

Meeting Report – East Dunbartonshire Network

Date: Tuesday 13th August 2013

Venue: Council Headquarters, 12 Strathkelvin Place,
Kirkintilloch, G66 1TJ



In Attendance:

Name	Title	Organisation
Martin Brickley	Chair	ED Equality Engagement Group, ED GWT Network
Alison Clyde	National Development Officer	Generations Working Together
Margaret Friel	Planning and Development Officer- Older People	East Dunbartonshire Council
Rhonda Geekie	Councillor – Leader of east Dunbartonshire Council	East Dunbartonshire Council
David Law	Mental Health Improvement Senior	East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership (EDCHP)
Alison McBride	Community Councillor	Bearsden East Community Council
Linda McKenna	Corporate Development Adviser	East Dunbartonshire Council
Carol McLean	Contract Office P&D	East Dunbartonshire Council
Pedro Santos	Development Officer	East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA)
Gemma Welsh	Councillor	East Dunbartonshire Council

Apologies:

Name	Title	Organisation
Nicola Swan	Family Learning Development Officer	East Dunbartonshire Council

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Linda advised of apologies as outlined above.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Following round-table introductions, Martin advised that this was the first meeting of the network proper. He reiterated the purpose of the network as follows:

Local networks are designed to create networking opportunities for organisations and groups who would like to be kept up to date with what's happening in the local area; along with opportunities to link with other key partners in delivering current and future intergenerational activities. In addition members will hear what GWT is planning to do nationally, and how they can have an input in our policies and strategies.

Martin advised that if members have not already done so, it would be useful to have a look at the GWT website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/>

3. Generations Working Together - National Update

Alison Clyde from GWT provided the national update:

- **Education resource pack** – case studies and booklet now written up and in final stages. Should be ready to go to edit very shortly. Pack will be launched at the Scottish Learning Festival (25th & 26th September). Alison is meeting Education Scotland and Youth Scotland to discuss the possibility of jointly producing an awards supplement for older people which will complement Amazing Things (awards for young people – copies available from www.generationsworkingtogether.org)
- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** also making good progress should be launched October time
- **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.
- **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.
- **Photo & video competition** – deadline Friday 27th September 2013 – online application form now available on website
- **GWT annual conference** – The GWT team are starting to plan next year's 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 next month.
- **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 places 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.

- **Older people's day** – www.olderpeoplesday.co.uk

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. If you are celebrating older people's day please consider sending an article to the website and also to Betty for the GWT website and facebook page.

Funding info

- **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

- **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. Link to the following successful project recently funded:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/ourproject/Pages/LifeisforLivingston.aspx#.UZSRNKLvtqy>

Other IG opportunities

- **Go for Gold:** The Go for Gold Challenge was established in 2012 to involve professionals and residents in the care sector in the legacy celebrations offered by the London Olympic Games and the World Congress on Active Ageing in Glasgow, both staged in the summer of 2012 and the 2014 Commonwealth Games also in Glasgow. The Go for Gold Challenge is part of the British Heart Foundation National Centre for Physical Activity and Health at Loughborough University (BHFNC) programme of Active Ageing Events. The aims of the Go for Gold Challenge are to:
 - Promote and celebrate participation in physical activity amongst older people supported by the care sector.
 - Build capacity in the workforce in the care sector to promote physical activity with older people on a day to day basis.
 - Develop links between the care sector in Scotland and physical activity organisations.
 - Contribute towards the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Legacy.

Go for Gold in Scotland is supported by a stakeholder network group made up of interested and motivated people from different backgrounds and a strategic reference group which includes national organisations across Scotland.

Following discussions with the 2014 Commonwealth Games Legacy Planning Team, the Go For Gold Challenge will be included within the 2014 legacy planning.

- 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 attached for anyone who is interested.

4. Update from Network Members

Martin asked everyone round the table for information on their own projects and/or what they hope to gain from being a member of the local network. The following points were noted:

- **David Law:** David advised that he was involved in the development of an older person Directory. He advised that he would include information relevant to intergenerational practice.
- **Margaret Friel:** Margaret advised that a video presentation was developed for the assisted living flat. This involved young people showing older people how to use Ipads etc. The service is very

keen to get schools involved in this eg show round the flat and share information with older family etc.

- **Alison McBride:** Alison advised that the Community Council had developed a Community award, in part due to need to engage older people with younger people.

5. Equality Engagement Group – Intergenerational Event – 26th September

Martin provided a brief overview of the event. Linda tabled copies of the draft programme.

Martin advised that there were still stalls available if anyone would like to host one to provide information on their intergenerational projects.

Following discussion it was agreed that the event should be called ‘Connecting Generations in East Dunbartonshire’. It was also agreed that it was crucial to ensure that information on the event could be advertised and cascaded as widely as possible. Network members agreed to cascade information on the event across their own networks and organisations.

6. Intergenerational Tablet Project

Martin/Pedro to provided details of the project, and the hope for this to take place following the event on 26th September. The project will involve East Dunbartonshire Youth Champions and members of the Seniors Forum learning how to use tablets and apps.

7. AOCB No other business.

8. Date of next meeting(s)

- Tuesday 12th November 1.30pm -3.30pm (Bearsden/Milngavie – Venue TBC)
- Tuesday 18th February 1.30pm-3.30pm (Committee Room – Marina)
- Tuesday 27th May 1.30pm-3.30pm (Bearsden/Milngavie – Venue TBC)