

Meeting Report – East Lothian Network

Date: Thursday 11th September 2014 **Venue:** STRiVE, 65 High Street, Tranent EH33 1HH



Present: Gill Wilson, Dunbar Day Centre; Maureen Allan, Allan Ross, Dementia Friendly Tranent; Helen Foster, SCRAN; Ian Davies, Ross High School; Alistair Sim, STRiVE; Sue Northrop, Dementia Friendly East Lothian

Apologies: Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, East Lothian Council; Marion Harkin, ParentLine Scotland, Janice Laxton, South Edinburgh Arts Fair Association; Rachel King, NHS Lothian.

This was the first meeting of the East Lothian Network.

Alistair gave a presentation on the intergenerational work done by STRiVE (attached to e mail)

Helen Foster - SCRAN is a large digital online educational resource for all ages and stages. It is useful for family history, reminiscence, school projects and much more. It can be accessed free through schools and libraries. It brings together digital collections from 300 contributors - museums, NASA, local and regional repositories, oral histories. Libraries subscribe and can offer from home. Helen explained that we can add our photos to the collection so that we are helping to create the archives and creating a history to be proud of. SCRAN can run workshops and support other work like sporting memories, work in schools, day centres and care homes.

GWT update read out

Discussion:

What intergenerational work means – it's more than just being physically present; it's about relationships and purpose.

6th year pupils go out into the community as part of their community commitment programme and there is a pupil-led charitable programme. How can we build better intergenerational working into that and extend intergenerational working to other services. Pupils also do charitable work
Maureen is going into the school to talk about dementia; this will help make the link with Dementia Friendly Tranent.

The schools would also be interested in the Sheds - Louise Dalglish is the link

We talked about how history and reminiscence can help reduce conflict between the generations, e.g. complaints about young people hanging about – often older generations did just the same thing, it helps to build links and understanding.

What next?

Alistair will send the presentation

Sue will find out if a note of the discussion goes on the GWT website

Sue will let everyone know the date of the next meeting