

Meeting Report – North Lanarkshire Network

Date: 4th February 2014 Venue: YMCA Bellshill

In attendance: Jamie Allan Brown (Garrion people's Housing Association), Garry Cook (Police Scotland), Hayley Andrew (North Lanarkshire Council), Colin Weir (COVEY), Anila Ansari (NHS) Robert Piper (Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre), Anna Clements (Alzheimer Scotland), Iain Johnston (Men's Sheds Airdrie & Coatbridge), Louise Hamilton (Royal Voluntary Service), Laura Campbell (Bellshill & Mossend YMCA), Linda Anderson (Age Scotland), Helen Foster (SCRAN) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Colin MacFarlane (YMCA), Clare McCool (NHS), Frances McGlinchey (Cllr North Lanarkshire Council) & Stuart Robertson & Stewart Hurry (Police Scotland)

National update:

- **National conference** – Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2014-19-03-2014>
- **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 is available on the website. Courses organised for Edinburgh, Balloch, Elgin & Galashiels. More to follow in the Spring.
- **Photo & video competition** – thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. Winners details on website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/photo-video-competition/>

Round the table

- **SCRAN** – www.scran.ac.uk
SCRAN is a valuable resource which can be used for reminiscence work. The website contains over 360,000 images, videos and sounds from museums, galleries, archives and the media. These include sounds, still pictures, people (faces), places, maps, aerial photographs, events & artefacts. SCRAN covers many themes including the recent past, oral history, holidays, childhoods, community archives, schooldays, work (factories), leisure time, fashion, home, transport (places), family history and timeframes (WW1, 60's, 70's etc.). SCRAN also holds private materials which may not be available in museums and libraries.

There is a cost of £15 per year however many libraries and schools are already subscribed so it is worth checking with your partners before subscribing. Helen provided forms for members to apply for one month's free membership. For more details contact helen.foster@rcahms.gov.uk

Action: Helen to check if Alison can upload presentation onto GWT website

- **Men's Sheds**
With the emergence of men's sheds in Scotland Linda provided background information on the idea and spoke about future opportunities available in North Lanarkshire. Since the emergence of Men's Sheds in 1996, the number of Sheds has grown year on year. The main aims of a Men's Sheds have also become much more varied since their foundation. There are now over almost 100 in Ireland, 50 in England and between 20-25 in Scotland.

Iain Johnstone one of four men came together to develop and plan the first shed to be created in North Lanarkshire. Iain with help from Age Scotland held a conversation event in January inviting men to come together to look at creating a men's shed in Coatbridge. The group now have a room at Coatdyke Bowling Club and are keen to hear from anyone keen to join or help out. For more information contact Linda Anderson (Linda.Anderson@agescotland.org.uk) or Iain Johnston (iain&june@hotmail.co.uk)

Age Scotland will lead an interactive workshop at GWT National Conference. The workshop will focus on how men's sheds can be used to their full potential, and explores the intergenerational aspect that will play an integral part in their success if they are to be self-sustaining.

- An intergenerational training the trainer's course was held in Hamilton in January. A total of 18 attended the course three of whom were from North Lanarkshire. Jamie from Garrion plans to train volunteers in the near future. Anila may be interested in setting up a training course for her cross cultural groups.
- Alzheimer Scotland is providing training sessions for dementia friendly communities. For more info contact Anna Clements at aclements@alzscot.org
- Football memories and sport memories are two projects that offer opportunities to work across the generations. For more details contact mwhite@alzscot.org
- Hayley reported that Joanne Duffy had recently been appointed as Health Walks Coordinator. It is hoped to develop a sustainable programme of health walks throughout North and South Lanarkshire, working with existing projects and developing new ones. For more information contact Hayley Andrew (andrewh@northlan.gov.uk)

Education resource pack

- The GWT Education resource pack was launched last year and is now available for download: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/education-resource-pack/>

A.O.B.

EMIL is pleased to announce the winners of the Annual Intergenerational Learning Awards:

- Communities - "From 7 to 77" Solidarity between Generations & Generations for Peace
- Housing/Environment - Intergenerational Apartments
- Culture & the Arts - mix@ges – Intergenerational Bonding via Creative New Media
- Working Environment/Employment - Young and Old in School
- Other - Have your Say

A full report on the winning projects can be viewed at

<http://www.emil-network.eu/about/emil-awards>

Hot topics for IG work during 2014:

- Commonwealth Games – Go for Gold
- Ryder Cup
- World War 1 Centenary (Heritage Lottery Funding available)
- 700th Celebration of Battle of Bannockburn
- Men's sheds

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 3rd June, 9.30am – 12noon, Garrion People's Housing Association, Centre Point, 70 Smith Avenue, Wishaw, ML2 0LD