

Meeting Report – Renfrewshire Network

Date: 29th November 2013

**Venue: Linwood Community Childcare, Abernethy Drive, Linwood,
Paisley, PA3 3EX**

In attendance: Yvonne Farquhar, Bernadette Reilly, Carolyn Russell, Fiona Auld, Sally Logan, Stephen Slevin, Renfrewshire Council; Cheryl Thomas, Emma McCrystal, Irene McDonald, Active Communities; Kenneth McMaster, Paisley West Central Community Council; Margaret Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenant Association; Lesley Compston, Linwood Active; Anne Duncan, ROAR, Margaret Cairney, Renfrewshire Leisure; Karen Gilligan, Kibble Education and Care Centre, C. Russell; J. Hughes; K. MacKenzie; Lauren Fearon;

Susan McDonald, Active Communities, GWT Local Co-ordinator.

Apologies: Provost Anne Hall, Cllr Michael Holmes, Depute Leader, Cllr James McLaren, Cllr Iain McMillan, Cllr Maureen Sharkey, Cllr Audrey Doig, Cllr Roy Glen, Renfrewshire Council; Les Fernie, Walking Tours on Wheels; Florence Miller, Spinners Gate Resource Centre;

Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

National update- Alison Clyde (National Development Officer) sent the following update.

- **Photo & video competition** – thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. Numbers of photograph entries have double this year – excellent response. Deadline has closed, winners will be announced very soon
- **GWT annual conference** – Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling. Ideas and suggestions will be very welcome for speaker and workshop topics. What would you like to hear about next year? What would make you attend? Do you have a project you'd like to showcase?
- **A showcase event is** being planned for the Highland & Island networks in Inverness on Tuesday 29th April marking European day of Solidarity between Generations. The GWT team are also looking to collate ideas/suggestions and projects to showcase on the day. For further information contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
<http://www.age-platform.eu/age-policy-work/solidarity-between-generations/campaign>
- **Case studies** – 12 new case studies from across Scotland can now be viewed on our website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/case-studies/>
- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** is making good progress, hope to be able to share at next meeting.
- **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 for 2014 include: Hamilton, Elgin, Dumfries & Scottish Borders (later two dates & venues TBC shortly)
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training>

- **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. Does anyone know of any elected members who we could push this to?

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/guidelines-bringing-together-local-authorities-and-intergenerational-practice-in-a-scottish-policy-context>

Education resource pack

- The GWT Education resource pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival last month and is now 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

We also have a new supplement to go along with the Amazing Things booklet detailing awards for older people which is still with our designer. We hope to have this available for download from our website soon.

Over the next three months we are piloting an intergenerational learning seminar (4 hours) (in Shetland, Perth & Kinross and Edinburgh) for teachers and other educational practitioners. After the sessions we plan to tweak the training materials then offer each local authority the opportunity to hold the seminar as a four hour block or two, two hour twilight sessions within their in service training planned for 2014. We hope this will raise the awareness of the benefits of getting involved in intergenerational work.

If anyone wishes to discuss further please get in touch with Alison on 07769629988 or Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

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>

Other info

A review of multi-generational and multi-cultural practice - There is growing interest in initiatives that bring together or connect younger and older generations. JRF are particularly interested in multigenerational work which cuts across all generations (not simply young and old). Their assumption is that few people are looking at the cross-over between multigenerational and multicultural community relationships. They would like this project to test this assumption and to find out about existing work across the UK.

Uzma Kazi an Intern for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation is working with the 'An Ageing Society' team, where she is conducting a UK wide review of Multigenerational/Intergenerational Practice, focusing on BME and cross-cultural community initiatives and project examples. Uzma is compiling a short report on the concepts explored, pulling her findings together.

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Renfrewshire Update

Susan gave an update on the Go for Gold steering group, which she is a member of. The group has been developing a resource aimed at older adults in the care home setting. It will aim to get older people more active and will be launched in March. Susan has also attended the recent Go for Gold networking event where there is push for the Gold for Gold Challenges in 2014 to have an intergenerational theme. Susan hoped that all partners would sign up to organise a challenge.

Singing through the Ages, the intergenerational singing group has gone from strength. The project is a partnership between Housing, Active Communities and Charlene Gordon Music School.

Highlight of the year was performing The Spree Festival in Paisley.

Ralston Community Games & Linwood Community Games – Two events have taken place, in 2013 bringing local communities together in a fun event. Teams consist of children, Mums & Dads, Grans and Grandpas. Teams take part in 7 different events from Caber Toss, Putt the Neep, Highland Fling to Tug of War. Everyone contributes to the overall score. Plans are underway for events with a Commonwealth theme for 2014.

Zero Waste project – dinner stories. Karen Gilligan, Kibble is developing a new intergenerational food project. Bringing older and younger people together to cook, share ideas and develop a recipe book.

Education Department – Information on new GWT education pack has been sent to Kit Gilbert, Education Officer for Health & Well being.

Presentation on Intergenerational Quiz (Renfrewshire Vs East Renfrewshire) –Carolynn Russell & Sally Logan, Renfrewshire Council

Carolynn and Sally gave an excellent presentation on how they had developed the Intergenerational Quiz project. They highlighted some of the challenges they had faced trying to get the schools on board and funding issues and explained how they overcame this. Gallowhill Primary School and Monkdyke Sheltered Housing have been involved in the pilot with positive feedback from all involved. The quiz is due to take place after the network meeting and the group

were wished the best of luck. Strong links have been forged with East Renfrewshire and it is hoped to make this an annual event.

Networking – “Show & Tell”

Members were given the opportunity to network during “Show & Tell” Everyone was asked to bring along an object which related to their work and share it with their group. There were lots of interesting objects and a great deal of hilarity!

We finished the network meeting in our usual fun style with the opportunity to take part in a ballroom fitness taster session. This is one of our plans for a “Go for Gold Dance Challenge 2014.

Dates of meeting for 2014:

Friday 25th April

Friday 22nd August

Friday 28th November