

Meeting Report – Inverclyde

Date: Tues 4th November **Venue:** Inverclyde CVS



**Generations
Working
Together**

In Attendance: Lisa Oliver (Gourock Primary School); Janet Colston (Belville Gardens); Michelle O'Donnell (Circles Network), David Blane (RIG Arts), Cllr Kenny Shepherd; Cllr Vaughn Jones (Inverclyde Council); Cheryl Ewing (GWT); Geri Sinclair, Katy Mulholland (CVS); Isobel Kerr (Your Voice); John Pail, David Devenay (SFRS)

Apologies: Cllrs Stephen McCabe, Jim MacLeod (Inverclyde Council); Pat Robertson (Moorfoot Primary); Kevin Jannetts (No Nonsense Productions); Pamela McLean (Inverclyde Council); Emma Maxwell (West of Scotland College); Gwyneth MacDonald (Mind Mosaic)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Geri welcomed the group, and gave context to the network within Inverclyde.

2. GWT National Update

Over the Summer Alison has been working on new training materials, using GWT's case studies rather than those taken from Beth Johnson Foundation. A 4-hour teacher training course has also just been piloted; and any groups/schools wishing a morning, afternoon or twilight Intergenerational Training Course, should get in contact with one of the GWT team.

Cheryl has taken over additional networks, and is now development officer for 16 networks across the west, central belt and south of Scotland.

- **An Equality Internship (SCVO)** – GWT is 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.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/development-communications-intern-vacancy-30-09-2014>
- **GWT National Conference – 4th March 2015 @ The Lighthouse, Mitchell Lane, Glasgow**
Suggestions can be made to the GWT team as to the structure and content of the Conference, please get in touch with any ideas.
- **Impact Assessment**
Over the past few months GWT has been working with ANIMATE Consultancy to produce and impact assessment; we would like to thank all those who participated in online surveys and interviews.
- **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.

Wishaw 18th November
Eyemouth 20th November

- **Funding**

The **YOUNG START** funding shortfall in applications for CONNECTED Strand
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/intergenerational-funding/>
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/young-start>

- **Opportunities**

Woodland Trust is offering Free Tree Packs for Community Groups and Schools. Deadline 6th January 2015, <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>

Luminate Festival – Register online for event listing info for next year

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/>

The Last Post

The Last Post is a mass participation project which is taking place in cities, towns and collages across the UK in November 2014. Hundreds of people will unite in communities around the nation to remember the impact 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 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 be available to a limited number of events
- <http://www.superact.org.uk/thelastpost/>

3. Round Table Presentations

Janet – Belville Gardens

Belville Garden Development Trust, in partnership with River Clyde Homes have been working to develop the land which previously held the Melrose, Selkirk and Peebles High Rise flats (these were demolished in 2013).

Belville is a community, charitable lead trust that have created a community hub that liaises with local schools and community partners. The garden hosts 39 mini planters for the East End community, and 3 large planters for Schools.

Being awarded a £610,000 lottery bid, the appointment of a Garden Officer has been made, this is a 3 year post. Various other funds and grants have been made to assist the project, and recently the project won the Carnegie Trust 2014 Prize for Design and Wellbeing. More recently the project has been looking to the Climate Change Fund, as the plots cabin acts as a central learning space for the community, promoting eco-awareness.

Along with community partners, the project is able to assist with Duke of Edinburgh and John Muir Award. Local schools and groups have been conserving the area with planting and also with the start of the 50m Mosaic Serpent.

Looking into next year, the project hopes to be able to gain their connection with Scottish Water, to enable more events and projects to be run for the community; this would also be assist with more lighting for evening activities. A call for volunteers is has also been made to help assist the planting of orchard trees at the start of 2015.

Katy – CVS Inverclyde

CVS have launched a new webpage *Inverclyde Life*, this is a front loading webpage allowing the community to add their own information, requests for volunteers and event listings. A local Lottery has also been started by CVS to with 50p from every £1 going to the Inverclyde Community Fund, enabling small groups to apply for funding directly from CVS.

It has been identified that there are many experts in the community, and projects looking for specific skills. The *Community Expert* project is being set up so that those wishing to give a helping hand to projects but not on a long term basis can offer their skills and choose what projects to get involved in.

Inverclyde is a Dementia Friendly Community and CVS have placed a bid to the life changes fund – in hope that this will fund 2 support workers.

John – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Work is being done to help build stronger community partnerships, SFRS are there for their community. For example when out as residencies providing home checks, if it was noticed that there would benefit from a service provided by a community partner, this would be recommended. Employees are also given some time each week to get involved with local football teams etc., to again build a stronger community. John also made aware that they are able to offer a free conference room in Paisley or meeting rooms at stations for the community.

Michelle – Circles Network

The circles network provide advocacy services, in an issue based referral set up. Volunteers are from a variety of backgrounds and form an intergenerational staffing.

Lisa- Gourock Primary

Gourock Primary has strong community links and is keen to get involved with local projects to enhance the learning experience for their students. Each year the school choir have been visiting care facilities in the area at Christmas time for carol singing. Lisa reported that residents are hoping this year to be able to come to the school instead of the other, depending on logistics. It was suggested that to enhance the mutual benefits for participants, that a prior visit maybe made in order to establish the needs of participants and enable story telling between the generations.

Isobel – Your Voice, Inverclyde Community Care Forum

Inverclyde Community Care Forum (ICCF) is a not-for-profit organisation set up with its main aim was to bring together all the voluntary / community groups to create a collective voice in relation to community care and enable the voice of service users and carers to be heard in the

planning and provision of community care services in Inverclyde. We have grown, evolved and developed the Your Voice Network to ensure that the widest range of local people have the opportunity to be involved in community engagement / consultation processes. Building capacity and the empowerment of local people to influence and inform the planning, development and provision of local services, with a specific focus on individuals and underrepresented groups who face discrimination and social exclusion, is fundamental to our work.

Isobel reported to the group updates on the new Dementia Care facility opening in Dunrod. Partnership working with *Wide Open*, an arts production company, have been working with the core NHS teams to build a design team to develop an art programme for the new building. An art strategy 'Hearts, Hands and Minds' has been produced which sets out a range of project opportunities ranging from projects to be integrated into the built environment to activity led projects that contribute raising the quality of daily life experience. We are now in the fundraising stage and hope to deliver the programme over the next 18 months. The new built facility will also be open up to the community to help combat the stigma of mental illness.

David – RIG Arts

RIG Arts is a socially engaged community arts charity that brings artists and the community together in a collaborative, creative way using art and film.

At the beginning of the year 'Are you asking' project brought together the local generations exploring the history of Inverclyde's Social Entertainment between 1930 and 1990.

Recent funding from Children in Need has enabled RIG Arts to run a film school, working with local writers and film makers, a 10 week programme will be run for high school children in the area. This year the group have also won the Greenock Chamber of Commerce's Community Engagement Award.

4. Date of Next Meeting: 3rd of February 2pm – 4pm @ CVS Inverclyde