

MEETING REPORT – North Lanarkshire Network

Date: 30th October 2013 **Venue:** YMCA Bellshill

In attendance: Lynsey Sampson (SAMH), John Sweeney (North Lanarkshire Council), Stuart Robertson & Stewart Hurry (Police Scotland), Margaret Cassidy (Parkinson's Self Help Group), Hayley Andrew (Access Officer), Colin Weir (COVEY Befriending), Colin MacFarlane (Bellshill YMCA) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Simon Knight, Brian Hughes, Clare McCoul, Craig Russell, Frances McGinley & Robert Piper

National update

Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing is making good progress.

Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Courses are still available for those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Further information is available on the website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training>

Photo & video competition – deadline closed, winners will be announced November time.

GWT annual conference – Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling (Date just been announced). Ideas and suggestions will be very welcome for speaker and workshop topics. What would you like to hear about next year? What would make you attend? Do you have a project you'd like to showcase? Contact Alison or Betty at office@generationsworkingtogether.org

A showcase event is being planned for the Highland & Island networks in Inverness in Tuesday 29th April marking European day of Solidarity between Generations. The GWT team are also 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/>

Luminate takes place across Scotland for the whole month of October and features creative activities with, by and for older people, as well as events for audiences and participants across the generations, and intergenerational projects. Alison would like to hear from anyone who has been involved in the festival. <http://www.luminatescotland.org/luminate-application>

Guidelines: Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context – GWT is keen to encourage North Lanarkshire Council to 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. Does anyone know of any elected members who we could push this to?

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/guidelines-bringing-together-local-authorities-and-intergenerational-practice-in-a-scottish-policy-context>

Education resource pack - was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival in August and can be downloaded from: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/education-resource-pack/>

The pack consists of:

- a guide to learning through intergenerational practice (hopefully you'll have received some hard copies)
- exemplar case studies (available on the website)
- a guide to the awards, children and young people can achieve – Amazing Things

We also have a new supplement to go along with the Amazing Things booklet detailing awards for older people which is still with our designer. We hope to have this available for download from our website soon.

Over the next three months we are piloting an intergenerational learning seminar (4 hours) (in Shetland, Perth & Kinross and Edinburgh) for teachers and other educational practitioners. After the sessions we plan to tweak the training materials then offer each local authority the opportunity to hold the seminar as a four hour block or two, two hour twilight sessions within their in service training planned for 2014. We hope this will raise the awareness of the benefits of getting involved in intergenerational work. If anyone wishes to discuss further please get in touch with Alison on 07769629988 or Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Presentations were given on the following topics:

- Parkinson's intergenerational project presentation by Margaret Cassidy
This project raised awareness of Parkinson's and the role of carers among young people. In addition young people gained knowledge of Parkinson's condition and a greater understanding of how older people can still lead a positive lifestyle despite the condition. 12 pupils from Braidhurst High School and 30 members of the Parkinson's Self Help Group (Motherwell area) took part in project activity. The young people were aged 12-14 years of age and members of the Parkinson's group were aged 50-85. A fuller case study will soon be available on the GWT website.
- Perceptions Event update by Community Inspector Stuart Hurry – purpose of the event was to break down perceptions between young people, middle aged and older people. Police Scotland in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council, Housing Services, Bellshill and Mossend YMCA, North Lanarkshire Council (CLD) and NHS Lanarkshire worked together to agree and deliver the event programme.
Three workshops were delivered covering – anti social behaviour, gender & stereotypes. Evaluation report will be available on the GWT website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/north-lanarkshire>

Round the Table

- Stuart Robertson updated members on the progress of the intergenerational events being held this year on Road Safety, Alcohol & Drugs
An event focusing on Alcohol was held in June (Police Scotland in partnership with a variety of partners). The event involved an intergenerational audience discussing alcohol/violence/common myths/brain damage for 15+. A table discussion was held at the end of the event. A report will follow soon.
- Hayley mentioned that the council were recruiting a new Development Worker (2yr post) to coordinate health walks across Lanarkshire funded by Paths for All. Hayley hopes to bring new officer along to next meeting.
- John Sweeney is retiring at the end of December. New contact will be Annetta Thompson.

Action:

- Colin to email an introduction for Alison to Liz Fergus and Marise McLeod (CLD).
- Alison to contact Jackie Melville (Reshaping Care for Older People) at VanL.
- Alison to invite Anita Thompson to the next meeting

Funding info**Reshaping Care for Older People (RCOP) - funding**

- Digital inclusion group has £8,000 available to the end of the financial year and another £30,000 for 2014/15 – more info contact John Sweeney – See Jackie Melville for information on funding for other commissioning work which falls under the RCOP funding.

Young Start Funding – 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.

Thanks Marion for the tip and the link to the following successful project that was funded...

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

Climate Challenge Fund – interested in funding intergenerational work

<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund>

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th February 2014, 9.30am – 12noon, Bellshill YMCA, 294 Main Street, Bellshill, North Lanarkshire, ML4 1AB