

Meeting Report – East Renfrewshire Network

Date: 28th January 2014 Venue: Madras Family Centre, Neilston

In Attendance: Elaine Grogan & Mark Brand (East Renfrewshire Council), Pauline McAnally (Madras Family Centre), Avril McLean (Royal Voluntary service), Diane Risbey (Neilston Trust), Shirley Ashe (Voluntary Action), Laura McPherson (St John's Primary School), Fiona Maxwell (Church of Scotland), Belinda Arther (CHCP), Mary Black (Arklet Housing Association), Linda Anderson (Age Scotland), Joe Herd (St Luke's), Sandra Kirk (Carlibar Primary) & Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together)

Apologies: Fiona McKay (Uplawmoure Primary School), Lesley Anderson (Voluntary Action) & Alan Stevenson (CHCP)

National Update:

- **Photo & video competition** – thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. Winners details on website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/photo-video-competition/>
- **GWT annual conference** – Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling. To register and for further information go to: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2014-19-03-2014>
- **A showcase event** is being planned for the Highland & Island networks in Inverness on Tuesday 29th April marking European day of Solidarity between Generations.
- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** will be launched at the conference.
- **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. Courses for 2014 include: Elgin, Dumbarton, Edinburgh & Scottish Borders <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training>

Round the table

- Mark Brand provided an update on the **Waterworks project** in Barrhead, which has recently awarded funding £100,000 of Big Lottery Fund money to transform the old sewage works into an industrial wildlife area. The project was nominated as Grow Wild's top Scottish community growing project through online votes and at a series of community events.
- **Men's sheds** – Belinda Arthur filled everyone in on the history behind a new project starting in Barrhead for men and women 50 plus. An open event is being held on the 17th February at 11am - 1pm Robertson Street Industrial Estate, Barrhead, G78 1QW. For further details contact belinda.arthur@eastrenfreshire.gov.uk
- Barry Golding patron of the Australian Men's Sheds Association will give a talk in Glasgow on 21st Feb 2014, 4-5.30pm at the University of Strathclyde. Mike Jenn, Chair, UK's Men's Sheds Association hopes to generate more interest and action in a city with such low life expectancy. <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/men-s-sheds-the-big-picture-and-the-scottish-context-30-01-2014>

- Elaine provided an update on the pilot **Intergenerational quiz project** which saw the final take place at Carlibar Primary School last November. The project was an overwhelming success and Alan and Elaine have been in talks with Kit Gilbert, Renfrewshire Council re plans for 2014. If members want to get involved in the quiz please get in touch with alan.stevenson@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

More information re quiz can be found at

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/east-renfrewshire>

Education resource pack

- The GWT Education resource pack is 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
- a guide to awards for adults

The last pilots for the learning seminar will be held over the next 6 weeks in Perth & Kinross & Edinburgh.

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:

Tuesday 27th May 2014, 10am – 12noon, Arklet Housing Association Ltd. Barrland Court, Barrland Drive, Giffnock, G46 7QD