

East Dunbartonshire Network Meeting
REPORT

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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the network of plans and ideas for work in 2014. Plans include promoting and supporting efforts of colleagues in intergenerational work linked to use of technology and work around First World War commemorations.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The East Dunbartonshire GWT Network first met in May 2013, and was formally launched at the 'Connecting Generations Event' in Bishopbriggs in September 2013. In order to build on the work already taking place across East Dunbartonshire, it would be useful to host a further event in the autumn. It is also proposed that the network continue to highlight intergenerational projects across the area with a particular focus on technology and WW1 commemorations.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the East Dunbartonshire GWT Network:
- (i) Discuss and provide comment on the proposals set out at section 4.5;
 - (ii) Agree that a sub group of the network will take place in February to take forward the ideas and report back to the network via email;
 - (iii) Agree that an event take place in September to highlight intergenerational projects taking place in East Dunbartonshire.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The East Dunbartonshire GWT Network first met in May 2013, and was formally launched at the 'Connecting Generations Event' in Bishopbriggs in September 2013. Since that time work has been undertaken to find out what is currently taking place across East Dunbartonshire around the area of intergenerational work.
- 4.2 This work has shown that there is a vast amount of projects going on, which have huge benefits to both the younger and older communities. As such it is felt that this work should be recognised in some way, and perhaps the role of the Generations Working Together network should be to highlight and reward particular activities.
- 4.3 There is a strong desire across groups, organisations and communities to make use of new technology such as tablets and I pads. This was particularly true at the Connecting Generations Event in September, where the evaluation of the tablets and technology workshops was extremely positive. As such it is felt that the GWT Network should assist wherever possible in coordinating and highlighting work of this nature.
- 4.4 A number of events are due to take place across East Dunbartonshire in 2014 to commemorate the centenary of the beginning of the First World War. These events and projects provide opportunities for further intergenerational work.
- 4.5 As such the following is proposed for discussion:
- GWT Network to highlight and support where possible intergenerational projects in relation to technology and World War One commemorations
 - Host an event in September/October to showcase intergenerational projects
 - Consider the possibility of developing an award for the best intergenerational project in East Dunbartonshire – this would be awarded at the event in September.
- 4.6 It is suggested that the Network keep in touch on developments via email, due to the infrequency of Network meetings.

