

Meeting Report – West Dunbartonshire Network Meeting



Date: 2nd Sept 2013 **Venue:** Dalmuir Community Centre, Clydebank

In Attendance: Renzo Cardosi (Bellsmyre Development Trust), Alex Wrens (CHCP), Suzanne Greer (WDC CPP), Charlie Murphy (Age Scotland) & Alison Clyde (GWT).

Apologies: Jane Logue, Amanda Coultard, Pauline Bradley, Sonia Peddie, Kimberley Moffatt, Alan Deans, Cllr Jim Bollan.

GWT update:

- **The GWT Education resource pack** is in the final stages and should be going to the designer a.s.a.p. 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.
- **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 is 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. 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>

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>
- **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.
<http://www.hlf.org.uk/ourproject/Pages/LifeisforLivingston.aspx#.UZSRNKLvtqy>
- Glasgow Airport's FlightPath Fund focuses its investment in a number of areas including education, the environment and employment and community groups and charities in Renfrewshire, Glasgow and East and West Dunbartonshire are all eligible to apply for funding.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/glasgow-airport-s-flightpath-fund-16-09-2013>

Ideas discussed and put forward for next meeting:

- Bellsmyre Development Trust is building a new community hall (due to open winter 2013). One of the group's outcomes is to organise intergenerational events/projects etc.
- Alex is very interested in how their sheltered housing complexes can get involved in intergenerational work (keen on music/gardening)
- Suzanne mentioned that this year's new Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) was a redraft from last year. It would now be a good time for GWT to get involved if we want intergenerational practice embedded in the new SOA (April 2014).
- Alison to email copies of the photo/video competition & walk in our shoes leaflet plus a copy of the Guidelines.
- Age Scotland's funding (small grants for members)
<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/about-us/our-work/community-services/age-scotland-grants-programme/>
- Alison to send invites to the next network meeting to: Serena Ross (Third Sector Interface), Education Dept., John Anderson (Leisure Trust), Ingrid Wilson and Mark Conway (Youth Alliance)
- Suzanne offered to forward information through her contacts to the following: community forums, CPP database of community groups and organizations, Community Alliance, Youth Alliance, Adult Learning Partnership & the WDC Equality Forum

Other IG opportunities

- **Go for Gold Challenge**
<http://www.scottishcare.org/news/go-for-gold-challenge-newsletter/>
- **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.
<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/get-involved/campaign/end-isolation-campaign/walk-in-our-shoes-act-on-our-issues/>

Next meeting – Tuesday 12th November 2013, 9.30am – 11.30am, in the Ben View Centre, Strathleven Place, Dumbarton G82 1BA

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