

## Meeting Report: Argyll & Bute

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Venue: Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT



# Generations Working Together

**In attendance:** Anne Horn (Argyll & Bute Council); Eleanor Sloan (Home-Start MAJIK); Janette Adams (Inverrary Primary School); Cheryl Ewing (GWT).

**Apologies:** Alison McGrory (NHS); Cllr Robin Currie, Cllr Len Scoullar, Provost, Cllr Elaine Robertson, Cllr Sandy Taylor, Michael Breslin, Liz Strang (Argyll & Bute Council); Jamie Wylie (Rockfield Primary School).

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

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. GWT National Update

- 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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>
- 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>

### 3. Round Table Project Updates

### **Janette - Inverrary Primary School**

New to the post, Janette is very keen to form new partner links for the school and undertake IG projects. Some case studies from across Scotland were shared giving good practice examples of Learning through Intergenerational Practice and publications were issued.

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/5252d276ca45a-GWT%20brochure%20FINAL.pdf>

Information was also passed on, showing how mentoring across the ages has work between High Schools in Glasgow and Strathclyde University.

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/schoolofeducation/glasgowintergenerationalmentoringnetwork/>

### **Eleanor - Home-Start MAJIK**

Home-Start Majik volunteers offer support, friendship and practical help to families, with at least one child under 5, who are going through a difficult patch. We will help parents discover or rediscover the joy and fun of parenting. They are people who are parents themselves or who have parenting experience - so they know just what you are going through. Volunteers will visit you in your own home, usually once a week for approximately 2/3 hours. You decide what you will do together. Maybe you need someone to talk to who will not judge you; a shoulder to cry on or perhaps someone to play with or read to your children; maybe a bit of support to make or keep medical appointments or someone to introduce you to local activities for children. You decide.

Eleanor also informed the group of the valuable partnership working Home-Start have been undertaking and is keen to make more links- details of partners information's can be circulated to give info on local training and events etc that would benefit different generations and backgrounds of family.

### **Anne – A&B Council**

The group was updated on an IG coffee morning held for Kintyre Foodbank, where over £300 was raised plus food, and items for the rucksacks project.

- 4. Date of Next Meeting:** Friday 10th April 2015, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown, PA28 6BJ