

Fife Network Meeting

Date: Wednesday 24th May 2016

In attendance: Susan Cotton (Fife Health & Social Care Partnership), Marie Boyne (Fife Forum), Gordon Candlish (Balhousie), Suzanne Paterson (The Scottish Fisheries), Alison Clyde & Aiveen Ryan (GWT), Amzu Parpia (Linkliving), Karen Fortheringham (Queen Anne High School), Susan Moffatt (Fife Education and Children's Services (Buckhaven High), Cllr Kay Morrison, Cllr Bob Young & Cllr Tom Adams

Apologies: Cllr Tom Brett, Cllr Ian Sloan, Cllr Neil Crooks, Mike McCourt (RAF), Wayne Matheson (LAC OP East) & Mairi MacGregor (Coaltown of Wemyss PS)

GWT national update:

- **Glasgow and Inverness conference** presentations now available to download on the GWT website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org
- 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. There will be opportunities within this project later on for Fife.
- **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 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/3vPtzxDOpThCS4yYSb9sDxg/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**.

- To celebrate 'EU Day of Solidarity between Generations' (Friday 29th April) TOY launch their new website! **Together Old and Young** (TOY) promote bringing young children and older people together.
The renewed TOY website provides news, resources and information on innovative intergenerational initiatives involving young children and older adults worldwide. It also offers an opportunity to practitioners, researchers and volunteers to share insights, experiences and research. <http://www.toyproject.net/>
- GWT will be hosting an information stall at the Voices & Choices event 9run by Age Scotland & Haydays on the 2nd June in St Andrews Town Hall.

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 – discussions around what a flourishing intergenerational project looks like and what a flourishing intergenerational community would look like took place with the following feedback collated:

1. An intergenerational project would look organic and be sustainable. Both generations would be able to contribute and gain from being involved in the project. You would be able to see the outcomes (positive collaborative working). The project would be widely recognised – including with the authorities. Would be good to have some kind of charter mark/standard to say projects were IG approved. Completely integrated.
2. An intergenerational flourishing community would be very accepting of each other, there would be less anti-social behaviour, a culture of respect between generations, more communication, personalised, humanising everyone, generations would learn from each other (technology/history) there would be less isolation, stigma, stereotyping and more dementia awareness.

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- Alison is looking to recruit another volunteer coordinator to take over from Aiveen as she is moving out of the area. Anyone interested please contact Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org for more details and a copy of the role descriptor.

Next meeting – Tuesday 20th September 2016, 10am – 12 noon - Fife Voluntary Action, 69 Crossgate, Cupar, Fife, KY15 5AS