

Meeting Report – West Dunbartonshire

Date: Fri 28th August **Venue:** Bellsmyre Development Trust

In attendance: Clare McCall (St. Stephens Primary), Cheryl Ewing (GWT), Linda Dowers (West Dunbartonshire Libraries), Anne Clegg (West Dunbartonshire Council), Allison Donnelly (Bellsmyre Development Trust)

Apologies: Alex Wrens (West Dunbartonshire Housing)

GWT update: Not much been happening over the summer however Alison has been busy working on the new training materials and meeting new organisations that are interested in running intergenerational projects.

GWT also welcome Cheryl Ewing (Local Network Development Officer) who started with us last month. Cheryl is taking over the coordination from Alison of 8 local networks across the central belt including West Dunbartonshire. Cheryl and Maureen will continue to develop the West Dunbartonshire network however Alison will still be contactable via email and mobile.

Slight delay in letters being sent to Director and Heads of Education re training (planned for end of Aug) due to Yvonne Coull our other Local Development Network Officer and Trainer being on long term sick. Alison hopes to send letters probably around October time. Will keep everyone posted.

- **An Equality Internship (SCVO)** – GWT are hoping to recruit a Development & Communications Internship Post in the near future to work on developing a toolkit for the intergenerational quiz to go national.
- **GWT impact assessment** being carried out by ANIMATE Consultancy – a survey will shortly be sent to all members and those who have taken part in our training courses. Alison asks if you could take 5 – 10 minutes to complete the survey being very honest and letting us know what ways we could improve the networks, training courses etc and if there is anything we could do extra to provide you with support. There is also two focus groups being held for network coordinators and partners – a big thank you to those who have agreed to take part.
- **GWT Recruiting Volunteer-** Network Co-ordinator for West Dunbartonshire
To discuss further or to request an application form please contact Alison Clyde, National Development Officer, on 07769629988 or email Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
- **Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Course** will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Full programme of training courses now available at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

These are free, discuss good IG practice, look at how to bring communities together and evaluate IG projects.

Linwood 5th September – almost full
Glenrothes Fife 9th September – almost full
Falkirk 16th September – almost full
Balloch 8th October - spaces
Stranraer 27th October
Eyemouth 20th November

Funding

Big Lottery funding – Ongoing funding

- Awards for All Scotland
- Investing in Communities: Growing Community Assets
- Investing in Communities: Life Transitions
- Investing in Communities: Supporting 21st Century Life
- Investing in Ideas

The **YOUNG START** funding through the BIG Lottery – there will be an announcement in Oct about a couple of changes to the fund (good news not bad)

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/intergenerational-funding/>

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/young-start>

Interns to promote Business Growth

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) has opened a new European funded grants programme aimed at supporting growth across the third sector but in particular digital, creative and green industries.

The £2 million project will enable the third sector to take on 400 interns over the next 12 months, including 120 digital interns.

interns@scvo.org.uk or digitalinterns@scvo.org.uk

Yorkshire Building Society – Last Legacy Fund

This is looking at providing 15 charities with £10,000 each. This should help fund a specific project that has a desire to create a lasting legacy in their community. Deadline 5th of September

Opportunities

The Last Post

The Last Post is a mass participation project which is taking place in cities, towns and villages across the UK in November 2014. Hundreds of people will unite in communities around the nation to remember the impact that the First World War had on their local community and play music from the era as a mark of commemoration.

To support participants in the Last Post project, Superact is providing free resources including:

- a song book of songs from 1914
- resources to help you research your local history
- tools to help you organise a free community event
- a Last Post Plaque to display in your community to mark your involvement in the project
- expenses will available to a limited number of events

<http://www.superact.org.uk/thelastpost/>

Woodland Trust are offering Free Tree Packs for Community Groups and Schools. Deadline 5th Sept and also again spring next year.

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>

Next meeting: 19th of November @ Young Street Sheltered Housing, Clydebank 10am – 12noon