

Meeting Report – Inverclyde Network
Date – 26th November 2014
Venue – CVS Inverclyde Greenock



In Attendance: Laura Mathieson (The Trust); Susan Robinson (CVS Inverclyde); Lorna Turner (Alzheimer Scotland); Geri Sinclair (CVS Inverclyde); Isobel Kerr (Your Voice);

Apologies: Lynn Blackstock (Circles Advocacy); Emma Maxwell (West College Scotland); Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together).

GWT National Update:

- GWT Annual Conference is 19th March 2014 at macrobert Arts Centre Stirling from 2-4 pm. Details of the event and booking is on www.generationsworkingtogether.org A great opportunity to find out what is going on in your and other areas and to network.
- A new [Educational Resource Pack](#) is available to encourage and support intergenerational practice in schools youth and community groups in Scotland and is available from Generations Working Together.
- Details of upcoming Training the Trainer Courses are available on the website. If you are not on the mailing list for Generations Working Together you can sign up for free through their website to receive regular e-bulletins with information on funding training and projects. <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/>
- Generations Working Together is keen to work with all Local Authorities to develop a [framework](#) for the effective use of Intergenerational Practice within the local policy and also with the Education Department to embed it within the Curriculum for Excellence.

Local news:

- Isabel at Your Voice plans to set up a woman's group this year incorporating intergenerational projects and activities. This led onto a discussion about how to identify and engage with groups likely to get involved in such projects. Also how to engage and work with the section of the community in the 25-50 age group who are likely to have children and parents to support and are the middle generation and may not be actively involved in the community projects. It would be mutually beneficial to look at engaging this group in the community .It will also help to break down the barriers between the generations
- Discussing young people working with older people on basic IT skills, to open up the internet and wider world such as SKYPE and home shopping. There are already projects like this in Inverclyde, but there are possibilities to expand this. New case studies of projects are available on the Generations Working Together website and are very useful for

ideas. Please also remember to submit your own case studies to show the many excellent projects in Inverclyde.

- **The Woopi Choir** sang at a sheltered housing complex in Renfrewshire, which inspired a new choir for older people in that area. Discussion on value of choirs and music for both older people and as an intergenerational project for fun and good health and to break down barriers between the age groups.
- **Get Scotland Dancing** is working across the country to set up dance projects for all abilities to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. Anyone interested should contact them directly.
- Laura from The Trust is working on anti-sectarianism projects involving the whole community to include workshops and drama.
- Discussion on difficulties of signposting and engaging initially with groups to do the intergenerational projects.

Funding:

- Details of successful funding applications are on the Generations Working Together website. Worth a look as may give inspiration.
- **The Big Lottery Heritage Fund** is open for applications for projects to mark the First World War. Details on their [website](#).

All in all it was a positive meeting with plenty of ideas and suggestions for possible new projects and working together in partnership where possible or advantageous.

Next meeting is Tuesday 4th February 2014 from 10-12 at CVS Inverclyde 20 Pottery St Greenock. New members welcome.

