

Angus Network Meeting

Date: Wednesday 1st June 2016



In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Judi Young, (Scottish Fire & Rescue), Kay Robertson (VAA & GWT Coordinator), Carly Ross, Nicola Joiner & Kaine Bissett (Brechin High), Cllr Paul Valentine, Dawn Mullady (Pitstop), John McCrank, Sandra Livingston & Claire Morrison (Monifieth High)

Apologies: Gail Melville (Balhousie Care), Cllr Jim Houston, Cllr J Gaul, Cllr Lynn Devine, David Mackenzie, Jean Malcolm, Elizabeth Howson, Ola Junka, Jim Coyle, Fiona Walthall & Mhairi Dickson

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 that 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 in June, the application will be submitted to the BIG Lottery Board in 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 Angus.
- **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/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 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 – here are a few notes from the discussions around what a flourishing intergenerational project looks like and what a flourishing intergenerational community would look like:

What does a successful, flourishing IG project look like?

- People on the ground are doing good work however the policies are not always so good.
- Open doors to the community don't restrict them in anyway.
- Community Campus- Barrier to inter-generational working due to all the closed doors policy
- Successful project would be- no barriers, people working together, more communication, evaluation before and after.
- People respecting and understanding the other generations

What would a flourishing IG community look like?

- No barriers- communities of interest.
- Good communication
- Would rather say Hi to someone & speak to them than challenge them (Pupils from Community Campus approach)
- Being involved with jobs/ groups has given confidence to speak to older people.
- Having respect for all ages.
- Community groups need to be more publicised and work together.
- Shared spaces – spaces not being identified for just one age group

New ideas and possible IG collaborations:

- Skate park (Sandra)
- Organic garden
- Men's sheds
- Befriender service at Monifieth High School
- Caledonian railway

Actions:

- Alison to invite community planning to next meeting (Craig)
- Next meeting – an activity on stereotyping

Date of next meeting - Thursday 27th October, 10am – 12noon, Balhousie Liden Care Home, 63 Brechin Road, Kirriemuir, DD8 4DE (Apologies Cllr Paul Valentine)