

Local Network Meeting: East Dunbartonshire

Date: 28th November 2015

Venue: EDVA



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In attendance: Carole Anderson (NHS Health Improvement), Graham Branscombe (Zero Waste), Martin Brickley (Chair), Stephanie Elliot (Bishopbriggs Academy), aileen Haak-MacDonald (ED Cycle Coop), Scott Lafferty (EDVA), Danny McLachlan (Turnbull High School), Charlie Murphy (Age Scotland), Elaine Smith (EDVA)

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Apologies: Anne Kennedy (EDCLT), Cheryl Ewing (GWT), Cllr Rhondda Geekie (Council Leader), Paula Brown (Social Work), Margaret Anne Elder (EDVA), Margaret Friel (East Dunbartonshire Council)

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Minutes of Previous Meeting: minutes of the meeting in August were approved by Danny (1st) and Scott (2nd).

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National Update: Over the Summer Alison has been working on new training materials, using GWT's case studies and activities in place of 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; this has not been advertised on website yet, but any schools or groups interested in this condensed training should contact Alison.

Cheryl has taken over additional networks and is now development officer for 16 networks across the west, central belt and south of Scotland and is also delivering Training the Trainer Courses in this area. Groups/individuals wishing to take part in training should register their interest with the GWT team in order that dates may be arranged for 2015. More information on the structure of training can be found at our website. www.generationsworkingtogether.org . These are free, discuss good IG practice, look at how to bring communities together and evaluate IG projects.

GWT would like to welcome Derek Cheyne this week as our Communications Intern to develop a national toolkit for Intergenerational Quiz and new recognition awards.

Yvonne Coull: It is with great sadness that I have to advise that Yvonne Coull has passed away yesterday. Yvonne was diagnosed with cancer a few months ago and she confronted her illness with great courage and dignity. Unfortunately the cancer became more aggressive and spread quickly over the last three weeks. We have Yvonne to thank for the major role she played in developing local networks in the east of Scotland and in writing our intergenerational education resource "Learning through Intergenerational Practice" which is being so well received and will be a fitting testimony to her desire to see all generations support and learn from each other.

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 have been working with ANIMATE Consultancy to produce and impact assessment; we would like to thank all those who participated in online surveys and interviews.

Funding: The **YOUNG START** funding shortfall in applications for CONNECTED Strand. This funding looks at bring an older and younger group together, not inbetween as this is seen as a community project. Only a handful of applications this year have been received and only 3 have received funding, so a great chance for those looking for funding for IP.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/intergenerational-funding/>
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/young-start>

The **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation** gives grants for running costs or one-off capital costs to charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects addressing Rural Issues and Urban Deprivation. Within these overarching themes, the foundation are interested in three areas: Community Support, Disability and Healthcare, Arts, Heritage and Education
<http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/>

Opportunities: Woodland Trust are offering Free Tree Packs for Community Groups and Schools. Deadline 6th January <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>
Meal Makers is a community cooking project being piloted in Dundee but is looking for individuals and groups to register their interest for the project to be rolled out across Scotland in the near future. The project connects people who like to cook and are happy to share an extra portion of a delicious home cooked meal, with older neighbours living close by who could really benefit from a hot cooked meal. The meal makers team will work with local organisations to help reach Diners, by taking referrals – referrals can also be made by friends or family.
<https://www.mealmakers.org.uk/>

Men's Shed Scotland Research JIT has commission Myra Duncan to carry out a piece of work to explore how interest in Men's Sheds has spread across Scotland and what can be learnt about how this happened. A key part of this work is to identify all Men's Sheds in Scotland, including those in development stages and those which are just an idea at the moment. Please contact Myra with the name of the Shed, its location and contact details.
md.consulting@btinternet.com 01470 521797 or 07769 707382

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Big Lunch Update: Stephanie Elliot provided the network with an update on Bishopbriggs Academy's Community Action project plans for hosting a big lunch event on Sunday 7th June. They will be holding the event at Bishopbriggs Academy and are working on plans around activities, food and how to promote the event. Stephanie invited members of the network to work in partnership with the Community Action Project to help make the event a success for the community of Bishopbriggs.

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Members Update: all members in attendance provided a brief update of any intergenerational work they were currently doing or planning to implement over the coming weeks.

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Network Strategic Plan: Scott proposed to the network a draft strategic plan, which was constructed due to various discussions within the network of having a clear purpose and plan of action over the coming year. Draft strategy was discussed and it was agreed that Outcome Three should be omitted with amendments made to Strategic Outcomes One and Four. Scott agreed to make these changes and present the new draft to the group at the next network meeting.

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Intergenerational Conference: Discussed whether the network should create and deliver its third annual event. The network agreed that the general structure of the event should consist of a two sections whereby the first half will take a seminar format for invited practitioners and the second half should apply the previous format of social interaction between young people and older adults. It was also agreed that a working group should be set up to focus on the development and implementation of this event. Its members would be: Carole Anderson, Martin Brickley, Stephanie Elliot, Danny McLachlan and Scott Lafferty.

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AOCB: there was no other business for the network to discuss.

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Date of Next Meeting: Friday 20th February, 1.30pm to 3pm at East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action, 18-20 Townhead, Kirkintilloch, G66 1NL.