

## Meeting Report – Inverclyde Network

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

**Venue:** CVS Inverclyde, 20 Pottery St, Greenock, PA15 2UH



**In Attendance:** Jeanne Martin (The Prince's Trust); Geri Sinclair (CVS Inverclyde); Tracy Gilmour (Alzheimer Scotland); Kavin Jannetts (No Nonsense Productions); Emma Maxwell (West College Scotland); Cheryl Ewing (GWT).

**Apologies:** Jim MacLeod (Inverclyde Council); Gwyneth MacDonald (Mind Mosaic); Pamela McLean, Gerry Bergin (Inverclyde Libraries); Isobel Kerr (Your Voice); Michelle O'Donnell (Circles Network).

### 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

GWT Recognition Award - GWT are pleased to announce that the new Recognition Awards 2015 are now open to nominations. The awards celebrate and recognise the commitment and inspirational involvement of practitioners, volunteers and groups who are involved in intergenerational work across Scotland. Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 6th February 2015.

#### **Nominations are invited for the following awards:**

- New Intergenerational Project Award (Less than 12 months)
- Established Intergenerational Project Award (Greater than 1 Year)
- The Yvonne Coull Local Network Coordinators Award
- Young Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award
- Older Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award
- Intergenerational Volunteer Award

**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

**The Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA)** exists to give a strong voice to older people about their concerns and experience of life in Scotland.

The process of visiting local groups around Scotland continues in 2015 with a number of locations identified: Dalkeith: 28 January, Livingstone: 3 February, Irvine: 5 February, Turriff: 10 February, Kirkwall: 18 February, Kilmarnock: 25 February & Falkirk: 6 March  
Dates for meetings in Angus, Glasgow, and Renfrewshire to be confirmed.

**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](mailto: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-Age%20Collective%20Jan%202015.pdf> See page 5, opportunities section.

### **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 Life long 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**

#### **Geri Sinclair – CVS Inverclyde**

The group were presented with the new Inverclyde Life website. <http://www.inverclydelife.com/>

This is a community directory enabling community groups to promote and advertise services and events. It also allows for individuals to search for help and opportunities either by area or item of interest.

The share your skills section also allows individuals to register their help for specific projects and areas where they have expertise. It was found that some people may not want to engage in 'volunteering' as this gave the impression of a long term commitment but were happy to lend a hand on occasions.

InverLotto is Inverclyde's community lottery. By playing you are helping to raise money for local charities and community groups. At the same time you get a chance to win up to £25,000. 50p of each £1 tickets goes directly to charity - helping great causes in the Inverclyde area. This is a great way to raise small funds for local groups.

<http://www.inverclydelife.com/help-out/play-inverlotto>

#### **Emma Maxwell – West Scotland College**

As Essential Skills Lecturer Emma part of Emma's remit is to make partnership links within the community. The group was informed of the colleges involvement with Inverclyde TV <http://inverclyde-tv.com/> and how students at the college are able to record and broadcast promotional videos for local community groups free of charge.

Recently Emma has been running a Boccai tournament with her Additional Support Needs Class, this has been in partnership with Active Schools and Service user at Key Housing. Hopefully this will be able to roll out into the wider community once this pilot stage of the programme has finished in March.

#### **Tracy Gilmour – Alzheimer's Scotland.**

The group was updated on Dementia Friends project <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/>

Tracy can also provide 1 hour awareness sessions to community groups, looking at 5 key messages dementia. Alzheimer's Scotland are keen to get Schools involved in raising awareness and understanding issues surrounding dementia, schools can sign up through Dementia Friends.

There is also possibility for another Memory Walk to take place this year.

#### **Jeanne Martin – The Prince's Trust**

There will be a new Youth Employability Centre (The largest in Scotland) opening this year and Jeanne is making links with community groups over the Clyde Valley. The new centre will have a digital learning suite which has been kitted out by Samsung. There is a chance for new projects to start up and make use of this new facility.

### **Kevin Jannettes - No Nonsense Productions**

Over the end of Last year Kevin was busy with 3 productions involving groups such as ATTIC Players, Largs Players and No Nonsense Productions. Each of these groups pull together an IG cast. With the Largs Players Panto production there was valuable partnership working between Make-up and photography students, assisting each other.

Kevin is in the process of registering a community interest company in order to use Radio Play within the community.

**4. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 13th May 2015, 10:00am - 12:00pm at CVS Inverclyde, 20 Pottery St, Greenock, PA15 2UH