

## Forth Valley Network Meeting

Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016



**In attendance:** Jim Thompson (SVE), Anne Lindsay (Clacks & Stirling Service User Networks), Victoria McAra (Stirling Council Libraries), Ann Roberts (University of Stirling), Elizabeth Stewart (Town Break), Liz Moffat & Morag Smith (Stirling Libraries), Natalie Barton (CVS Falkirk), Liz Rowlett (CSTI), Gill Ross (Digital Inclusion Stirling/Clacks) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** David Cairns (NHS), Lynne Vint (Antonine Primary), Morna O'May (Contact the Elderly), Lindsay McKrell & Barbara Fulford (Stirling Council Libraries) & Victoria McRae (CVS Falkirk & District)

### GWT national update:

- **Glasgow and Inverness conference** presentations - [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)
- **GWT Finance and Administrative Officer** –new member of staff started 14<sup>th</sup> March – Sorina Oprea
- **Accelerating Ideas Project - Big Lottery (6 months development funding secured – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 30 July)**  
Alison/Cheryl are working closely with colleagues from Linking Generations Northern Ireland (LGNI) on an action plan for a 3-5-year project bid to the Big Lottery, which would continue on from the existing 6 months development funding. LGNI plan to use Scotland's 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. GWT would like to invite schools in Glasgow and Perth & Kinross to show interest by emailing Alison or Cheryl. We are currently looking to set up planning groups in 2 primary & 2 secondary schools (one in each area).
- **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.
- **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**.

- **Creating a Healthier Scotland** report - Intergenerational connections highlighted. You can request a hard copy at <http://healthier.scot/>

## 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](http://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?

- Regular contact with participation from both sides
- Sharing skills and experience
- Mutual respect between generations
- Keeping project up to date
- Common ground
- Involve faith groups

### What would a flourishing IG community look like?

- Mutual respect/reduced stereotypes & stigma
- Accommodation for students in care homes/Homeshare opportunities
- Community gardens/men's sheds
- Friendships
- Feeling of safety for all ages
- Shared spaces
- Clean environment
- Less isolated/caring community
- More volunteering opportunities

### AOB

GWT is looking to recruit a second Forth Valley Network voting member to attend the annual AGM (March 2017). For further details contact [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)  
1<sup>st</sup> voting member - Victoria McRae and the 2<sup>nd</sup> member is vacant

Invite representatives from the Early Years Collaborative, Voluntary Sector Sub Group and the Head Teacher from Dunblane High School to the next meeting.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 20th September 2016, 1:30pm - 3:30pm at CTSi (Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface) The HUB, Whins Road, Alloa, FK10 3SA