Meeting Report – Forth Valley Network Meeting

Date: 26th August 2013  Venue: The Hub, Alloa

In Attendance: Jean Porter (St Mark’s Parish Church), Jason Moyles & Isabelle Perrie (CSV), David Cairns (NHS), Oliver Harding (NHS), Karen Scott (PLUS), Fiona Roll & Lillian Watson (Clacks Healthy Lives), Janette Mitchell (Raploch Community Partnership) & Alison Clyde (GWT).


GWT update:

• The GWT Education resource pack is in the final stages and should be going to the designer this week. The pack will be launched at the Scottish Learning Festival (25th & 26th September).

• Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing also making good progress, should be launched in October/November time.
  Action: Alison to check out Life Course report from Health Scotland – Youth Improvement

• Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Further information on future courses are available on the website. http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training

• Guidelines: Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context – How can we encourage your Council to become interested in IG work and adopt the Guidelines document? GWT would like to work with all Scottish Local Authorities to develop a framework for the effective use of intergenerational practice within Local Authority policies and procedures to the benefit of local communities and all age groups. http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/guidelines-bringing-together-local-authorities-and-intergenerational-practice-in-a-scottish-policy-context

• Photo & video competition – deadline Friday 27th September 2013 – online application form now available on website http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/photo-video-competition/

• GWT annual conference – The GWT team are starting to plan next years annual conference scheduled to take place in March 2014. A survey monkey questionnaire has been sent to members asking for their comments on city, venue, workshops and speakers etc. If you haven’t already completed the questionnaire please do. Ideas and suggestions will be very welcome. We hope to confirm city, venue and date very soon.

• A showcase event is being planned for the Highland & Island networks in inverness on Tuesday 29th April marking European day of Solidarity between Generations. The GWT team are looking to collate ideas/suggestions and projects to showcase on the day. For further information contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org http://www.age-platform.eu/age-policy-work/solidarity-between-generations/campaign

• Case studies – 12 new case studies from across Scotland can now be viewed on our website at http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/case-studies/
Other info

• **Luminate** takes place across Scotland and features creative activities with, by and for older people, as well as events for audiences and participants across the generations, and intergenerational projects. The festival takes place from 1-31 October
 http://www.luminatescotland.org/luminate-application

  Alison would like to hear from anyone who is planning to be involved in the festival showcasing their intergenerational work.

Funding info

• **Young Start Funding** from the Big Lottery has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years.
 http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund

  Info: Janette reported that their initial award of £31,000 had been increased to £43,000

• **Heritage Lottery Fund**
  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 Development Team first. Thanks Marion for the tip and the link to the following successful project recently funded...
 http://www.hlf.org.uk/ourproject/Pages/LifeisforLivingston.aspx#.UZSRNKLvtqy

Ideas discussed and put forward for next meeting:

• Discuss the potential of a collaborative funding application for an intergenerational project
• Forth Valley Falls Prevention Strategy – OTAGO programme training young people to deliver. Alison to contact Dr Jenny Lim for further details
• Alison to investigate possible IG work taking place at Bannockburn High School and Stirling Enterprise

Other IG opportunities

• **Go for Gold Challenge**

• **Walk in our shoes** – act on our issues is an activity that community groups and different generations can do together to tackle barriers such as uneven pavements, public toilets closures, poor street lighting, unsafe road crossings and inaccessible shops.

Next meeting – Tuesday 19th November 2013, 9.30am – 12noon, Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Redbrae Road, Camelon, FK1 4DD

If you would like to showcase your IG project at the next meeting or would like a topic or issue added to the agenda please get in touch with alison@generationsworkingtogether.org