

Meeting Report – South Lanarkshire Network

Date: 11th February 2015

Venue: Terminal One Youth Centre, Logan Street, Blantyre,
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**Generations
Working
Together**

In Attendance: Jeanne Martin (The Prince's Trust); Cheryl Ewing (GWT); Liz Hight (Community Learning & Home School Team); Lesley Miller (COVEYbefriending); Iain Yuill, Claire McGhee (SLC); Odette Frazer, Avril Anderson (Calderglen High School); Linda Anderson (Age Scotland).

Apologies: Kirsty McCabe (Routes to Work South); Stuart Matson (New College Lanarkshire).

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. Generations Working Together Update

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

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>

Recorded Webinar – Small Grants Master Class

Covering our Communities and Families Fund, Awards for All and Investing in Ideas programmes.

<http://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2014/12/20/small-grants-masterclass/>

Education Awards Scotland

A new category responding to requests that the Awards should reflect the wider field of learning has been launched *Transforming lives through partnerships award*

The Scottish Education Awards recognise schools and centres that have developed a vibrant and progressive culture wish to celebrate these successes

Deadline Monday 16th Feb

<http://www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk/>

Age Friendly Museums

Intergen - From Generation to Generation is looking to work with one or two museums to develop and pilot an intergenerational museum visiting service. If you are interested, please contact Intergen's Executive Director, Professor Norma Raynes at norma.raynes@intergen.org.uk. Intergen brings older and younger people together in their neighbourhood schools to strengthen communities, tap into older citizens' skills and raise pupils' aspirations.

[http://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/54b78f4f4a8d1-](http://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/54b78f4f4a8d1-Age%20Collective%20Jan%202015.pdf)

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Intergenerational Learning & Tutoring Seminar

A half-day seminar to introduce topics of intergenerational learning and tutoring, is to be held on February 24, 2015, 12:30–16:00

Speakers will include

Mike Osborne, Professor Adult and Lifelong learning University of Glasgow

Jane Watts, Senior Research Fellow, National Institute of Life long and Continuing learning

Alison Clyde – National Development Officer - GWT

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/teaching-your-grandmother-to-suck-eggs-27-01-2015>

3. Member Updates

Liz Hight – EK Men's Sheds – Held their AGM in January, is now constituted, has office bearers and is in the process of setting up a bank account in order to start applying for funding. Membership is currently sitting at 16 men, and growing with each monthly meeting! They are awaiting confirmation of premises at Hairmyers, St. James Centre. The group are working in close partnership with Buddsfield Charity headed up by Trina Gibson.

Linda updated the group on Hamilton's Men's Shed who are working from 2 portakabins from Hamilton Accies Football Stadium. They have a similar amount of men involved who also have a wide variety of skills. Linda gave Liz the contact information for Liz to make links between the two groups.

St. Vincent's Primary Scotland Reads – the Paired Reading Project is carrying on as usual on a weekly basis, with 24 volunteers consisting of parents and carers from the school, people from the

local church and other interested parties from the local community who are working with 30 P2-P7's weekly to engage them in reading whilst also providing a mentoring role.

St. Vincent's Primary P3 "Grandbuddies Project" – 26 P3 pupils will be meeting their (14) "Grandbuddies" next week for the first time to take part in a 6-week positive ageing project linking to the pupils "Our Community" topic.

Claire McGhee – Pits, Ponies, People and Stories – Claire feedback on this Heritage Lottery funded Project which has many strands to it and is growing from strength to strength with hundreds of volunteers from throughout South Lanarkshire involved. The Project concentrates on the Mining Heritage of South Lanarkshire (From Rutherglen to the Leadhills). The strands consist of a Community Film group involving 1000 school children and 80 volunteers; a Storybook written by S.Lan schoolchildren, a re-enactment of the history of mining involving 4 local secondary schools, an exhibition of the work will be displayed at Low Parks Museum in Hamilton and a P,P,P & S Website is being built which will go live at the end of the Project.

Linda Anderson – Age Scotland reported that they will be holding an Intergenerational Workshop at their next Network meeting.

Lesley Miller – COVEY Befriending Project reported that although many Covey staff had participated in the "Training for Trainers in IGW", Covey has undergone many staff and Project changes but once settled again will pick up on the IG focus once again.

Odette Frazer, DHT, Calderglen High School informed the group about **the Calderglen Befriending Project** and how it evolved in the school from funding from the European Commission. Odette has now forged close links with local community activist, **Avril Anderson** who had facilitated the Project for the last 4 years as she has close links between the school and the community. Presently 12 S6 pupils are making weekly visits to older people 's homes to assist with anything that's needed including learning how to use skype, gardening, light housework, baking together, playing board games together, chatting and having fun. The young people learn loads about positive ageing, history brought to life and many end up forging friendships which go on longer than their time with the Project. They develop crucial skills such as concern, care, compassion, and empathy. The older people report many benefits including a greater understanding and tolerance of young people whilst really enjoying their company and feeling less isolated and more worthwhile. The Project has won the Provosts Silver Salver Award the last 3 years in a row from the Crime Prevention Panel, and the young people have picked up many awards including Saltire and Duke of Edinburgh. Cheryl shared information with Odette and Avril on free training on dementia provided by Alzheimer's Scotland Friends of Dementia. Claire said that she was very keen on setting up a Project with younger people and people with the onset of dementia as studies have proved that contact of this sort assists lucidity and prolongs life. Cheryl also shared that the project Action on Hearing Loss is currently looking for volunteers to help people fix their hearing aids. She also mentioned a project taking place in Dunbar, which is a Mentoring Project for young people going to University for the first time. Older people would mentor them in preparation for independent living such as domestic jobs, budget cooking, budgeting etc.

Iain Yuill – Community Learning Worker instigated a discussion on the role of Carehomes in Intergenerational Work. Participation was on a very individual basis. The group felt there might be a lack of understanding of what Intergenerational Work is and it's benefits. Linda suggested approaching Residents Associations within the homes for perhaps a more positive outcome. Iain reported back on the IG work he's been doing involving families in Pipebands in Larkhall and Stonehouse. He also has a Dads' Group in Lanark who is making an animated film based on a Comic

Book written by a Dad in order to help get his son to sleep at night. A Women's Group in Lesmahagow is keen to follow suit!

Jeanne Martin - The Prince's Trust explained the challenges the PT has in initiating IG work due to the structure of the PT which is delivered by partners such as schools, BUPA, Samsung etc. They are currently moving Centre and are gathering information on IG work in order to look at how it can be delivered within their service. PT have identified that the new purpose built setting will only be used 9-5 and are keen to engage with community groups that may be able to use the centre as a base for activities. Anybody from the Clyde Valley interested in this opportunity should get in contact with Jeanne.

4. Date of next meeting: TBC