

Meeting Report - Angus Network Meeting

Date: Wednesday 7th October 2015 Venue: Voluntary Action Angus

In attendance: David McKenzie (Scottish Fire & Rescue), Marie Fenton (St Margaret's Primary School), Mhairi Dickson (Angus Council), Peter Davidson (Links Park Community Trust), Alison Clyde (GWT) & Kay Robertson (Voluntary Action Angus – who popped in at the end of meeting)

Apologies: Jean Malcolm (Contact the Elderly), Heidi Cathro (CMHT (older people)), Cllr Valentine & Cllr Sheena Welsh (Angus Council), Jim Coyle (Hayshead Primary School), Lorraine Kennedy (Montrose Academy), Graeme Wallace (Forfar Academy), Carol Stobie (Scotland's Urban Past), Suzi Baxter (Balhousie), Bobbi Murray (Voluntary Action Angus)

GWT national update:

GWT secured funding in March 2015 from the Scottish Governments, Equality Fund.

GWT's programme outcomes for 2015-16 include:

- Older people are acknowledged as assets to their communities increasing their participation and contribution
- Member organisations, including those working with protected characteristics, develop projects that use intergenerational approaches to challenge ageism
- More local authorities, national public agencies & organisations adopt intergenerational approaches to address the challenges of our ageing society and promote positive images of older people

We are hoping to set up a thematic network for groups and organisations who fall under protected characteristics to showcase what's happening intergenerationally across Scotland, help members formulate and build ideas and projects and provide the chance for them to network. The network will meet three times a year with the first meeting being planned for January 2016.

SCIO Status - We are delighted to announce that on the 29th July 2015, GWT were awarded charity status and are now a fully-fledged Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

GWT Constitution – copies available on request from alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Our charity purposes include:

- *The promotion of intergenerational relationships to further the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage.*
- *The promotion of equality and diversity*
- *The advancement of citizenship and community development*

These are our three primary purposes however we also intend to work to deliver the advancement of education and health and wellbeing.

The structure of GWT consists of:-

- GENERAL members - who are anyone who applies to join Generations Working Together. These individuals elect their local network representatives as voting members as described below in clause 16;
- VOTING MEMBERS - who have the right to attend voting members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the voting members can appoint general members to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself;

- BOARD - who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

Register of voting members - Alison explained that the general members of each Local Network can elect 2 representatives to be voting members (normally this would include the volunteer Local Network Coordinator but this is subject to the Local Network general members decision).

This is not an onerous role however it is important and gives each local network a say and voting rights at the annual AGM which will be held during the conference on 2nd March 2016.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a voting member please get in touch with Alison.

Get Set for Community Action is a new programme from the Get Set family whose goals are to:

- Strengthen relationships between young people and their communities
- Make those communities healthier, more active and more cohesive places
- Promote the Olympic Values (friendship, excellence and respect) and the Paralympic Values (courage, determination, equality and inspiration)
- **Get Set for Community Action uses the power of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and their assets, to engage, inspire and motivate young people.**
- Thousands of 14-19 year olds – ‘Action Leads’ – will work in teams across the UK, building relationships with local community groups to plan and deliver at least two projects each, in the run-up to the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Programme will be driven by 100 Champion schools (5 in Scotland) supporting and engaging with 500 secondary schools across the UK. www.getsetaction.org.uk

Scotland's Urban Past (SUP) is a five-year nationwide project with the communities of Scotland's towns and cities. Anyone can get involved and start investigating urban environments and how they have changed over time. SUP encourages groups and individuals of all ages to discover and share the fascinating stories of Scotland's towns and cities through community-led projects. As every project idea stems from a local community, the scale and subject of projects varies, ranging from a building, street or neighbourhood, to an entire town or city. To help you to develop your project ideas and bring them to fruition, SUP provides bespoke training, access to essential resources and continued project support. Carol Stobie is keen to speak with anyone who has an idea and hopes to attend the next meeting in January. Contact Carol at carol.stobie@rcahms.gov.uk

National Adult Achievement Award – were launched by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning back in May at Newbattle Abbey College and are now being piloted. These new awards, modelled on the Youth Achievement Awards, will accredit learning for adults in a wide range of contexts, including community settings, colleges, workplaces and volunteering. Newbattle Abbey College is the owner of the awards which were developed by a national steering group.

The Adult Achievement Awards have been credit-rated at SCQF levels 3, 4 and 6 by Napier University and will be piloted by adult groups from different sectors across Scotland in the coming months. GWT will keep you informed of any updates.

<http://scqf.org.uk/adult-achievement-awards-launched/>

GWT Conference 2016 - Wednesday 2nd March 2016 – University of Strathclyde, Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George St, Glasgow G1 1RD

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/research/technologyandinnovationcentre/>

2. An Intergenerational Training course is taking place Monday 23rd November 2015, 10:00am - 4:00pm at Voluntary Action Angus, 32-34 Guthrie Port, Arbroath, Angus, DD11 1RN

The training is split into three sections:

1. An introduction to Intergenerational Practice
2. Bringing generations together (challenges/barriers & stereotypes)
3. Planning and evaluating Intergenerational Practice

Over the past four years training has been provided free of charge however unfortunately due to funding cutbacks this year we have had to introduce a modest fee of £30 per person to cover our costs. To book register at the following link:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training-the-trainer-course-arbroath-23-11-2015>

Our full programme of training courses are now online and can be booked at

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

3. Funding Opportunities

The following funders are very supportive and keen on projects using an intergenerational theme:

- <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund>
- <http://www.hlf.org.uk/>
- <http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/>
- The Big Lottery will be announcing their round of new programmes late Nov early Dec 2015

Copies of all our publications can be found on the GWT website at

www.generationsworkingtogether.org

Round the table/presentations

- Mhairi works with Angus Gold and hopes to encourage members to look at intergenerational projects possibly with a digital inclusion theme. Mhairi is also supporting a potential new men's shed in Arbroath.

Alison suggested checking out a couple of case studies:

Cool computing

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/case-studies/cool-computing-for-couthie-customers>

Get to know your techno

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/case-studies/get-to-know-your-techno>

- Peter works with all ages from 3 to 73 years and would like to look at intergenerational work to connect the generations, which would help fill a gap in provision. Activities include walking football for both men and women and walking groups. Peter works in partnership with SFA and Paths for All and also supports the men's shed in Montrose.
- Its early days for Marie however she would like to develop some IG work within her primary school. One idea is to bring a group of older people into the school to share their gardening skills and in return the pupils will pass on IT skills. Marie has many parents from Eastern Europe who have communication barriers. There may be something here around communication which could also be developed.
- David (Scottish Fire & Rescue) is new in post and is keen to work with intergenerational projects in any way he can.

Actions:

- Alison to send a copy of the Education Publication to Marie Fenton.
- Alison to invite Freda Stewart, Health Improvement Partnership Manager & Fiona Burge (contact for Fiona from Mhairi), Gordon Nicol, Local Housing Manager, reps from libraries, churches, the Havilah project & Scott Nicolls, Football Development Officer to the next network meeting.
- Alison to forward details of the Get Set for Action opportunity to John Cavanagh & Colette McLaren at Montrose Academy
- Mhairi will investigate a venue for the next meeting in Carnoustie (Leisure Centre or maybe the Access Office).

Next meeting: Wed 27th January 2016, 10am – 12noon – Carnoustie Leisure Centre, Links Parade, Carnoustie, Angus DD7 7JB (Venue TBC)