

Perth & Kinross Network Meeting

Date: Thursday 9th June 2016

In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Gary Brown (PKC & GWT Coordinator), Michele Maddox (Citizens Advice), Amanda Sword & Sheila Baxter (Renaissance Care), Cath Gray (PKC), Audra Webster (Healthy Communities) & Cat Gordon (PKC)

Apologies: Fiona Matthews (Alzheimer Scotland), Carolyn Wilson (Health & Social Care, Victoria McCarthy (Murthly Primary), Roseann Gray (CLD), Cheryl Banks (Balhousie Care), Bev Leslie (Blairgowrie High), Lucy Pringle (Royal School of Dunkeld), Jenny Miller (CSOA), Fiona Robertson (Perth Grammar) & Jill McCorquodale

GWT national update:

- Please help us by providing feedback via GWT survey – deadline 22nd June
<https://sorina3.typeform.com/to/jIS8S5>
- **Glasgow and Inverness conference** presentations now available to download on the GWT website
- Our new **Protected Characteristics Network** will hold three Intergenerational Learning Events across Scotland inviting organisations to come together to learn more about intergenerational work and provide vital information to help GWT support more groups which fall under the banner of protected characteristics including age, disability, race and sexual orientation (LGBT).
 - Monday 27th June, 9.30am – 12noon, Brunswick House, Glasgow
 - Tuesday 13th September, 11.30 – 2pm, The Spectrum Centre, Inverness
 - 28th November 2016, Aberdeen (time & venue TBC)
- **Accelerating Ideas Project - Big Lottery (6 months development funding secured)**
Work is progressing with our partners in Northern Ireland and we plan to submit our stage 2 application to BIG by Monday 13th June, the application will be submitted to the BIG Lottery Board in July or September. GWT has successfully recruited two schools in both Glasgow and Perth & Kinross to take part in the Age Friendly School part of the project. The two Perth & Kinross Schools include the Royal School of Dunkeld and Perth Grammar. An invitation will be sent to members who work with older people in these areas to get in touch if they'd like to get involved. If successful we hope the project will commence with a planning group meeting in August/September.
Actions: Audra Webster and Beechmanor Care Home would like to get involved
- **Intergenerational training Course for Practitioners and Trainers** - our current programme of training courses has now finished – new courses will be planned later in the year for the Autumn. If you would like to host or attend a course please get in touch with Cheryl/Alison.
- **International Certificate of Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)(50 hours online course)** – Access now granted for GWT staff to review the online materials over the next few months. Six tutors recruited to undertake the pilot. More information to follow after the summer.
- **BBC Do Something Great & Intergenerational Volunteering**
BBC launches volunteering initiative encouraging people to Do Something Great. This year the Generations Working Together is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC045851

BBC will be encouraging audiences to Do Something Great and discover their 'inner volunteer'. For more information on Intergenerational Volunteering please visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3vPtzxD0PthCS4yYsB9sDxg/intergenerational-volunteering>

- Hairy Bikers Si and Dave will take on one of their biggest challenges – bringing together pensioners and troubled teens, in **Old School with the Hairy Bikers** for BBC Two, to see if 12 unlikely couples spending time together as equals can transform their difficult lives. This is aired on **BBC2 on Tuesdays at 9pm**.

Funding

1. **The R S Macdonald Charitable Trust** charitable objects enable them to make awards in four general themes: Neurological conditions, Sight loss and visual impairment, Child welfare & Animal welfare
For further details on the Trust's funding themes, and how to apply, please visit www.rsmacdonald.com
2. **The Challenge Funding** – digital inclusion funding should open soon
 - a. <http://digital.scvo.org.uk/resources/challenge-fund/>
3. **O2 Think Think Big fund** - Are you 13-25? Need money, support or training to help improve your community? We help young people launch ideas and programmes that use technology to benefit the places where they live. You provide the big idea, we provide £300 and the support to make it happen. <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/>
4. **Young Start Funding** - <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund>

Context café – discussion

- Q1 – **What does a flourishing intergenerational project?** - Participants said a variety of things including: full of different ages and stages / smiles on people's faces / people involved being prepared (which may include taking part in training) / opportunities to share skills/respect between generations
- Q2 – **What does a flourishing intergenerational community look like?** - Participants said a variety of things including: full of respect and understanding / reduced barriers / sharing what they have in common / support staff 'knowing' the people they support / sharing their resources / knowing and understanding human development / understanding that everyone has needs/ shared places

Sharing ideas, projects etc.

- Cath Gray from Action for Children, Perth talked about an arts project they facilitated which involved people of various ages. The 'Mural Group' designed a mural, which incorporated people thoughts of what they liked and disliked about the Muirton area of Perth. This would be something to leave for future generations in the area.
- Gary Brown mentioned that there would be a trophy given out in South Perth on a yearly basis for an individual or group who make the biggest contribution to intergenerational work in the area. This is being organised by the South Perth Community Partnership and Perth High School. Gary Brown to share local Community Learning and Development contacts with Shelia Baxter.
- Audra talked about Picnic in the Park in Ballinluig – which is an intergenerational development relating to the local park. This idea is developing in other areas of P and K.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 29th September 2016, 9:30am - 12:00pm at Glenearn Community Campus, Glenearn Road, Craigie, Perth PH2 0BE