

## Meeting Report – South Lanarkshire Network



**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013    **Venue:** ALVO, Lanark

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**In attendance:** Iain Yuill (South Lanarkshire Council), Margaret Ann Prentice (COVEY befriending), Alison Galbraith (Scottish Storytelling Centre), Evelyn McGonagle (Community Learning), Angela Williamson (NHS Lanarkshire), Claire Diggie (Sth Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture), David Lyon ( VasLan), Liz Hight (CLHSP Team) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Jane Fraser, Lorna Shearer, Stuart Matson, Phil Inglis, Ainsley Gough, & Stuart Matson,

### GWT national update

- **Photo & video competition** – deadline closed winners will be announced next month
- **GWT annual conference** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Course** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 10 am – 4.30pm, Town Hall, 102 Cadzow St, Hamilton, ML3 6HH. Register at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training>

The course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work.

- **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>

**Action:** Alison to contact Fiona Dryborough who supports the 5 thematic networks

- **Luminate** took place across Scotland during the whole month of October 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](mailto:Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

### **Round the table discussion**

Several projects were discussed and some can be seen on the Generations Working Together web site although some are in the planning stage. One such example is based in East Kilbride and called the "Grandbuddies" project. The children of a Primary School will discuss with volunteer Grand Parent what it is like to become older in some cases lonely/ isolated. It is hoped there will be opportunity for both parties to develop empathy for each other.

Several members highlighted the need and desire to advertise the work of Generations Working Together to their local networks and thereby potentially increase the numbers but more importantly bring Intergenerational Practice to the fore when planning future work/ events.

It was also highlighted that while organisations recognised the 'place'/ input of the younger person in e.g. befriending the opportunity should be taken to formally recognise the work of the older volunteer; that said, many volunteers may shy away from this.

There was also a 'light bulb' moment when one practitioner realised that the idea of including other generations in their work had never seriously been considered. And, while there would be challenges there would certainly be benefits.

During October some residents and Grand Parents worked with nursery children during the children's Science Week. Science and chemicals! a potential for disaster, but all survived to tell the tale.

## 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>

## Date of Next Meeting:

Wed 5th Feb 1.30-3.30pm, Cathkin Primary School, Burnside Road, Rutherglen, G73 4AA.