

Meeting Report – East Renfrewshire

Date: Tues 7th October **Venue:** Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire



**Generations
Working
Together**

In attendance: Elaine Grogan (ERC), Sandra Kirk (Carlibar Primary School), Cheryl Ewing (GWT), Shirley Ashe (VAER), Scott Currie (Care and Repair), Katy Green (Action Hearing Loss), Angela McGoldrick & Vivienne Middleton (ERC), Paulina Litynska (VAER).

Apologies: Val Crookston (Contact the Elderly), Stewart Miller, Cllr Elaine Green, Cllr Mary Montague, Cllr Jim Fletcher (East Renfrewshire Council), Eilidh Milne (Dams to Darnley),

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting and prior to round-table introductions provided context to the network giving the following definition of IP

Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building more cohesive Communities.

Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the young and old have to offer each other and those around them (BJF: 2001)

2. GWT National 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 will continue to develop the East Renfrewshire 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 recruiting a Development & Communications Internship Post to work on developing a toolkit for the intergenerational quiz to go national. This position is specifically targeted at those with long term health conditions and/or disabilities.
- **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 are 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 East Renfrewshire. 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.

Training dates: Stranraer 27th October

Eyemouth 20th November

Possible extra date to be added in November, Cambuslang

- **GWT National Conference – Wednesday March 4th 2015 in The Lighthouse, Mitchell Lane, Glasgow.**

Funding

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

Opportunities

The Craft Collective 10th October – 27th March 2014 - information sheets available.

<http://www.whatsonglasgow.co.uk/event/011686-the-craft-collective>

Woodland Trust is offering Free Tree Packs for Community Groups and Schools. Deadline 7th January 2015.

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

Luminate Festival

Luminate takes place across Scotland throughout October, and spotlights arts activities by and for older people, as well as events for audiences across the generations. The festival showcases projects and events run by communities and arts organisations nationwide.

<http://www.luminatescotland.org/>

3. Is it or Isn't Activity

The group were given an introduction to one of the Training exercises and encouraged to think about Intergenerational Practice and discuss what makes a good Intergenerational Project.

4. Member Updates:

- **Vivienne Middleton** – New to the network and with a new remit in place, not much to report from Adult and Family Education. A reminiscing project has taken place, using resource boxes from Nitshill Library, between some local care home residents and ESOL learners.
- **Elaine Grogan** – Elaine and Alan Stevenson have been working in Partnership with local primaries and older people services to form 2014's Intergenerational Quiz. The finals for this event will be held at the Lagoon Leisure Centre on Wednesday 26th of November. Elaine also reported that Youth Scotland and Kirkton Services are creating a play based on life experiences.
- **Paulina Litynska** – The Knitting Mania project facilitates blocks of after school activities where older volunteers teach primary children how to knit. This is offered in 6-8 blocks, with new schools signing up and others signing up for repeated sessions.
- **Angela McGoldrick** – Due to new remit Angela was keen to learn more about IP and how this may be used in the future for employability work 16+ and family projects. Angela is keen to be kept up to date with any relevant links.
- **Katy Green** – Information was provided to the network as to how Action on Hearing Loss Scotland uses its volunteers to offer drop in and at home services for hearing aid support. Shirley to send details of local lunch clubs.
- **Scott Currie** – Care and Repair Renfrewshire offer advice and practical support to older people or those with disabilities in Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire. They have recently have had a community job position enabling a young person (17-19) to gain employability skills. Scott provided information of the OSKARS project run by the Kibble Education and Care Centre. OSKARS are able to provide gardening services for a small fee, a visit will be made by a supervisor to quote a price and then local young disadvantaged people will be accompanied to carry out works.
- **Shirley Ashe** – As Shirley is no longer Volunteer co-ordinator for GWT East Renfrewshire; this position was advertised to the network and they were asked to contact Cheryl or Alison Clyde for a role description and information as to how apply.
- **Sandra Kirk** – Carlibar Primary has been hard at work preparing for the Intergenerational Quiz finals in November. Sandra reported of the enthusiasm this has brought to the children and the strong bonds this has created between the school and Kirkton Services. A knitting group starting back this month will enable all P7 pupils to learn how to knit; again this is using contacts made from Kirkton Services. The school also is in need of an experienced garden to volunteer their services in order to help maintain the garden and transfer skills.

5. Date of next meeting(s)

14th of January 2015 @ Rouken Glen Pavilion, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock, East Renfrewshire, G46 7LL, 10am – 12noon.