

Meeting Report – Angus Network Meeting

Date: 28th November 2014 Venue: Voluntary Action Angus, Arbroath



In attendance: Jacqueline Moran (Angus Carers Centre), Graeme Nicoll (Scottish Fire & Rescue), Kay Robertson (Voluntary Action Angus & GWT Network Coordinator), Jean Malcolm, Irene Heron & Graham Malcolm (Contact the Elderly), Lorraine Kennedy (Montrose Academy), Chris Curnin (Glade Residential Home, Ashley McGregor (voluntary Action Angus) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Fiona Walthall (Monifieth High School), Karen Lees, Cllr Jim Houston & Charlie Colvin (Police Scotland) PC Scott Anderson (Police Scotland), Fraser Scott (Scottish Fire & Rescue), Sandra Livingston (Angus Council)

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 Angus) (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 in Inverness on the 29th April 2015 for the **Highland & Island Networks**
- 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

Intergenerational Training –

It was agreed that Alison would organise an Intergenerational Training the Trainers Course for Angus next year (May time). In the meantime members who wish to attend a course earlier can attend courses planned in March for Aberdeen & Glasgow. More details on the GWT website.

Round the Table

- Chris reported on the different pieces of intergenerational work that the Glade Residential Home were involved in, highlighting the difference and benefits that the intergenerational relationships built had for all involved. Residents and primary aged children were involved in Christmas concerts, a Go for Gold project which increased levels of physical activity, learning at school and how the schools have changed/World War II projects and most recently they plan to paint a corridor in the home to look like the sky.
- Graeme mentioned that their new community fire fighter could identify some intergenerational work in the near future.
- Contact the Elderly would be very keen to work with schools.
- Kay reported on a history (past/present/future) project in Brechin which she was involved in.
- Montrose Academy also keen to do more work

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/>

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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 31st March 2014, 10.30 – 12.30pm, Montrose Academy, Academy Square, Montrose, Angus, DD10 8HU