

## Meeting Report – East Renfrewshire Network

**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Venue:** Arklet Housing Association, Barrland Court,  
Barrland Drive, Giffnock, G46 7QD.



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**In Attendance:** Elaine Grogan, Vivienne Middleton, Heather McVie, Liz Roger (East Renfrewshire Council); Lorraine Bruce (The Richmond Fellowship); Lauren McCullagh (Williamwood High School). Cheryl Ewing (GWT); Susan Higgins (Arklet Housing Association).

**Apologies:** Mark Brand, Alan Stevenson (East Renfrewshire Council); Dorothy Smith; Carlibar Primary School.

### 1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting and prior to round-table introductions provided brief information on resources for Men's Shed, Quiz toolkit and other GWT resources.

### 2. Member Updates:

#### **Elaine Grogan & Heather McVie– East Renfrewshire Council**

Members of the East Renfrewshire Intergenerational Quiz partnerships will be meeting next week to look over details from last year's quiz and plan the 2015 Quiz. Primary Schools signed up are, Uplawmoor, Carlibar, Calderwood Lodge and Eaglesham; Secondary's helping to document and assist are Barrhead, Eastwood and Williamwood.

#### **Lauren McCullagh – Williamwood High School**

Next years new S5 pupils will be assisting with the quiz, helping to document the journey. Pupils are also working in partnership with The Richmond Fellowship to develop an Ipad reminiscing project that will end with pupils learning bookbinding skills.

#### **Lorraine Bruce – The Richmond Fellowship**

Lorraine gave some more details of the reminiscing project, that it will have an organic approach, working with the groups of younger and older people, finding out what each group wishes to achieve and building it from there.

There will be a community get together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of June, bringing together Dementia sufferers with their family and carers. Elaine mentioned that if re running this event it could be tied in with Silver Sunday on 4<sup>th</sup> of October : <http://silversunday.org.uk/>

#### **Liz Roger – East Renfrewshire Council (Rouken Glen Park)**

Reminiscing exhibition is now on within the Visitors Centre, showcasing memories of Rouken Glen. If there is enough interest there may be the possibility to run the project again with more recording etc. Liz also updated the group that there are monthly Photography and History groups taking place within the park. There is the possibility to create a booklet capturing the memories gathered, with the funding the park has received from Heritage Lottery Fund, this is up Summer 2016. Archaeology Scotland are recruiting Young People for newly run projects within the park, if you have any young people that may be interested please contact Liz. There will also be a public meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> June to gather views and opinions of the park and its facilities.

With the Heritage Lottery Funding due to finish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May bank holiday 2016, Liz is keen to hold a celebration day, bringing together the community and partners.

### **3. Generations Working Together – National Update**

Alison is really delighted and relieved to announce that GWT received another year of funding from the Scottish Government enabling us to continue with our work however there has also been some changes. The Steering Group have decided to apply for charitable status and become our own charity and has sadly made our Administrator, Betty Matheson redundant at the end of March 2015 due to funding reductions. Betty was very sad to leave however is doing really well. Betty would like to thank everyone for the kind comments she received.

The Scottish Mentoring Network have been a brilliant host for GWT and will continue to support us until we are able to go it alone completely, hopefully by the end of March 2016. Alison shall be taking on a more strategic role over the next few months and will be drafting up the constitution and application to become a SCIO, setting up a business plan, and identifying future funders for other pieces of work.

**GWT is recruiting** a freelance Local Network Development Officer to support roughly 11 networks across the Highlands & Islands for up to 14 hours per week. Further details and a job description can be found at:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-vacancy-04-05-2015>

**The GWT Conference** held last month in Glasgow saw 141 delegates participate. Presentations from speakers, facilitators and films are now viewable from the GWT website. At the end of the day GWT announced the winner of our first Recognition Awards. We were delighted to receive 47 applications, an excellent response for our first year. Will be repeated later this year and again presented at next year's conference.

#### **Congratulations to the following winners:**

- New Intergenerational Project Award (Less than 12 months) – “Big” Club Nairn, Beginners Internet Group
- Established Intergenerational Project Award (Greater than 1 Year) – Intergenerational Quiz, East Renfrewshire & Renfrewshire Council
- The Yvonne Coull Local Network Coordinators Award – Susan McDonald, Renfrewshire Network
- Young Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award – Julia Thain, Connect Project, Orkney Befriending
- Older Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award – William Richardson, Old School Graffiti Project & It's the people that make the place
- Intergenerational Volunteer Award – Avril Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator

**GWT have also held a Highlands & Islands Conference** on 29th April in Inverness with 75 delegates. Feedback has been extremely positive with some great projects taking place across the north of Scotland. Presentations and pictures will be uploaded to the website shortly.

**GWT external evaluation** – copies distributed and available for download from the GWT website

**National Intergenerational Quiz Toolkit** – Copies distributed and also available online

GWT will provide support via the toolkit to local areas encouraging practitioners to hold their own regional quiz. GWT will in the next few months be applying for funding for a P/T coordinator to roll out the programme and hold the first national quiz late 2016.

### **Men's Sheds Report – Joint Improvement Team**

A new report on Men's Sheds has recently been published by the Joint Improvement Team which can be accessed on the Joint Health Improvement Team's (JIT) website.

<http://www.jitscotland.org.uk/resource/report-mens-sheds-scotland/>

The document reports on a piece of investigative research undertaken to find out why the community based initiative Men's Sheds has spread across Scotland and whether there is any learning to be drawn from this which might be shared and applied to other community based initiatives.

### **AOB**

- Paths for All recently announced that they had secured £300,000 from the Life Changes Trust to develop a dementia friendly walking community

**Next meeting: TBC**