

Meeting report – Forth Valley Network Meeting



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Date: 19th November 2013 **Venue:** Sensory Centre, Camelon, Falkirk

In attendance: Jessie-Anne Malcolm (NHS Forth Valley), Calum Price (National Trust for Scotland), Carole Anderson (Age Scotland), Katie Cummings (Clacks Council), Ruth Martin (Stirling Council), Oliver Harding (NHS Forth Valley), Maureen Hill (Clacks Third Sector Interface), Lorraine Howes-Wright (Forth Valley Sensory Centre) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Janette Mithcell & Amy Copsley (Raploch Community Partnership), Tania Dron (National Trust for Scotland), Jean T Porter (St Mark's Parish Church), Jason Moyes (CSV's RSVP), David Cairns (NHS Forth Valley), Cllr Joanna Boyd & Cllr Fergus Wood (Stirling Council), & Victoria McRae (CVS Falkirk).

GWT update:

- **Photo & video competition** – deadline closed winners will be announced shortly
- **GWT National Conference**, Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling. Ideas and suggestions are very welcome for speaker and workshop topics. What would you like to hear about? 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/>
- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** is making good progress and will be launched at the conference in March.
- **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.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/guidelines-bringing-together-local-authorities-and-intergenerational-practice-in-a-scottish-policy-context>
- **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>
- **Living it up website** was launched on 14th November – the website is a place where you will find information on keeping you happy, healthy and safe. Find out how to get involved with the Forth Valley pilot. <https://portal.livingitup.org.uk/>

Action: Oliver will ask Living it Up to contact Alison

Education resource pack

- The GWT Education resource pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival last month and is now available for download 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 few 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.

Presentations and round the table

- The Battle of Bannockburn – 23 -24th June 2014
Next year will see the opening of the brand new Battle of Bannockburn visitor experience; an innovative attraction with state-of-the-art 3D battle simulation that transforms the way visitors of all ages learn about Bannockburn. Calum was very interested to hear how the centre could help intergenerational projects and promised to consider the use of toolboxes.
Unfortunately Calum's presentation was too big to go on the GWT website however you can access further details from the website at <http://www.battleofbannockburn.com/the-project/>
- Raploch Young Start project – Unfortunately a representative was unable to attend however a short update is now available from the website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/forth-valley>
- Maureen gave a brief update regarding the allotment project that Klaire Connor is involved with, in partnership with Alva Academy. Older and younger coming together to grow fruit & vegetables. Maureen is trying to start up a new Homestart project with Alva recruiting older adults as volunteers (rent a grand parent)
- Sensory Centre has a small scale-befriending project that involves intergenerational befriending.
- Carole mentioned the men's shed at Shieldpark, which is an initiative of Age Scotland's.
Action: Alison to contact Dave Park for further information.

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>

- Climate Challenge Fund – interested in funding intergenerational work

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

AOB

- Alison mentioned that GWT were actively looking to recruit a local network coordinator for Forth Valley. If anyone is interested in supporting Alison to coordinate the network please get in touch at Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org or call 07769629988

A role descriptor is available which provides further details.

- **A review of multi-generational and multi-cultural practice** - There is growing interest in initiatives that bring together or connect younger and older generations. JRF are particularly interested in multigenerational work which cuts across all generations (not simply young and old). Their assumption is that few people are looking at the cross-over between multigenerational and multicultural community relationships. They would like this project to test this assumption and to find out about existing work across the UK.

Uzma Kazi an Intern for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation is working with the 'An Ageing Society' team, where she is conducting a UK wide review of Multigenerational/Intergenerational Practice, focusing on BME and cross-cultural community initiatives and project examples. Uzma is compiling a short report on the concepts explored, and would like to speak to anyone involved in BME intergenerational projects. You can contact Uzma on 07926 511958 or email Uzma.kazi@jrf.org.uk

Action: Jessie-Anne will forward email contact for ethnic minority group.

Date of next meeting

Due to the national conference taking place in Stirling on 19th March it was agreed that the next meeting would take place in May 2014.

Wednesday 14th May, 9.30am – 12noon, Raploch Campus, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1SD