

Meeting report – Glasgow Network Meeting



Date: 21st November 2013 Venue: Community Central Hall, Glasgow

In attendance: Maureen Cusick (GWT Coordinator), Marie Johnston, Nimrat Kaur Sall & Elizabeth Skelton (Community Central Hall), Robert Smith (Active Seniors), Jane Mycock (Fast Forward), Roseann Malcolmson & Andy Forrester (Playbusters), Lauren Lochrie (Maryhill Climate Challenge), Victoria McAlpine & Rhoda Macleod (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Sandra McCleary (Blackfriars School), Rachel Thain-Gray (Glasgow Women's Library), Karen Armstrong (GCVS), Alison Couston, Cllr Martin Bartos, Cllr Martin Rhodes, Isabelle Gray (Irish Heritage Foundation) & Louise Story (RSNO)

GWT update:

- **Photo & video competition** – deadline closed winners will be announced shortly
- **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 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>

Action: Alison to contact Cllr Aileen Colleran, Cllr Liz Cameron, Cllr Paul Rooney & Cllr Graham Henry re guidelines and David Walker, Alec McKenzie & Mark Finman

- **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>. Projects who feel they should be included in Luminate and currently not, please let Alison know.

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.

Round the table

- Age Friendly Cities (Rhoda Macleod) – Age Friendly Cities Network is UK-wide including Edinburgh. Glasgow is not yet signed up, but interested. WHO declaration has 8 strategic objectives with each city sharing their experiences to help develop more age friendly cities
- Active Seniors DVD (Robert Smith) presented their DVD re Citizenship: What Makes a Good Citizen, which featured Yoker primary school performing in their intergenerational choir. DVD will be available on GWT website soon. Currently designing Christmas cards to sell, IG tea dance, one of the active seniors is a retired scenery builder from Scottish Opera, and was assisting with the construction and design of the stage flats.
- NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde (Victoria McAlpine and Rhoda Macleod). Glasgow South held successful afternoon tea and discussion at Blackfriars primary school. Talk re Gorbals took place. Focus this year on technology involving various schools; intergenerational garden project – timetable work for students; blog on Institute Research & Social Services (IRIS) in South Glasgow with no report as yet. Funding through Reshaping Care for Older People/Change Fund to develop services based more in the community and less in hospitals, institutions etc. Developing capacity across the country and within communities working across public and voluntary services through various initiatives.
- Community Central Hall (CASE – Elizabeth Skelton) – regular IG projects took place, Spring Lunch and Sports Day involving CASE – older people, Safe til Six and Happy Days Nursery – children, successful as always.

- Community Central Hall (Maryhill Climate Challenge – Marie Johnson, Lauren Lochrie, Nim Sall and Maureen Cusick) – New project working across all ages, but working towards more intergenerational projects such as joint work at the community garden and energy surgery open to all age groups. Will also be reviewing current IG practice, particularly following “Train the Trainer” session in Glasgow to produce best practice and successful outcomes through linking IG practice, and thinking across all projects within CCH.
- Playbusters (Roseann Malcolmson and Andy Forrester) – Andy attended European IG Conference and visited Berlin through the Senior Volunteer Exchange Scotland. Allotments established working with schools throughout the year. Residentials at Hopscotch, involved in Lord Provost Parade. Running 6 weeks programmes looking into past – fashion, music, employment etc. Funding in place until July next year. New manager in post.
- Fastforward (Jane Mycock) – Choir entertaining the elderly visiting various residential/nursing homes, gone well. Enjoyed speaking to residents afterwards and building relationships. Age ranges from 17-25 plus older people. Youngstart funding through Connected strand and IG.

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>

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- **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

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.

Friday 9th May, 9.30am – 12noon, Brunswick House, 51 Wilson Street, Glasgow, G1 1UZ