

Glasgow Local Network Meeting

Date: 15th August 2014 **Venue:** Linkes Community Groups Glasgow



**Generations
Working
Together**

In attendance : Cheryl Ewing, (GWT); David Alexander, (Maryhill Climate Challenge); Robert Smith (Active Seniors); Belinda McElhinney, (Barrowland Ballet); Gail Mills (Glasgow Life)

Apologies: Agnes McGroarty, (West of Scotland Seniors Forum); Cllr Stephen, Cllr Hanif, Cllr Dr Bartos, (Glasgow City Council); Roseann Malcolmson & Andy Forrester, (Playbusters); Victoria McAlpine, (NHS); Elizabeth Skelton, Maureen Cusik, Marie Johnson (Community Central Halls); Jeanne Martin (The Princes Trust); Brian Duffy (415 Project); Lorraine Smith (RVS); Marie Mathieson (Children's Inclusion Partnership); Charlie Murphy (Age Scotland); Victoria McAlpine (NHS Glasgow & Clyde)

Introductions: Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting and prior to round-table introductions provided context to the network, reiterating the purpose of the network as follows.

Local networks are designed to create networking opportunities for organisations and groups who would like to be kept up to date with what's happening in the local area; along with opportunities to link with other key partners in delivering current and future intergenerational activities. In addition members will hear what GWT is planning to do nationally, and how they can have an input in our policies and strategies.

Cheryl also informed the group of the changes in Network as she is now taking over from Alison Clyde as network development officer.

GWT National Update

Slight delay in letters being sent to Director and Heads of Education re training (planned for end of Aug) due to Yvonne Coul, 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.

- 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.
- Guidelines Document – Looking for point of contact within council, Councillors Rooney and Henry suggested by Robert
- 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

- 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>
- Last Post 29th September – WW1 commemorative event, free resource's and details through website <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/the-last-post-the-sound-of-the-centenary-15-08-2014>
- The group were also informed that there is a supplement to the Amazing Things Youth Awards Publication – A Guide to Adult Awards In Scotland
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/amazing-things-supplement-a-guide-to-awards-for-adults-in-scotland>

Robert Smith gave an update on work carried out by Community Choir

- 10wk program Schools, Active Seniors and local community members
- Music CD produced
- Plans for choir to sing at Braehead, Clydebank and Forge shopping centres
- Possible Christmas and Easter choir

Information was also given of the Linkes Communities Senior lunch club, youth groups and twice weekly free IT sessions.

Belinda McElhinney

Belinda gave a brief history of the Bunty and Dorris Project, where a cast of ranging from 2 to 86 years old performed an intergenerational theatre dance piece. The piece concerned itself with exploring the perceptions of age over the act of drinking tea.

A short film clip was shown, letting the group see firsthand the experiences shared by the generations. Barrowland Ballet are currently waiting on results of a funding bid to enable the project to be sent across Scotland, tackling inequality, isolation and promoting health and wellbeing through the generations.

The group were also informed of Barrowland Ballet Youth Company. This is a FREE WEEKLY dance workshop for young people aged 12- 21 who are interested in contemporary dance or physical theatre.

Date of Next Meeting: 2nd of December @ West of Scotland Housing Association, Camlachie House, 40 Barrowfield Drive, Camlachie, Glasgow, G40 3QH , 09:30 – 11:30