

Fife Network Meeting

Date: 26th January 2016 Venue: The Ecology Centre, Kinghorn

In attendance: Alison Clyde & Aiveen Ryan (GWT), Lesley Carcary (Action on Elder Abuse), Fiona Dale (Physical Activity Coordinator), Marie Boyne (Fife Forum), Marysia Lachowicz (Freelance), Jo Hobbett, Lisa & Mark (The Ecology Centre), Cllr George Kay (Fife Council) & Ross Caldwell (Heart & Sound)

Apologies: Charles Trzeciak (Scottish Fisheries), Tom Bishop (Dunfermline Advocacy), Liz Reid (Homeshare), Cllr Alex Campbell, Cllr David Ross, Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr Alistair Hunter, Margaret McSeveney (Fife Folk Museum) & Charles Litster (Disabilities Fife).

GWT national update:

- **GWT Conference** will take place on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 in the University of Strathclyde, Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George St, Glasgow G1 1RD
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2016-02-03-2016>

- GWT were invited to attend a **European Conference 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.
- **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 15th March. North Inch Community Campus, Perth <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/>

- **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 school projects and adapt existing NI intergenerational toolkits for 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 TBC
- Fiona Dale, physical activity for Fife is hoping to start an IG dance project shortly
- Mark from The Ecology Centre gave a presentation on the wonderful work of their intergenerational tool shed sharing examples and stories from some of their members. Hoping to create a project working with people living with dementia. Alison mentioned to Jo that it would be great to have a case study written up of the dementia pilot run last year.
<http://www.theecologycentre.org/>
[http://theecologycentre.org/333 Toolworkshhop.html](http://theecologycentre.org/333_Toolworkshhop.html)
- Men's sheds being created in Glenrothes and Oakley
- Ross is keen to investigate the possibility of an IG project around revamping music equipment.
- George mentioned that GWT could possibly visit area members meetings to raise profile of intergenerational work to councillors. Approximately twelve councillors attend each meeting. George will provide further details for Aiveen and Alison to chase up.
- Intergenerational work taking place in bowling clubs in Cupar and Methall.

Funding - R S Macdonald Charitable Trust are keen to fund intergenerational dementia projects
www.rsmacdonald.com

AOB

Alison asked if anyone would be interested in becoming a GWT voting member on behalf of the Fife Network. Aiveen as coordinator was voted in with one space still remaining. If anyone is interested please get in touch with Alison or Aiveen. 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.

Next meeting:

- Tuesday 24th May 2016, from 10am – 12noon, Beehive Community Arts Centre, 16 College Street, Buckhaven, Fife, KY8 1JX.
- Tuesday 20th September 2016, 10am – 12noon, Venue TBC