

Meeting Report – East Renfrewshire Network

Date: Wednesday 14th January 2015

Venue: Rouken Glen Pavilion, Rouken Glen Park, Giffnock, G46 7LL



**Generations
Working
Together**

In Attendance: Elaine Grogan, Alan Stevenson, Mark Brand, Liz Roger (East Renfrewshire Council); Roisin McAuley (The Richmond Fellowship); Scott Currie (Renfrewshire Care and Repair); Lauren McCullagh (Williamwood High School).

Apologies: Cllr Jim Fletcher, Kellie Miller, Kam Kaur (East Renfrewshire Council); Katy Green (Action on Hearing Loss Scotland); Lorraine Bruce (The Richmond Fellowship); Sandra Kirk (Carlibar Primary School); Katy Green (Action on Hearing Loss Scotland).

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting and prior to round-table introductions provided context to the network giving the following definition of IP

Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building more cohesive Communities.

Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the young and old have to offer each other and those around them (BJF: 2001)

2. Member Updates:

Alan Stevenson – Kirkton Service - ERC

The group was updated on the efforts that went in to running the annual Intergenerational Quiz Final which took place in the Lagoon Centre, Paisley, in December. Teams from Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Ayrshire have been meeting weekly prior to the quiz, to share knowledge and skills between the generations. On the day STV and Young Scot were there to film the event, videos and images can be viewed through the following link.

<http://thepatter.org/2015/01/renfrewshire-intergenerational-quiz/>

There has already been interest from other local authorities to come on board with the next quiz. GWT have also taken on an intern to help develop a national toolkit that is due to be released at the national conference in March.

Alan also updated the group on the 'Stitch through time' project running between The Kirkton Services and Carlibar School, a knitting group helping to tackle isolation and build community capacity. 'Medals and Memories' is a project helping men and women of WWII to show their medals and share their experiences of life in the war. On armed forces day the group set up at the Pavillion at Rouken Glen Park, they have also been working with a school in Barrhead and hope to be partnering up with a school in Pollock shortly (the group are interest in other schools and groups for partnerships).

A new project about to start in partnership between Kirkton Services and Rouken Glen Park, 'Remember the Roukie' (Working title), will be an archaeological, reminiscence and history project. The aim will be to invite about 20 older people to be involved and have school pupils there to record and facilitate interviews and storytelling throughout the course of the project. By March there should be the chance to pull this information together and present it in the Pavilion area of the park. Elaine added that the local history society may have a wealth of information and their documents are now stored at the local library, Liz mentioned Mearns History group and Scott suggested that some of his services users that have information may enjoy this opportunity. Liz also reminded the group that the park has Heritage Lottery funding for the next 18 months, which can pay for transport to and from the park for volunteers and project participants.

Alan is also doing some training with West of Scotland Universities Theatre production students, as they embark on a 12 week project with Jewish Care Giffnock. The project will look at the residents feeling on the community; and use reminiscences to create a production that both generations will participate in, this is scheduled for the end of April.

Scott Currie – Renfrewshire Care & Repair

The group was update on the 'Lighting the Way' scheme which helps those living with Dementia to be able to stay in their homes for longer. CHCP will make referrals to Care and Repair and the residents will pay for items but labour is free (some hardship grants may be available). This scheme may look at emphasising doors, light switches and plug sockets or replacing a modern kettle with something more traditional that is less confusing for the resident.

Care and Repair have also taken on 3 more 18 year olds through the Community Jobs programme, through the Job Centre. The programme will allow these young people to be in a place of work for 6 months, and from our last meeting Scott has reported that he has kept 3 previous participants on.

Mark Brand – Greenspace Officer, ERC

Greenspace has a pot of money which may be used for temporary/ pop up projects, particularly in Barrhead, this will be advertised in more detail Feb/March time, but if any groups have ideas they should get in touch. Mark updated the group that Men's Sheds, Barrhead High and Richmond Fellowship have been contributing to a community garden but as of yet have not managed to bring groups together.

Cheryl mentioned the project run in Westhills Men's Sheds for the Luminate Project

<http://www.luminatescotland.org/outreach/making-it-matters>

<http://www.maklab.co.uk/new-page/>

Details can be found here to contact MAKLab which are keen to offer their services for mobile workshops across Scotland.

Roisin McAuley– The Richmond Fellowship

As well as work with the community garden, TRF have also been making links with local schools to give Dementia Awareness Training. Roisin has also been working with Elaine on a digital reminiscence project; using 2 lots of funding to IT skill share between the generations and for storytelling to be recorded using these new technologies.

Elaine Grogan – ERC

Updates were given from Elaine about the IG Quiz, information is being collated in order to start the planning stages on the 2015 programme. Elaine also informed the group that the digital inclusion project that is being run in partnership with TRF was one of the project ideas initiated at the Giffnock Training the Trainers course, making for two out of the three projects on the day to be underway. Elaine has also been pushing for IG practice to be in the CLD strategy for East Renfrewshire.

Liz Roger - Rouken Glen Park – ERC

The Park is on the lookout for volunteers that can assist in the conservation and gardening groups. There is an opportunity for community groups and schools to take on a small plot of the garden area, under the condition that it is maintained year round.

There is also the opportunity for photography volunteers, recently the current group of volunteers had the opportunity to take a landscape photography course and a nice video camera has been purchased for the park. Liz is keen for groups interested to get in contact and again reminded that participants may access the parks heritage lottery funding to help with transport costs.

Lauren McCullagh – Williamwood High School

New to the meetings Lauren is keen to make more partnerships for the school after their recent audit of current partnerships. The School have active photography and art clubs that may be able to engage with some of the local projects and also have a strong Duke of Edinburgh group of pupils keen to volunteer locally.

3. Generations Working Together Update

GWT Recognition Award - GWT are pleased to announce that the new Recognition Awards 2015 are now open to nominations. The awards celebrate and recognise the commitment and inspirational involvement of practitioners, volunteers and groups who are involved in intergenerational work across Scotland. Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 6th February 2015.

Nominations are invited for the following awards:

- New Intergenerational Project Award (Less than 12 months)
- Established Intergenerational Project Award (Greater than 1 Year)
- The Yvonne Coull Local Network Coordinators Award
- Young Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award
- Older Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award
- Intergenerational Volunteer Award

Conference – Wednesday 4th March 2015 - Lighthouse, Mitchell Street, Glasgow. Booking line now open.

Workshops include:

- Intergenerational Befriending
- Make every move count in care...
- Planning IG work for a long term approach
- A tale of two projects
- The journey of Perth & Kinross network and its partnership with education
- Speed networking for IP
- An introduction to the protection of vulnerable groups
- What happens next?

GWT impact assessment – final report received – GWT hope to share shortly

The Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA) exists to give a strong voice to older people about their concerns and experience of life in Scotland.

The process of visiting local groups around Scotland continues in 2015 with a number of locations identified: Dalkeith: 28 January, Livingstone: 3 February, Irvine: 5 February, Turriff: 10 February, Kirkwall: 18 February, Kilmarnock: 25 February & Falkirk: 6 March

Dates for meetings in Angus, Glasgow, and Renfrewshire to be confirmed.

Programme for the Highlands & Islands Conference taking place on 29th April currently being planned

Intergenerational Training – Courses organised for Aberdeen, Ross-shire and Glasgow – see website for further details – *Glasgow 25th March 10am – 4pm @ Brunswick House, filling up quickly*

Funding Opportunities

YOUNG START funding - Connected strand

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