



**Generations
Working
Together**

**DUNDEE LOCAL
NETWORK MEETING
10 Sept 2013
Scottish Fire & Rescue
Kingsway East Fire Station**

Attending: Angie Hastie, Dundee City Council; Cherie Morgan, Play Scotland; Barry Thomson, Volunteer Centre Dundee; David MacKenzie, Dundee City Council; Amanda Lawson, Dundee Rep Theatre; Nadia El-Nakal Amina Muslim Womens' Resource Centre; Khadija Hussein, Amina Muslim Womens' Resource Centre; Lesley Fenton, GWT Local Network Coordinator; Micheal Robertson, 18 Plus; Sheila Roussel, Sheila Roussel Designs; Cheryl Banks, Balhousie Care Group; Allison Rankin, Dundee City Council; Jacqui Laird, HELM; Emma Jacques, HMRC.

Apologies: Gail Thomson, The Shore; Graeme Sim, Number 10; Philippa Lyttle, Number 10; Ann Lesley, Volunteer Centre Dundee; Dawn Banks, Parent Services Development Officer.

1. Yvonne Coull, Local Development Network Officer, Generations Working Together (GWT) opened the second meeting of the Dundee & Tayside Local Network and welcomed everyone. She then gave a brief overview of Generations Working Together and the role that it plays as an organisation.

2. Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice in a Scottish Policy Context. The members then undertook a task in groups of fours and fives entitled "National Strategic Objectives". They were given a problem solving scenario based around an intergenerational project and were asked to choose a Scottish National Strategic Objectives that the project contributes towards and to discuss whether the project enhances social cohesion. The members discussed these questions on a group basis and then a discussion was held between all members to discuss the ideas that they had. This was very positive with many different ideas and opinions being discussed. The guidelines (which are useful for making grant applications are available here: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/about/local-authority-guidelines/>

3. Jacqueline Laird, Helm Training:

Jacqueline gave a talk about an intergenerational project that she led in 2013. (The Hope Project). The project was a video featuring older and younger generations and focused around employability in Dundee. The outcomes of the projects were to break down barriers between teenagers and old people and to research the history of Dundee through employment. Jacqueline gave an overview of the project and showed short parts of the video were followed by a question and answer session. To see the full video please visit www.helmtraining.co.uk or <http://youtu.be/tJI56q9dzM>.

4. Many thanks to Jacqueline Laird for speaking and to Scottish Fire and Rescue for giving the facilities for free.

Yvonne Coull then updated the group with the following information.

- **GWT's new website** was launched end of Jan 2013 – please check out the network section your area at www.generationsworkingtogether.org
Please offer members the opportunity to place details of their IG work on the local news section
- **GWT continues to develop the new local networks** with another nine being created over the next couple of months giving a total of 29 local networks across 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
- **Objective - Education** this project is nearing completion and the new resources will be launched at the Scottish Learning Festival at the end of August.
- **Objective – Health** paper drafted – NHS will help disseminate once paper is finished
- **Training the Trainers** courses organised for Orkney and Dundee (there is now a waiting list for this course in Dundee). 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.
- **Guidelines - Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – How can we encourage the Council to become interested in IG work and adopt the Guidelines document?

See: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/about/local-authority-guidelines/>

- **Photo & video competition** – deadline September 2013 – leaflets – online distributed application form now available on website.
- **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.
- **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

Basically 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. Many people are holding events throughout the year.

For more information (handout attached) 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.

- **Luminate 2013** – Age Scotland have launched the application process for Luminate 2013. 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, and projects can be put forward online at <http://www.luminatescotland.org/luminate-application>; the deadline is 28th June.
- **Changing Lives Through Literacy** – Education Scotland is running this event to mark International Literacy Day on 6 September. They are inviting those who have access to Glow to join them. They are providing resources on creative literacy on Glow after the summer. They are asking all those working in literacy in Scotland with children, young people and adults to come together through Glow to celebrate with storytelling, film and creativity. It is for all ages. For further information contact: Enquiries@educationscotland.gov.uk
- **Scottish Book Trust Annual Campaign – Treasures** - 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.

They have put together 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. Treasures could be used as an intergenerational project, with school pupils collecting and sharing stories with older people in their community. This is not an *element included in the resource pack but would be most welcome*.

- **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.
- **Living it Up** - Can you imagine a place where you could find and create opportunities within your own community that could improve your health, wellbeing and quality of life?

Living it Up is the place to help you do exactly that! Living it Up will provide you with better connections to information, products, services and the community to help you manage your health and wellbeing. These services can be delivered to you through familiar technology like a

TV, mobile phone, games console, computer or tablet.

During this first phase of the project, the LiU team will recruit 1500 people to act as 'test users' in the development of the project's key services – Hidden Talents, Exchange, My Care and Keeping Connected. We want to work with you to find and review the best products that will help you, to point to and share information to support you and to find ways to use familiar technology, like your computer or mobile phone, to help you keep connected.

We can't create these new services and exciting ideas without your help. For more information on the engagement work that's already happening, please click the relevant pages.

www.livingitup.org.uk

Date of Next Meeting – early December.