



Meeting Report – Fife Local Network

Date: Friday 21 June 2013

Venue: FEAT, Hanover House, Glenrothes, Fife

In Attendance: Yvonne Coull, GWT Local Network Development Officer; Ross Caldwell, The Sophian Events Group; Pat J Spence, Fife Council; Gordon Forbes, Fife Council; Wayne Mathieson, Fife Elderly Forum; Sandie Gibson, Age Concern Glenrothes; Duncan Mitchell, Fife Employment Access Trust; Ronnie Mackie, The Ecology Centre; Jack Brannan, The Ecology Centre; Lynn Ogilvie, Collydean Community Connections; Anne McKellar, Markinch CC; Mike Deeprise, Markinch CC; Aiveen Ryan, Local Network Coordinator and Fife Employment Access Trust (FEAT).

Apologies: Sue Milne, The Gateway; Sue Whisler, Physical Activity Co-ordinator, Active Fife Team

1. Yvonne Coull, Local Development Network Officer, Generations Working Together (GWT) opened this second meeting of the Fife Local Network, welcomed everyone, thanked FEAT for the use of the premises and coffees/teas etc. She then introduced the Generations Working Together organisation.
2. The members then undertook a task in small groups around the Guidelines which was looking to identify outcomes which match the Scottish Government's strategic objectives as outlined in the booklet to an intergenerational project. The Guidelines can be downloaded [HERE](#).
3. Aiveen Ryan outlined the work of FEAT and the Silverburn Park project. She showed a large photograph which outlined the park, grounds and buildings and outlined some of the initial thoughts behind the project which is based near Leven. There were a number and variety of projects discussed which lend themselves to intergenerational and multigenerational activities. There is a short piece on the Fife Network News page as one example of activities. It was important that the project develops activities which enable sustainability to be maintained. Further information can be obtained by clicking [HERE](#).
4. Ronnie Mackie outlined the work of the Ecology Centre in Kinghorn and the work which is undertaken with Tool Sheds. Tools are donated to the centre and refurbished by children and their volunteer mentors. They are then either sold, sent to Africa, or donated to good causes. Further information can be gained [HERE](#). The presentation which provides a good explanation will appear on the GWT website next to this note shortly.

Yvonne Coull, GWT Local Development Network Officer provided the following **Generations Working Together Update**.

- **Training the Trainers** courses organised for Orkney, Inverness & Fort William, and Dundee to follow in the autumn. This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Book online on the website. Members will be sent information when details are available.

- **Guidelines - Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – How can we encourage local councils to become interested in IG work and adopt the Guidelines document? Copies available on the web site.
- **Photo & video competition** – deadline September 2013 –leaflets distributed – online application form now available on website
- **GWT are 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 – leaflets distributed for anyone who is interested.
- **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
They have made clear that the Connected strand has to have two elements:
 - * only connecting young and older people (and not age groups in between). If it connects everyone it is seen as 'Community'
 - * the two groups should share expertise/knowledge rather than learn together side by side. Although the latter approach can be taken, it carries far less weight with them.
- **Celebrate?** - Celebrate will support new and existing events and activities that mark the 2014 Commonwealth Games through arts, heritage, sports and local community celebrations. It will fund local celebration events and activities which stimulate greater involvement in community activity and develop our understanding as citizens of the Commonwealth.

Celebrations can be a single one-off event or activities which end with a celebration event. To achieve our aim we want to fund projects that meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- **Communities come together through arts, heritage, sports and local celebrations of the Commonwealth Games.**
- **Communities celebrate the people, places and culture of the commonwealth.**

Follow the link to application form and guidance <http://www.celebrateit.org.uk/> The programme will be administered by Big Lottery Fund

- **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 and we will also look to enhance the Go for Gold 2013 programme through developing the themes of intergenerational activity and community engagement.

To provide some consistency with 2012, and help your planning, they have agreed that July should continue to be the focussed week for Go for Gold 2013 and the **week beginning Monday 1st July** as this year's Go for Gold 2013 Challenge Week.

For more information (handout on display) contact either:

Bob Laventure – bob.laventure@ntlworld.com

Edith Macintosh - edith.macintosh@careinspectorate.com

- **Older people's day 1 October** – 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.

The website includes a news section: the opportunities to post news, stories and add your own comments, and promotes your event by featuring your brochures, posters or links to your own website.

- **Treasures** - This year's annual campaign is Treasures, which is currently running on the Scottish Book Trust website <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/treasures>. 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.

Is there an object you will always treasure? Scottish Book Trust is collecting your stories about your most treasured objects. Is there a special something that has touched or shaped your life? It could be from your past or your present, but you'll never forget it. Whether it is cheap or expensive, it is priceless to you. Whatever or wherever it is, whether it is yours or lives in a museum, has passed down through your family, was found on a beach, a gift, a souvenir or an everyday object, your Treasure holds a story, the story of what it means to you.

There is a resource packs for schools and adult learning tutors (which can be found in the resources section of the website

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading/treasures/resources>) and we would very much appreciate it if you could publicise the campaign and the resources to your networks. We have also made 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. Where schools do take part before the end of the summer term, we are asking that teachers work with their pupils to select three stories that best represent a class's work to be uploaded to the Treasures webpage.

- **Climate Challenge Fund** – Yvonne provided detail of this funding stream and details can be found at www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org They will consider intergenerational projects and if in doubt please contact them.
- If members are speaking to funders about programmes could they ask if they fund intergenerational projects and pass on that information to Yvonne Coull. Often funders have not thought about IG projects and this is a good way to encourage them to have an IG strand.

- The Gateway is co-ordinating events in Levenmouth for The Big Draw (encouraging people to take up drawing) 1st -31st October. Would like anyone who is organising events for the groups they work with or interested offering to share their drawing skills with others please contact Sue Milne sue@gatewaylevenmouth.org.uk

Yvonne then asked the group if anyone had any updates they wished to communicate to the group. The following is a note of responses.

5. Aiveen said she was looking for partners to help with volunteers or work with groups and asked if anyone was interested to contact her – details above.
6. Lynn Ogilvie outlined the work t the new project called Collydean Community Connections. This is a community lead project with local residents and she is working in partnership with FEAT undertaking a variety of activities.
7. Wayne was the local area coordinator for the Older People’s Forum and his work is around enhancing independence for older people and identifying gaps in provision. Although he does not undertake IG work himself it is important that he knows what is going on.
8. Sandy runs the Buddy Service for Age Concern in Glenrothes which is an active ageing service providing help with gardening etc – social inclusion.
9. Duncan runs Journey to Work and also works with Collydean Community Connections. Journey to Work helps people back to work through the Employ Your Mind Scheme. Mind Your Mind is a project on mindfulness for the >50 age group to support healthy ageing.
10. Pat is the local community planning support officer and her role is to support all kinds of community groups throughout Fife. She also coordinates Take a Pride in Glenrothes – Britain in Bloom – and she outlined the work involved which is more than just growing flowers!
11. Gordon is the community education officer for the East Neuk and so far his work has been mainly with young people. He would like to work with older people and needs to seek funding. A few ideas for IG projects were suggested to him and he is going to pursue the Young Start funding.
12. Ross as a small social enterprise and he outlined some of his activities. The main one he wished to highlight was on 28 July, National Hep C Day where they are going for a world record attempt ‘Hear no evil; See no evil; Speak no evil’ event.

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