

Meeting Report – Glasgow Network Meeting



**Generations
Working
Together**

Date: Tuesday 2nd December 2014

Venue: West of Scotland Housing Association, Camlachie House,
40 Barrowfield Drive, Glasgow, G20 3QH

In attendance: Delpine Dallison (MAKLab), Richard Clifford (MAKLab), Alastair Wilson (University of Strathclyde), Scott McNair (Carr Gomm), Liz Wewiora (Glasgow Sculpture Studios), Alison Cameron (West of Scotland HA), Maureen Cusick (Community Central Hall/Maryhill Climate Challenge), Cheryl Ewing (GWT)

Apologies – Kirsty White, Gail Mills (Glasgow Life); Cllr Stephen, Cllr Dr Bartos (Glasgow City Council)

GWT update:

- Cheryl introduced herself to the meeting as the Local Development Officer who will cover South and West of Scotland. Cheryl is the new point of contact following some restructuring of staff within GWT. Cheryl explained part of her role is to support members, give advice and where possible direct organisations where to go for IG partnership work.
- Details of GWT National Conference for next year – (The Lighthouse 4 March 2015) will be posted on the website soon – look out for details -
- **Intergenerational Training** – Glasgow 25th of March
- Joint Improvement Team – Myra Duncan has been researching the impact of Men's Sheds in Scotland. For more information - <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/joint-improvement-team-jit>
- IG Quiz – Final – Congratulations to Team Uplawmoor. For those looking to get involved next time - <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/joint-improvement-team-jit>
- Funding – Big Lottery – Young Start – There has been a poor uptake of this funding under the Connection Strand which has an IG theme. Encouraged to apply.
- Woodlands Trust – Free tree packs for groups available – 120 saplings. Deadline 6 January 2015. <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>
- Meal Makers – Launching a pilot in Dundee. Meal Makers is a local neighbourhood food sharing project connecting people happy to share an extra portion of a home-cooked meal, reducing social isolation and malnutrition in older people. Hoping to roll out in Glasgow in the near future.
- Theatre& - Better Late Than Dead on Time – anyone interesting in hosting this please speak to Cheryl <http://www.theatreand.com/index.php>

Round the table:

- **MAKLab** Delphine and Richard from MAKLab

MAKLab is a personal manufacturing and digital, prototyping service and Delphine (Studio Co-ordinator) spoke to a very interesting presentation outlining the thinking behind the studio. MAKLab is a social enterprise and registered charity since 2012 and is 100% independent. The ethos is to

provide design, manufacturing, social empowerment, support enterprise and skillshops involve IG learning. MAKLab helps to reduce costs and provide established networks for advice and support. The presentation involved a recent IG workshop involved Westhill Men's Shed and students - Making It Matter. This user-led design workshop involved designing and making an installation for SensationALL's sensory garden. This mix of approaches – older generation (pragmatic, not a lot of design) and students (design and not a lot of practical experience) worked really well and it was a very successful workshop.

- **Carr Gomm**

Carr Gomm supports people and communities and Scott works within Community Development based in Edinburgh, involving horticulture, growing spaces and Men's Shed group. They are now looking to work in Glasgow offering similar services.

- **Glasgow Sculpture Studios**

Glasgow Sculpture Studios is an art gallery, studios and workshop. Elizabeth is involved in the learning and engagement programme, providing opportunities for the community to get involved in art workshops, one of which is Creative Cargo which is based on a barge going up and down the canal.

- **University of Strathclyde**

University of Strathclyde is running an IG mentoring programme to encourage and support young disadvantaged people who should have the opportunity to go to university, recognising that good grades is not always enough. Young people matched with older retired people who have worked in the sector which young people are interested in and are able to give them a unique insight and the benefit of their experience. University of Strathclyde has been working in partnership with Springburn Academy.

University also running a literacy clinic where university students and/or retired older people work with children in primary 4 and 5 who need support with learning to read.

- **West of Scotland Housing Association**

West of Scotland received one year's funding from Voluntary Action Fund to engage older people in the community. Alison's role as Co-ordinator involves working with a widespread community, including 8 sheltered complexes and devising programmes to engage the older people, including IG events.

Next meeting: 8th April Community Central Halls, 292 - 316 Maryhill Road, GLASGOW, G20 7YE 10am – 12pm