

Edinburgh & Lothian's Network Meeting
23 June 2014
City Chambers, Edinburgh



**Generations
Working
Together**

Attendees: Sue Northrop, North Berwick Day Centre; Rachel Howe, City of Edinburgh Council; Anne Munro, Pilmeny Development Project; Gill Westwood, Citizens Advice Scotland; Pauline Curran; City of Edinburgh Council; Judith Staley, CHILDREN 1st; Rhona Hunter, Circle Edinburgh Services; Janice Laxton, South Edinburgh Arts Fair Association; Glenda Watt, City of Edinburgh Council; Amy McKinnon, Kinship Carers, Zoe, a young carer; Roz Houdsworth, Foundation Scotland; Dana Lock, City of Edinburgh Council; Elaine Scott, Carer; Ian Clement, ACFFA

Apologies: Tim Green, WEA; Marion Harkin, CHILDREN 1st

1. Yvonne welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Glenda Watt and the City of Edinburgh Council for hosting the meeting. She outlined the work that Generations Working Together undertakes and introduced the definition of intergenerational practice.

2. Amy McKinnon introduced the Edinburgh Young Carers Project. This project aims to improve the lives of young carers, promotes and raises awareness of young carers and their needs. They try to identify 'hidden' young carers. She told Zoe's story who has been a young carer since she was 9, caring for both parents. She does everything for the family. The project provided Zoe support. The project provides support for individual carers through days out, breaks, education, information and support. Further information can be found by following the link:
<http://www.youngcarers.org.uk/>

3. Dana Lock, Kinship Support Team, City of Edinburgh Council introduced the Kinship Support Service offered by Edinburgh Council. They provide Advice and support to formal kinship carers to enable them to provide safe and effective care to the children and young people living with them. Elaine Scott, a Kinship Carer had come along to share her story. She described her life now with 5 children living with her and the problems she had experienced along the way. She described the difference the support had provided and what a great benefit it had been. She explained that often choices were difficult between immediate family (daughters/sons) and grandchildren. Also the difficulty faced when having to give up a grandchild to care where there is no further contact with the child apart from through letters.

Dana explained that the Section 11 Order was now called the Kinship Care Order and it was hoped that this would help. Mentor UK are also providing support for Kinship Care in Edinburgh for both formal and informal Kinship Carers. The precise numbers of Kinship Carers are not known. Kinship Carers are treated differently in England and in Scotland and also from council to council and this is something that the Kinship Care movement is trying to stop and are campaigning hard at the moment.

Elaine described how she felt young at heart being involved with all these children – still going into school, sports days, clubs and activities. It certainly keeps her very busy.

4. Glenda Watt, City of Edinburgh Council outlined the Work of the Scottish Older People's Assembly which she helps to coordinate. She described the roots of the Assembly in forums and meetings that go back to 1997 and outlined the annual assemblies that have been held more recently. Out with the Assembly day itself members undertake a variety of activities: meeting ministers; cross party groups, attending the UK Advisory Forum on Ageing at Westminster meeting officials and professionals. Some of the issues they have addressed are: Reshaping Care for Older

People; Care homes; Impact of Welfare reform on Older People; Access to GP's. Full details can be found on the Assembly web site: www.scotopa.org.uk

5. Roz Holdsworth, Foundation Scotland explained the current funding programmes available through Foundation Scotland. The Foundation is an independent charity established to strengthen local communities. Their vision is to create a vibrant Scotland where philanthropists and independent funders invest money, expertise and influence to make a difference to causes and in communities that inspire them. All of their grant programmes are for constituted, not for profit organisations. (You do not need to be a charity.) They have a range of Scotland wide programmes: Express grants; Women's Fund for Scotland; Comic Relief Local Communities; Volant Trust; Scotrail Foundation. Local grants include: Community Benefits Fund; West Coast Communities Growth Trust; Resilient Scotland.

Roz described the life-cycle of a grant application and explained that for the express grants one application covered all the grant programmes covered by Foundation Scotland. They will do the searching to find out which grant programme the application best applies to. They are happy to give advice if required. For further information see the web site: www.foundationscotland.org.uk

6. There was considerable round table discussion around all the topics and as time was short Yvonne outlined the key points from the GWT Update below. Members were asked for their ideas around topics for future meetings. Please email them to Yvonne at: Yvonne@generationsworkingtogether.org.

GWT Update

1. Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing was launched at the GWT conference 2014. This is an evidence based document which is full of information. It is on the web site <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/intergenerational-approaches-to-improving-health-wellbeing>

2. 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: Fife; Falkirk; Balloch; Ayrshire; Benbecula; (Renfrewshire date to follow shortly.)
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training>

3. Guidelines: Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context – Please remember to promote these within your local authority and let us know of their use if you hear of anything interesting.

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

Other Info

4. Education resource pack - The GWT Education resource pack is published and was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival in September. The teachers' seminar was being trialled in two areas Shetland (completed) and Perth & Kinross (in March). A new resource which is a supplement to Amazing things – the youth awards – has been produced by GWT and is available online at:
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/amazing-things-supplement-a-guide-to-awards-for-adults-in-scotland>

5. Scottish Older People's Assembly - The Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA) exists to give a strong voice to older people about their concerns and experience of life in Scotland. SOPA identifies issues that worry older people and conveys messages from the grassroots direct to Scottish and Westminster Governments.

SOPA contributes to and supports policy change that has a positive impact on older people and challenges when implementation falls short. SOPA also raises issues about inequalities because of age, and about successful volunteering where the voice and experience of older adults are making a difference across generations.

<http://www.scotopa.org.uk/>

6. European map of Intergenerational Learning - In 2013 EMIL launched an Annual Awards programme for its membership with the aim of highlighting and showcasing existing examples throughout Europe where intergenerational work adds value. Through a nomination process, award winners in each of the following themes have demonstrated they have developed innovative and sustainable projects that have made a real impact:

Housing/Environment; Culture and the Arts; Workplace/Working environment
Communities; 'Other'

For further information go to: <http://www.emil-network.eu/about/emil-awards>

Funding info

7. The Women's Fund for Scotland - is making small grants to projects across Scotland that support women's development, self-sufficiency, and social and economic equality.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to constituted, not for profit groups with an annual income under £250K, run by and for women working in four key areas:

- building skills and confidence
- improving health and well-being
- building social networks
- moving on from violence

See <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/grants-of-up-to-2000-available>

8. 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>

9. 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>

10. Climate Challenge Fund - There is funding for garden projects through this funding and they are interested in hearing from those involved in IG practice. Substantial funding available for 2015. 2013 and 2014 funding close to full allocation.

<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund>

11. Online Find A Funder Database - If you're looking for funding this database will tell you what's available. Just go to www.community-toolkit.org.uk/Funding/find-funders.htm and select Older People and you will get a full list of potential funders.

12. Bank of Scotland Foundation - Small grants between £1,000 - £10,000 can be applied. For more information go to www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/guidelines

Clydesdale Bank Spirit of Community Awards 2014

Orchard Windfalls

Coastal Communities Fund

Other IG opportunities

- Go for Gold Challenge

New Newsletter available on the Care Inspectorate web site.

http://www.scswis.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=283&Itemid=695&limitstart=10

Resource pack also now available

<http://carenews.careinspectorate.com/go-for-gold/>

- **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.