

Meeting Report – Forth Valley Network

Date: 3rd December 2014 **Venue:** CVS Falkirk & District

In attendance: Kay Wood (Make it Happen), Amy Copsey (Raploch Community Partnership), Anna Sandland (Forth Valley Enterprise C.I.C), Jim Thompson (Falkirk CVS), Tracey Fullerton (Living it Up), Vanessa Paynton (Macrobert Arts Centre) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Jean T Porter (St Mark's Parish Church), Jude Clarke (Heal the Whole of Me), Carole Anderson (Age Scotland), Jim McGregor (Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian) & Jessie-Anne Malcolm (Public Partnership Forum), Davy Cairns (NHS Forth Valley) & Victoria McRae (CVS Falkirk & District), Bill Miller (Stirling Council), Steve Adams (Queen Victoria's School).

GWT national update:

- During the summer GWT recruited another Local Network Development Officer, Cheryl Ewing. Cheryl is supporting 15 local networks across the central belt and South of Scotland. Alison now covers the north of Scotland (including Forth Valley) (15 networks).
- **Equality Internship (SCVO)** – GWT has recruited a Development & Communications Internship Post to work on developing a toolkit for the intergenerational quiz to go national. The intern will also develop recognition awards which will be presented at our national conference in March next year.
- **An impact assessment** on the work GWT has carried out over the past 3 ½ years has been carried out by ANIMATE Consultancy. The final report has arrived and is extremely positive. GWT hope to share the publication shortly.
- **Date for your diary** - Our next national conference will take place on Wednesday 4th March in the Lighthouse, Mitchell Street, Glasgow. Alison is looking for projects and groups to showcase their intergenerational work at the conference. Please get in touch if you have a project which you feel would be of interest to other groups and organisations from across Scotland. The conference programme will be confirmed before Christmas with the booking line opening on the 5th January 2015.
- GWT will host a second smaller conference for the Highlands & Islands on 29th April 2015
- National Youth Worker of the Year Awards 2015 – YouthLink Scotland has launched their 2015 awards which includes a Youth Worker of the Year award for intergenerational work. Closing date 18th December 2014. More info on the GWT website and at www.youthlinkscotland.org/
- **Copies of our Education Resource Pack and the publication known as 'Intergenerational approaches to improving health and wellbeing'** can be found on the GWT website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org
- Alison raised the question of finding a local network coordinator for Forth Valley. GWT currently have 20 network coordinators who have really helped progress other network areas. Alison pointed out that the Forth Valley network has very few members from Falkirk Council and requested help in circulating details of future networks meetings. The role of coordinator is not an onerous one and GWT are very flexible with the role. Some networks have recruited two coordinators who share the role of distributing information and arranging meetings. Although GWT cannot offer payment for the post we shall however fully cover any travel or

other expenses occurred when on GWT business. For a role descriptor please contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

- GWT held an Intergenerational Training the Trainers course in Falkirk on the 16th September with 8 people in attendance (6 cancellations/no shows). Numbers were disappointingly low however the course went extremely well and feedback was very positive. GWT have three courses planned for Feb /March in Aberdeen/Dingwall & Glasgow. More details on the GWT website.

Round the Table

- Anna reported on the exciting development of a new Homeshare Pilot which is about to be launched in Fife. There are currently 11 schemes in England and this will be the first in Scotland. The project will match an isolated older person with a younger person who will live with them and give in return, 10 hours of support each week (cleaning/cooking/gardening/shopping etc.). They do not pay rent however contribute to the heating/lighting bills. Social work & NHS will refer the older people to the project. Anna will be speaking about the pilot at our conference in March.
- Amy provided an update on the Raploch project mentioning their digital and gardening projects. Their Young Start funding runs out June/July 2015. Alison mentioned that Amy would be able to reapply to Young Start.
- University for the 3rd Age are launching a Falkirk Branch on 26th January 2015.
- Amy would be interested in piloting the evaluation toolkit with Learning Link Scotland.

Actions:

- Alison to invite a representative from Camelon Regeneration Project (Dave Park), Brian Webster (Alloa Libraries) & Johnny Pickering (Falkirk Council) to the next meeting.
- Alison to send Amy details of the new Learning Link Scotland Toolkit when it is ready to pilot.

Funding Opportunities

YOUNG START funding includes a CONNECTED strand for intergenerational work. £50,000 over 2 years and has an 8 week timeline for applications.

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

Other funding opportunities can be found on the GWT website:

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

AOB

FREE performance in 2015 as part of a five week tour around Scotland, from 18th Feb – 25th March
The performance 'Better Late Than Dead on Time', which is commissioned and paid for by Road Safety Scotland, looks at the impact of driver and pedestrian behaviour on one family. The issues are dealt with sensitively but presented in a realistic and humorous way to focus on awareness and discussion with the audience. In addition, an interactive workshop will embed the key messages of the performance further and explore the main themes in more detail.

More details at

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/better-late-than-dead-on-time-27-11-2014>

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th May, 9.30 – 11.30am, Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise, 4 Islay House, Livilands Lane South, Stirling, FK8 2BG