



In attendance:

Name	Title	Organisation
Graham Branscombe	Volunteer Coordinator	East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA)
Martin Brickley	Chair	ED Equality Engagement Group, ED GWT Network
Alison Clyde	National Development Officer	Generations Working Together
Ian Duncan	Learning, Access & Outreach Co-ordinator	East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust
Margaret Friel	Planning and Development Officer- Older People	East Dunbartonshire Council
Anne Kennedy	Outreach/Access Officer	East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust
Alison McBride	Community Councillor	Bearsden East Community Council
Linda McKenna	Corporate Development Adviser	East Dunbartonshire Council
Alan Moir	Councillor	East Dunbartonshire Council
Manjinder Shergill	Councillor	East Dunbartonshire Council
Gemma Welsh	Councillor	East Dunbartonshire Council

Apologies:

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Rhonda Geekie	Councillor – Leader of East Dunbartonshire Council	East Dunbartonshire Council
Carol McLean	Contract Office P&D	East Dunbartonshire Council
Pedro Santos	Development Officer	East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA)
Scott Lafferty	Development Officer	East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA)
Janice Kerr	Central Scotland Development Officer	Contact the Elderly

1. Welcome and Introductions

Martin Brickley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Linda provided details of apologies as set out above.

2. Note of Last Meeting

The note of the last meeting was agreed as an accurate reflection.

3. GWT national update

Alison Clyde provided information on the following developments during the national update:

- **GWT Annual Conference** – Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, 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/>
- **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 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. 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>

- **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>
- **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 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>

- Climate Challenge Fund – interested in funding intergenerational work

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

4. Feedback/Review of ‘Connecting Generations in East Dunbartonshire’ Event

Linda provided photographs of the event which was held on 26th September in Woodhill Evangelical Church, Bishopbriggs. Martin advised that the event attracted over 90 people, and that the participants enjoyed the event, particularly the ‘Tablets and Technology’ workshops.

Following general discussion of the event, including the lack of representation from people from Bearsden/Milngavie, it was agreed that a similar event could be arranged for 2014. Martin suggested that the 2014 event could showcase the range of intergenerational work going on in East Dunbartonshire.

5. Member Updates

- **Leisure Trust**

Anne Kennedy and Ian Duncan provided information on the MOBILISED service. They explained that the service joins together older people and high school pupils to share knowledge around tablet technology, Ipads etc. This has extended to ‘Childproof your technology’, ‘Bring your device’ and ‘Let’s Dance’ together workshops.

They advised that to date most of the work had been undertaken in Bishopbriggs and Milngavie however a new project would be starting shortly in Kirkintilloch. Video information on MOBILISED can be accessed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EI2EWcV4V9U>.

- **East Dunbartonshire Council**

Councillor Welsh advised that a lot of intergenerational work is being carried out by youth organisations such as the Scouts, Guides and Brownies and suggested that an invitation to future meetings of the group be extended to relevant Commissioners in the area. Linda agreed to action this. Councillor Welsh also suggested that the group could tie into national events such as ‘World Book Night’ and the work that is going on around the Kirkintilloch Town Centre Masterplan.

Councillor Moir advised that a lot of intergenerational work is being delivered by the Canal Society, Twechar Healthy Living Centre. He also commended the My Bus service provided by SPT which provides a life line for people in accessing intergenerational projects and getting round the community generally.

Margaret Friel advised that there is a similar project to Mobilised being delivered in Care homes, and a meeting has been set up to discuss how to develop this further. Margaret advised that she would invite Ian and Anne to attend.

Councillor Shergill advised that it was important that older people from Bearden and Milngavie had an opportunity to visit the Assisted Living Flat in Bishopbriggs. He explained that the use

of the technology within the flat can allow people to remain in their own homes for longer, rather than move into care homes for support. Councillor Shergill suggested that school children could also find out about the flat so that they could share the information with family members/grandparents etc.

Councillor Shergill also provided information on Bowling Clubs and how they are looking to recruit younger members. He suggested that this may prove a useful opportunity for intergenerational activities.

- **East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action**

Graham Branscombe provided the group with details of the Saltire awards and the young people who are working towards this by working in the Befriending project and CAB. He also advised that the Zero Waste Scotland Project is looking to begin work in recognition of World War 1, by considering food waste now, and 100 years ago.

- **Bearsden Community Council**

Alison McBride advised that the people on the Community Council are predominantly older and it remains a challenge to get young people to consider standing as a Community Councillor. However young people have attended meetings of the Community Council to provide presentations on particular issues. Alison advised that 'Tea and Chat' is a particularly successful project.

Following discussion on the various issues mentioned in the Member Updates, Alison Clyde provided further information/responses as follows:

- The MOBILISED project could be a useful case study that could be highlighted nationally by Generations Working Together. Ian Duncan agreed to provide relevant information.
- Generations Working Together met with the Lawn Bowling Chief Executive in order to consider setting up intergenerational projects.
- The Scout Association is looking to mark the centenary of the Scouts by bringing back older scouts to work with younger scouts.
- Officers from Police Scotland are currently working in North Lanarkshire to host a series of events on the differences in perceptions of particular topics eg drugs, alcohol, brain damage and road safety.
- It is important to bear in mind that intergenerational projects have to involve different age groups working together – not young people providing services to older people or vice versa.

6. First World War Centenary Commemorations

Anne Kennedy provided details of a project that will be undertaken as part of the WW1 Commemorations in 2014. She advised that the project aims to create a personal and local history resource. It also aims to raise awareness of WW1 among young people, by recording stories and reminiscences of the war. Anne advised that young people will be asked to record the stories.

Anne also advised about the project in relation to Women's efforts in WW1 and how this changed society for women. The stories recorded will be offered to the Glasgow Women's Library and the Scottish War Museum.

Officers from the Trust will be working with schools, colleges and youth organisations such as the Guides to record the information. A number of local history groups have also expressed an interest in helping with the project.

Following discussion Martin it was agreed that GWT Network would assist Anne and colleagues with the project wherever possible. Martin asked group members to gather information on their own plans for the Centenary and encourage intergenerational practice where possible.

7. AOCB

There was no further competent business.

8. Dates for meeting in 2014

The following dates and venues were agreed for future meetings:

- Tuesday 18th February 1.30pm-3.30pm (Committee Room – Marina)
- Tuesday 27th May 1.30pm-3.30pm (Room G5 Marina)