto:info@ncvs.org.uk)

Possible presentations for next meeting from Brian Jones & Iain Howie

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 10am – 12.30pm, Loreburn Housing Association, Huntingdon, 27 Moffat Road, Dumfries, DG1 1NN

Possibly hold the next meeting in New Galloway (contact Iain Howie).