

Dundee Network Meeting

Date: 26th November 2015 Venue: The McManus, Dundee



In attendance: Robin Falconer (Dundee City Council & GWT Coordinator), Alison Clyde (GWT), Alison Goodfellow (The MAXwell Centre), Pam Cook, Karen Boath, Paul Lattin, Jordon Coel, Christy Docherty, Frances Flynn & Mya Davidson (Harris Academy), Laura McDermott & Dorothy Wilson (Dundee City Council), Rod Gordon (Leisure and Culture), Dave Barrie (ADDACTION), Sandra Stewart (Volunteer Centre Dundee) & Daryl Guthrie (Dundee Voluntary Gateway)

Apologies: Cllr Craig Melville, Cllr Fraser MacPherson, Ron McLaren & Cheryl Banks

1. GWT national update:

Alison thanked Rod for hosting the meeting.

- **The GWT Conference** will take place on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 in the University of Strathclyde, Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George St, Glasgow G1 1RD – Registration will open week before Christmas. Alison is working on the programme and asked if anyone wished to showcase any of their IG work. Projects could be showcased in a workshop or at a stall in the information village.
- Alison quickly gave an update on GWT's new charity status, which was awarded in July, mentioning that members of each local network were able to elect two representatives to become **voting members**. Robin and Dave were interested and were voted on by all in attendance. The normal term of office for a voting member will be 2 years however people may stand for re-election at the end of each term of office.
- GWT were invited to attend a **European Symposium on Intergenerational Practice** aimed at bringing together people with a demonstrated interest in intergenerational issues (e.g. learning, relationships, policies, practices) in order to exchange ideas and develop collaboration so that a group of 'critical friends' could be initiated.

Academics and professionals from seven countries were involved including UK, Spain, Netherlands, Poland, Germany, Belgium & Australia. Alison reported that it was a great experience being able to learn and share ideas with a wide range of people who were interested in IG work. There is some exceptional IG training, research and projects taking place across Europe especially in Spain, Germany, Poland and Belgium.

Alison hopes to work closely with Mariano from the University of Granada in Spain to develop an English version of ECIL (European Certificate of Intergenerational Learning) an online intergenerational training course that we hope will be ready late summer of 2016. The course will take 30 hours to complete and Alison is now looking for tutors who might be interested in getting involved. Mariano is also about to pilot an intergenerational primary school taking learning from a school in America. Mariano would like to hear from anyone who is currently running intergenerational projects within primary schools.

For further info on any of the above please email Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

• Accelerating Ideas Project - Big Lottery

Alison has been working closely with colleagues from Linking Generations Northern Ireland to share good practice between Scotland and Northern Ireland (NI) with a 4-year project bid being submitted in November to the Big Lottery. If successful NI would be using our network model to create 11 local networks across NI and we would be looking to set up age friendly

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school projects and adapt existing NI intergenerational toolkits for Scottish cities & communities who are working towards the age friendly agenda.

- **Invitation to take part in *Get Set for Community Action*** - In the build up to the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio do Janeiro 2016, Age Scotland has been approached by the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the British Paralympic Association (BPA) to invite member groups to consider getting involved by organising community activities which promote physical activity and health and wellbeing for their members.

The activities will be organised jointly by older people and local secondary school children and will be supported by an Age Scotland member of staff. They could be one-off events or a regular activity delivered over a period of time. Activities could include tea dances, sharing memories of previous Olympic and Paralympic Games, sports taster days: anything, in fact, that assists older people to get more active while at the same time bringing the generations together. It's likely most activities will take place in Spring/early Summer 2016.

If your group is interested in finding out more information about the project or would like to register your interest in taking part, please get in touch with Elizabeth Bryan, Community Development Co-ordinator.

E-mail: elizabeth.bryan@agescotland.org.uk Direct Dial: 0845 833 9328

- **'Better Late Than Dead On Time'** commissioned by Road Safety Scotland and available to your community for FREE. This performance is open to all groups and venues and is touring all of Scotland from the 22nd January – 25th February 2016. The performance is aimed at all generations from 12+ and looks at the impact of driver and pedestrian behaviour on one family. It is followed by a brief workshop that addresses how road safety impacts us all, regardless of what age we may be.

The issues are dealt with sensitively but presented in a realistic and humorous way to encourage interaction between different generations. This lasts just 1 hour in total – more information is attached. You are more than welcome to incorporate this performance into a community safety event and therefore may wish to have the performance on an evening or weekend and invite family and friends along. Please note however we are not offering this performance to schools.

If you require any further information, please contact me by telephone 01484 664078 or e-mail pharris@theatreand.com.

- ***SQA is producing guides to help people with no, or very little, experience in using digital devices and accessing the Internet. The guides cover a wide range of online activities such as searching, booking tickets and appointments, using social media applications, opening accounts and filling in application form.***

These draft guides are ready for testing and SQA now have a group from the Princes Trust (young learners aged 16-25) who have agreed to carry out testing for them. However they are still looking for other learner age-groups/demographics willing to test the guides.

SQA can either organise an informal workshop in Optima, Glasgow, or can come to your premises and meet with your groups at a time/date that suits you/them. The primary aim is to find a group of senior learners to get feedback from who have limited digital skills. SQA have

volunteers who are happy to come and help out, sitting with learners one to one as they work through the guides. If you think this is something you can help with, I'd be very grateful; SQA will be launching the Guides in March so it would be good to have a feedback/test session at some point before the end of January if possible.

If you are interested in taking part or would like more information please get in touch with Liz Sinclair: e-mail liz.sinclair@sqa.org.uk or telephone 0345 213 5485

- **Copies of all our publications** can be found on the GWT website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org
- 2. **Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers** – Tuesday 15th March 2016, 10:00am - 4:00pm at North Inch Community Campus, Gowans Terrace, Perth PH1 5BF

The training is split into three sections:

1. An introduction to Intergenerational Practice
2. Bringing generations together
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.

3. Presentations

- Harris Academy staff and pupils provided an insight into their truly inspiring intergenerational project that included pupils from Harris Academy working with residents of Balhousie Clement Park Care Home. Videos were shown which we hope can go up onto the GWT website (Alison to contact Pam Cook).

The project has achieved great benefits for both the older and younger people including reducing isolation, increasing better relationships between the generations, reducing stereotypes, building self esteem and confidence with three of the pupils involved going on to attain part time employment and voluntary work at the care home.

- Rod Gordon, Heritage Development Officer from the McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum shared information regarding Talking Dundee an oral history project. Rod's role is to engage new and hard to reach museum audiences. With a broad Health & Well being agenda, he uses oral history in community outreach sessions, and arranges and delivers community group visits to the various Leisure & Culture Dundee museums. Rod can be contacted on rod.gordon@leisureandculturedundee.com

4. Local Network Coordinator for Dundee

Alison explained that although Robin is happy to stand in as coordinator due to work commitments he is unable take part in the GWT coordinator sessions in Glasgow and may have a problem attending all the Dundee meetings. Robin and Alison would be keen to hear from anyone who would like to share the coordinator post for Dundee.

5. **Next meeting:** Wednesday 30th March 1.30 - 4pm, in the MAXwell Centre, St Salvadors Hall, Carnegie Street, Dundee, DD3 7EW. Other 2016 dates were confirmed for Thursday 9th June (possible venue Mitchell Street Centre) & Thursday 29th September (venue TBC) – If you would like to host a meeting please let Alison or Robin know?