

## Angus Network Meeting

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Venue: Carnoustie Leisure Centre, Carnoustie



**In attendance:** Alison Clyde (GWT), Kay Robertson (VAA), David McKenzie (Scottish Fire and Rescue), Katie Gallacher (Carnoustie High School), Dorothy Bruce, Jean & Graham Malcolm & Liz Howson (Contact the Elderly), Mhairi Dickson (Angus Council), Cllr Jim Houston (Angus Council), Sandra Livingston (Angus Council) & John McCrank (Truth)

**Apologies:** Cllr Jeanette Gaul, Linda Babbs (Communities Officer), Lorraine Kennedy (Montrose Academy), Suzy Baxter (Balhousie Antiquary) & Jill Boni

### GWT national update:

- **GWT Conference**, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 in the University of Strathclyde, Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George St, Glasgow G1 1RD
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> March. Perth
- **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### Round the table/presentations

Unfortunately Carol Stobie, Scotland's Urban Past did not show for her presentation – Alison to email Carol and invite to the next meeting.

- **Protected Characteristics** Thematic network will meet three times a year:
  - Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May, Brunswick House, 51 Wilson Street, Glasgow
  - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Inverness - Venue TBC
  - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Perth – Venue TBC
- VAA ran a project with Brechin High School around the History of Brechin then looking at the present and future. The pupils took the lead on the project and who they wanted to work with. We did some work with a local residential home but unfortunately due to timings could not get both groups together at the same time. The pupils then helped the staff at VAA to organise a community day where the local community of Brechin could come along and tell us what they remember about Brechin and what they would like to see change. The final piece of work was an art piece that become a material tree.
- Mhairi mentioned that she was still exploring ideas for some intergenerational projects around digital photography and that she'd recently received a copy of the 'Walk in our Shoes' toolkit which she hoped to do in partnership with Linda Babbs. Mhairi reported that a recently appointed officer (allotments and gardening) was looking to link with older and younger people.
- Carnoustie school has help an open day where the pupils shared technology and passed skills onto older people
- Katie who worked in the computing department at Carnoustie High School was interested in setting up a digital intergenerational project. Alison mentioned that Katie may be interested in looking at two case studies on the website  
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/case-studies/get-to-know-your-techno>  
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/case-studies/cool-computing-for-couthie-customers>
- NEAT volunteers are currently working with older people (Credit Union)
- Jean from Contact the Elderly mentioned that she didn't really consider their work as intergenerational however they were recently receiving a few younger volunteer applications. One volunteer aged 26 years was currently undertaking a PHD on how to design out Loneliness.

**Funding** - R S Macdonald Charitable Trust are keen to fund intergenerational dementia projects  
[www.rsmacdonald.com](http://www.rsmacdonald.com)

### AOB

It was agreed that Kay as coordinator would be one of Fife networks voting members who could attend the GWT AGM. One voting member space still vacant. 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

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, 10am – 12noon, Brechin Community Campus – TBC
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 10.30am – 12.30noon, Arbroath – venue TBC