



In Attendance: Yvonne Coull, GWT Local Network Development Officer; Ann Munro Pilmeny Development Project; Karen Boyle, Older People's Services; Faye Gray, Business Manager; Chis Pilley Balerno Community Education; Dina Subasciaki, The Ripple Project; Brenda Devlin, Youth Bus Group; Melissa Byrne, Citadel Youth Centre; Myra Waugh, Strive Befriending; Susan Lambert plus 4 pupils, Drummond High School; Lorraine Sudlow, Places for People.

Apologies: Glenda Watt, City of Edinburgh Council

1. Lorraine Sudlow introduced the DVD showing a film called 'The Wayward Wind' about the making of the film called 'In our 60s'. The film features older people transported back to the night President Kennedy was shot. Younger people were involved in the filming allowing shared experiences and learning. One of the aims of the film was to redefine old age and infirmity. It looks at the physical frailties of old age and the preconceptions of other people. The video was well received and Lorraine was asked a number practical questions about making the film. She also stated that the effect on the well-being of the older people was quite marked – one lady not having been out for a number of years and singing again after a very long time. Yvonne encouraged the group to enter the GWT DVD/Video competition.
2. Susan Lambert presented the Drummond S6 IG Project. The group of girls attending the meeting had just started this year (new pupils each year) and the project had been running about 4 years. In the beginning they had worked with 2 care homes but now they concentrated on one care home. It was up to each group to work with the care home service users in deciding the themes and activities for each year. Susan gave some examples: bingo where the children made the boards and investigated the colours which were best to use with the older people along with the size of font; there had been Mexican themes and a Bollywood theme which fitted in well with the children from the school from Indian families. Susan was asked about how she set this up in the first instance as others attending the meeting were interested in working in the same way. Pointers were provided then regarding how to contact schools and the curriculum for excellence. Yvonne also directed those interested to the new GWT Education Resources due out. (See below.)
3. Mellisa Byrne presented Herstory a social history group involving young mums and older women from Leith. She outlined some of the problems she had in setting up the group and the difficulties of attracting older participants. The first group she contacted were too busy to come along! The project is now up and running with 4 generations represented in the the group. She recorded sessions and some of the aims and outcomes have to be revisited as the group themes did not always follow the lines expected. Melissa will turn all the information and photographs into an exhibition which will be launched at the Citadel Annual meeting.
4. Yvonne updated the meeting with general information as follows:
 - **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** also making good progress, should be launched in October/November time.

- **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.
<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.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/guidelines-bringing-together-local-authorities-and-intergenerational-practice-in-a-scottish-policy-context>
- **Photo & video competition** – deadline Friday 27th September 2013 – online application form now available on website
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/photo-video-competition/>
- **GWT annual conference** – The GWT team are starting to plan next years annual conference scheduled to take place in March 2014. A survey monkey questionnaire has been sent to members asking for their comments on city, venue, workshops and speakers etc. If you haven't already completed the questionnaire please do. Ideas and suggestions will be very welcome. We hope to confirm city, venue and date very soon.
- **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 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/>

Other info

- **Luminate** takes place across Scotland and features creative activities with, by and for older people, as well as events for audiences and participants across the generations, and intergenerational projects. The festival takes place from 1-31 October
<http://www.luminatescotland.org/luminate-application>

Alison would like to hear from anyone who is planning to be involved in the festival showcasing their intergenerational work.

Education resource pack

- The GWT Education resource pack is in the final stages and should be going to the designer this week. The pack will be launched at the Scottish Learning Festival (25th & 26th September).

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>

Ann Munro pointed out that this funding does not cover the 'older element' of the project. For example transport for older people or a worker dedicated to working with the older people, it is only the younger part of the IG project that is funded. She had spoken to BIG about this at length to no avail.

- **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>

Other IG opportunities

- **Go for Gold Challenge**

<http://www.scottishcare.org/news/go-for-gold-challenge-newsletter/>

- **Walk in our shoes** – act on our issues is an activity that community groups and different generations can do together to tackle barriers such as uneven pavements, public toilets closures, poor street lighting, unsafe road crossings and inaccessible shops.

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/get-involved/campaign/end-isolation-campaign/walk-in-our-shoes-act-on-our-issues/>

Date of Next Meeting -

Monday 18th November 2013, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Royal Commission in Ancient and Historical Monuments, John Sinclair House, 16 Bernard Terrace, Edinburgh, EH8 9NX

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