



Forth Valley Network Meeting

Date: 12th January 2016 **Venue:** CVS Falkirk & District

In attendance: Adele McNee (SACRO), Lindsay Mckrell & Barbara Fulford (Stirling Council Libraries), Gail Barton (Town Break), Ann Maitland (Kincardine in Menteith & Thornhill Primaries), Liz Rowlett (CTSI Clacks), Laura Kennedy & Tracey Fullerton (Living it Up), Andrew James Baker (Police Scotland), Jennifer Thomson (Falkirk Community Trust – museums), Julie Law (FDAMH), Alison Clyde (GWT), Kay Wood (Make it Happen Falkirk), Anna Sandland (Forth Valley Enterprise), Polly Rodger (SVE), Carolyn Dick (CVS Falkirk), Anne Lindsay (Barnardos), Gill Ross (Stirling Council, Digital Inclusion), Lynne Vint (Antonine Primary) & Naomi Kenny (Falkirk Community Trust Libraries)

Apologies: May Chamberlain (Relationship Scotland), Marie Urquhart & Janette Mitchell (Raploch Community Partnership), Lorrain Dollard (Cambusbarron Primary) & David Cairns (NHS Forth Valley)

GWT national update:

- **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 is now open. Check out website for programme and registration.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2016-02-03-2016>
- 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.

- **European Certificate of Intergenerational Learning (ECIL)** - Alison will be working closely with Mariano from the University of Granada in Spain to develop an English version of ECIL 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
- **Intergenerational training for practitioners and trainers** – The day is split into three sections:
 1. An introduction to Intergenerational Practice
 2. Bringing generations together
 3. Planning and evaluating Intergenerational PracticeCost: £30 per person
Your nearest training course will run on:
26th January – Brunswick House, 51 Wilson Street, Glasgow
15th March – North Inch Community Campus, Perth
Register at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/>

- **Accelerating Ideas Project - Big Lottery**

Over the past few months Alison has been working closely with colleagues from Linking Generations Northern Ireland (NI) to apply to the Big Lottery to deliver a 4-year project bid. We have now been successful and have been granted six months of development funding to continue to develop the project which would see NI using our network model to create 11 local networks and in Scotland we would be looking to set up age friendly school projects and adapt existing NI intergenerational toolkits for use in Scottish cities & communities who are working towards the age friendly agenda.

- **GWT Recognition Awards 2016 – Closing date 5th Feb 2016**

The awards celebrate and recognise the outstanding talent, commitment and inspirational involvement of workers, volunteers and groups who promote Intergenerational activities.

This year there are six categories:

1. New intergenerational project (Less than 12months)
2. Established intergenerational project (Greater than 1 year)
3. Yvonne Coull, Local Network Coordinators Award (will be nominated by GWT staff and submitted to awards panel)
4. Young person contributing to intergenerational work
5. Older person contributing to intergenerational work
6. Building successful partnerships through intergenerational work

Please submit your completed forms to Cheryl@generationsworkingtogether.org or post to Generations Working Together, 3rd Floor Brunswick House, 51 Wilson Street, Glasgow, G1 1UZ.

Round the table/presentations

- **Protected Characteristics** Thematic network will meet three times a year:
 - Wed 25th May, Brunswick House, 51 Wilson Street, Glasgow
 - Tuesday 6th September, Inverness - Venue TBC
 - Monday 21st or 28th November 2016, Perth – Venue TBCAnna provided an update on the Homeshare pilot a programme, which puts together "householders" (i.e. people who have a home which they are willing to share but who are in need of some help and support) and "Homesharers" (young people who need low cost accommodation and are willing to offer help). www.homeshare-scotland.org
Anna also mentioned that they were running a theatre workshop with the production 'Better Late than Dead on Time'. Anna hoped to involve older people from the local area and Denny High School pupils.
- Stirling libraries are still involved in intergenerational work with Barbara organising an intergenerational craft day where younger and older people will be swapping craft skills involving cross stitch, weaving, loom bands etc.
- Kay mentioned a group of older people (crafty hookers) who were teaching P6 & 7's from Denny Primary School how to crochet
- Andrew mentioned that Police Scotland were looking to work closely with three groups of youths aged 8-11, 11-14 and 15-17 from the Bowhouse area of Grangemouth. The work is currently being scoped out and has the potential to include intergenerational work.
- Julie mentioned that Forth Valley had a relatively new network, which was looking at the issue of loneliness. Next meeting planned for 27th January 2016.
- Super Jam Tea Parties – a brilliant intergenerational idea
<http://www.superjamteaparties.com/>

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- Victoria McRae, CVS Falkirk & District has agreed to take on the Forth Valley Coordinator Role and be one of the voting members. GWT is looking for another member of the Forth Valley Network to agree to be a voting member. Voting members will be invited to attend AGM's and any other extraordinary AGM's. Alison would like to encourage members from Stirling or Clacks area to consider the position.

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 are recruiting a P/T Finance & Administrative Officer to work in the Glasgow office, 14 hours per week, £20,253 pro rata more details on the website.

Meetings for 2016:

- Tuesday 10th May, 9.30am – 11.30am in Islay House South, 4 Livilands Lane, Stirling, FK8 2BG
- Tuesday 27th September, 9.30 – 11.30 in Alloa, Venue TBC