

Meeting Report: Argyll & Bute Network Meeting

Date: 11th December 2013

Venue: The Church Centre, Kilmore and Oban Church of Scotland, Glencruitten Road, OBAN, Argyll, PA34 4DN



Generations Working Together

Apologies: Antonia Baird, Cathy Bertin, Alison MacKenzie and Argyll & Bute Councillors

In Attendance: Anne Horn, Scott Douglas, Senga Cakebread and Marion Smith

Marion welcomed all to the meeting and gave the GWT update:

GWT Update:

The National Conference - will be held at the macrobert Centre, Stirling on 19th March 2014 from 10am till 4pm.

Education resource pack – case studies and booklet Launched at the Scottish Learning Festival (25th & 26th September). Alison is meeting Education Scotland and Youth Scotland to discuss the possibility of jointly producing an awards supplement for older people which will complement Amazing Things (awards for young people – copies available from the GWT website).

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. There will be a course run in Balloch on 20th February 2014, interest was shown in offering a course in Oban, Marion to look into this.

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.

Young Start Funding - from the Big Lottery has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years. 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>

Go for Gold

The Go for Gold Challenge was established in 2012 to involve professionals and residents in the care sector in the legacy celebrations offered by the London Olympic Games and the World Congress on Active Ageing in Glasgow, both staged in the summer of 2012 and the 2014 Commonwealth Games also in Glasgow. The Go for Gold Challenge is part of the British Heart Foundation National Centre for

Physical Activity and Health at Loughborough University (BHFNC) programme of Active Ageing Events. The aims of the Go for Gold Challenge are to:

- Promote and celebrate participation in physical activity amongst older people supported by the care sector.
- Build capacity in the workforce in the care sector to promote physical activity with older people on a day to day basis.
- Develop links between the care sector in Scotland and physical activity organisations.
- Contribute towards the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Legacy.

Go for Gold in Scotland is supported by a stakeholder network group made up of interested and motivated people from different backgrounds and a strategic reference group which includes national organisations across Scotland.

Following discussions with the 2014 Commonwealth Games Legacy Planning Team, the Go For Gold Challenge will be included within the 2014 legacy planning.

Local Project Updates

Scott is the CLD Youth Worker working with Youth Services for young people from 12 to 25 years. He is working on Citizenship and Employability, through the Youth Forum and the Youth Parliament. The young people sign up to Activity Agreements, receive their EMA of £30.00 per week, so far 4 of the young people have had positive destinations. They are also working on a film in conjunction with the RCOP (Reshaping Care for Older People) worker Maggie Dougal, on changing teenagers. Intergenerational work includes, a fashion show and an intergenerational debate on the Independence Vote. The young people are also achieving Saltire and personal development awards.

Senga works for Argyll Voluntary Action, she is involved in work at the High School on homelessness and addiction also youth entrepreneurship, employability and on a 2 year Building Community Bridges, intergenerational project.

Anne has agreed to become the GWT Co-ordinator for Argyll and Bute, Marion welcomed her to the organisation. Anne is an Argyll and Bute Councillor and is currently involved in a project to maintain the Castle in Lochgilphead, the group organises events including medieval plays, jousting and fairs to raise funds to reduce dis-repair of the castle and to provide access to the grounds for disabled people. She is also involved in encouraging interaction for these vulnerable people with young people through a pool night organised by a committee of disabled people with able mentors.

Date of next meeting

Anne agreed to arrange the next meeting to be held in Lochgilphead at Kilmory, a provisional date was set for **12th March 2014 from 2 till 4pm**