

Meeting Report: West Dunbartonshire
Date: 19th November 2014
Venue: Young Street Housing Association,
Clydebank



In attendance: Clare MacColl (St Stephen's Primary School); Brian McDermott, Alex Wrens, Cllr Jim Brown (WDC); Cheryl Ewing (GWT); Elaine Bowman (Momentum Skills).

Apologies: Cllr Martin Rooney, Cllr William Hendrie, Anne Clegg (WDC); Angela Carrick (Aspiring Minds Scotland).

1. Cheryl welcomed the group and provided information regarding the set-up of GWT networks.
2. Generations working Together National Update was provided by Cheryl

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.

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 in between 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/>

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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 is 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.

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3. Round Table Project Updates

Brian McDermott – Community Learning and Development

Brian has been personally working with 6 groups in Whitebrook Clydebank including 2 early years, a Polish and an African Church group. This is part of a community mapping initiative.

Elaine Bowman – Momentum Skills

'Momentum Skills provides vocational rehabilitation and training services, empowering people with disabilities and those who are excluded to gain skills that they need to live independently and to gain access to employment.' Information was provided regarding the 5 step employability themed programme, this is structured to meet individual needs, entry and exit is available at any stage.

Stage 1 – Referral and Engagement Activity

Stage 2 – Barrier Removal

Stage 3 – Vocational Activity (including employability skills)

Stage 4 – Employer Engagement and Job Matching

Stage 5 – In Work/Aftercare

The programme is available through self-referral or made by Health Care, Social Workers, Job Centre staff etc.

Alex – Sheltered Housing Co-ordinator

Updates were provided of the Successful Partnership working between Sheltered Housing complexes and local schools/nurseries. Alex shared the award winning 'Games Children Played' project. This year a gardening project has been set up with St Stephens Primary and a complex nearby, groups felt that a more sustainable/long term project would be more beneficial to all involved and the local communities. The Melford Avenue complex has paired with local students for paired reading groups, allowing residents the chance to integrate with the pupils and assist in their learning, breaking down barriers and isolation.

Cllr Jim Brown

Jim suggested getting in contact with Y-Sort it (Gillian Kirkwood), WDCVS (Ceilan Ross), local Girls/Boys Brigade and also to look into the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund. Jim also welcomed the group to contact him on any issues face by those in the Clydebank Ward, or if in need for relevant contacts in specific groups etc.

Clare – St Stephens Primary

Working with the local sheltered housing residents, that Alex touched base with, St Stephens Primary have been working on gardening projects, as a long term project working with the complex. Due to the time of year it has faced some barriers but the groups are eagerly awaiting spring to make a greater impact.

'When Gran was a Girl' provides pupils of St Stephens with the opportunity to pair up with older residents in the area, as some students are not in contact with an elderly person within their family set up.

In the run up to the festive season, the school and local sheltered housing have been working to create a Christmas and Hogmanay Party, with older people teaching traditional Scottish Songs. The school hopes to keep this partnership running into the New Year involving the older people and children in their Wizard of Oz production.

Clare is keen to learn more about the skills of local older people and how they may be used for Friday Mornings 'Golden Time' sessions as a skill share programme of activities for all.

Date of Next Meeting: 23rd of March 2015 @ St. Stephen's Primary School, Second Avenue, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 3LE, 1-3pm