

Dundee Network Meeting

Date: Wed 30th March 2016



In attendance: Fiona Bissett (Dundee Council Sheltered Housing Service), Alison Goodfellow, Danielle Kidd & Yasmin Wark (The MAXwell Centre), Julie Muir (V&A Museum of Design), Robin Falconer (Dundee City Council & GWT Coordinator), Alison Clyde (GWT), Nataliya Comerfield (Dundee Focus on Alcohol), Sandra Stewart (Volunteer centre), Mary Welsh (Wise Group), Shona Street (Voluntary Action) & Carla Byre (Harris Academy)

Apologies: Vari McDonald & Cllr Fraser McPherson & Cllr Kevin Keenan (Dundee City Council), Alison Curran (Our Lady's RC PS), Lydia Banks, Dave Barrie & Tracey McMillan

GWT national update:

- **The GWT Conference** took place on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 in the University of Strathclyde (174 delegates). Presentations are now available on the website.
- GWT received an amazing 50 applications for our recognitions and were able to award 8 winners and 5 certificates of achievement. Further details on website and on Facebook.
- **Highlands & Islands Conference** – Friday 29th April 2016 - Centre for Health Science, Old Perth Road; Inverness IV2 3JH
Speakers include Dr Paul Monaghan MP and Angus Hardy, Director of the recent report called Local People Leading, A vision for a stronger community sector – Scottish Community Alliance
Workshops – Age Awareness, Digital Participation, Higher Education goes Intergenerational, Highland Youth Arts Hub, Become an Urban Detective & Living Life well in Care Homes
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/highlands-islands-conference-29-04-2016>
- **GWT have recruited a P/T Finance and Administrative Officer** – Sorina Oprea,
- **Accelerating Ideas Project - Big Lottery (6 months development funding secured – 1st Feb – 30 July)**
Alison/Cheryl are working closely with colleagues from Linking Generations Northern Ireland (LGNI) on an action plan for a 3-4-year project bid to the Big Lottery, which would continue on from the existing 6 months development funding. LGNI plan to use our network model to create 11 local networks across NI and GWT is looking to set up age friendly school projects and adapt existing LGNI intergenerational toolkits for Scottish cities & communities who are working towards the age friendly agenda. Year 1 is planned (if funding successful) to start in the new academic year September. GWT would like to invite schools in Glasgow and Perth & Kinross to show interest by emailing Alison or Cheryl.
- **Intergenerational training Course for Practitioners and Trainers** - our current programme of training courses have 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 Alison.
- **European Certificate of Intergenerational Learning (ECIL)** – Agreement now signed – (6 month pilot in progress) 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 up to 50 hours to complete.

- **Creating a Healthier Scotland** new report launched - Intergenerational connections are recognised as being beneficial to initiatives and projects (P17). Hard copies can be requested here: <http://healthier.scot/>

Funding

- **The R S Macdonald Charitable Trust** objects enable them to make awards in four general themes: Neurological conditions, Sight loss and visual impairment, Child welfare & Animal welfare

Applications can be made for research as well as for direct delivery of services. The trust is keen to fund intergenerational projects working with people with dementia.

www.rsmacdonald.com

- **The Challenge Funding** – digital inclusion funding should open shortly
<http://digital.scvo.org.uk/resources/challenge-fund/>

Presentation

- **Every1's Garden Any1's welcome** - Alison Goodfellow & Danielle Kidd reported on their new project funded by a one-year grant from Young Start (BIG Lottery) to provide garden and outdoor activities for local school children and young people. Children from local primary schools and youth from local youth organisations will grow fruit and vegetables, learn about wildlife and cook healthy meals with the produce. A holiday garden club and intergenerational craft and garden activities with local sheltered housing residents will be delivered.

Round the table & actions:

- Mary talked about her work around lone families identifying that there was an issue there around older people being judgemental to lone parent families. Mary would like to develop some intergenerational activities to address this issue
- Robin will facilitate an interactive discussion session at the next meeting
- Sandra & Karen are interested in the second coordinator post and will get in touch with Alison shortly

Next meeting:

Thursday 9th June 2016, 1:30pm - 4:00pm at Room 12, Mitchell Street Centre, Mitchell Street, Dundee, DD2 2LJ

Thursday 29th September 2016, 1.30- 4pm Venue TBC (Robin to investigate)