

Meeting Report – East Renfrewshire Network

Date: 1st October 2013 Venue: VAER Barrhead

In attendance: Elaine Grogan (East Renfrewshire Council), Shirley Ashe (Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire (VAER)), Vivienne Middleton (Education), Alan Stevenson (CHCP), Linda Anderson (Age Scotland), Pauline McNally (Madras Family Centre) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Sandy Devers, Gill McGregor & Maureen Paterson.

- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** is making good progress, hope to be able to share at next meeting.
- **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** – 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>
- **Photo & video competition** – deadline extended to 18th October 2013
- **GWT annual conference** – The GWT team are starting to plan next years annual conference scheduled to take place in on Wednesday 19th March 2014 in Stirling. 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?
- **A showcase event** is being planned for the Highland & Island networks in Inverness on Tuesday 29th April marking European day of Solidarity between Generations. <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** took place across Scotland and featured creative activities with, by and for older people, as well as events for audiences and participants across the generations, and intergenerational projects. <http://www.luminatescotland.org/luminate-application>

Round the table

- Alan Stevenson provided an update on the planned intergenerational Quiz that takes place on Friday 29th November. The aim is to encourage intergenerational involvements, which benefits all generations by working, learning and volunteering together. Participants and partners include: Uplawmoor Primary school and local senior residents, Gallowhill Primary

and Glencairn Amenity Housing (two teams), Carlibar Primary and Kirkton Service, Eastwood High School Senior pupils and the Community Planning Team.

Actions: Alison to ask Allan Lindsey from Young Scot to contact Alan re filming the event on the 29th. Press release to be sent to STV and other newspapers and photographer to be arranged.

- Shirley informed the group that VAER had revamped their website which can signpost projects. If you have any feedback re site please contact Shirley at shirley.ashe@va-er.org.uk

Education resource pack

The GWT Education resource pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival and is available for download at <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

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. 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>

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- Shirley Ashe agreed to temporarily take on the role of local network coordinator
- Shirley to pass email addresses to Alison for Susan McNaughton (Ranger Rouken Glen Park) and Sine Delahunt (Development Worker). Both to be invited to the next meeting

Next meeting – Tuesday 28th January 2014, 10-12.30pm at Madras Family Centre, High Street, Neilston