

Aberdeen Network Meeting

Date: Tuesday 15th September 2015

Venue: Aberdeen Town House

In attendance: Chris Dunhill Silver Surfers, Sandra Bruce Aberdeen City Council

Apologies:

Visited – Volunteer Aberdeen,

GWT national update:

GWT's programme outcomes for 2015-16 include:

- Older people are acknowledged as assets to their communities increasing their participation and contribution
- Member organisations, including those working with protected characteristics, develop projects that use intergenerational approaches to challenge ageism
- More local authorities, national public agencies & organisations adopt intergenerational approaches to address the challenges of our ageing society and promote positive images of older people

Discussed above outcomes and how Aberdeen is addressing them.

SCIO Status –

Seen as a way of becoming sustainable, and not as just imparting information.

GWT Constitution –

Both Chris & Sandra suggested that Lesley Dunbar Councillor of Aberdeen Council

Action: Lesley to contact

Local Network Development Officer

GWT successfully recruited a freelance P/T **Local Network Development Officer, Lesley Hellon** to support up to 11 networks across the Highlands & Islands.

Date for your diary - GWT Conference, Wednesday 2nd March 2016 – University . of Strathclyde, Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George St, Glasgow G1 1RD

IG Training-

24th Nov [Intergenerational Training Course for Trainers and Practitioners \(Aberdeenshire\)](#)

24th November 2015, 10:00am–4:00pm at Garioch Community Centre, Chelsea Road, Inverurie, AB51 3PL (£30)

Scotland's Urban Past (SUP)

New information taken to pass onto small team by contacting the SUP team at sup@rcahms.gov.uk or on +44 (0)131 651 6870.

National Adult Achievement Award –

Is seen as a positive and forward thinking award for adults

Copies of all our publications

Can be found on the GWT website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

Sandra already has some but Chris took copies of all publications , Publications are appreciated due to printing cost etc

Round the table/presentations/meetings

- Discussed why numbers so low and also how to generate better response

Felt lack of promotion of network meeting influential as to low numbers.

Although Sandra Bruce not a Network Coordinator, she explained her role as promoter and link for booking room and local development role unofficially. And can advertise on Aberdeen Council website.

Intro to various roles of Sandra, b

- Equalities plant Manager
- 0 Tolerance, Domestic Violence
- Social justice
- Can feed and lead in all policy documents

Lesley has better understanding of Sandra job role and GWT involvement

- Julie Summers contact info going to be emailed over to Lesley (Sandra) re care homes
- Reviews Illuminate Festival Aging festival over 50s, some great intergenerational projects
- Possible meeting to be arranged regarding discussion over guidelines document.

Action Lesley to email benefits of become GWT membership to Sandra who will disseminate

Discussion to Promote meeting attendance

- How can we evidence making links to other organisations
- Share stories, experiences someone or group to come and present project
- Use local school Enterprise programme for presentation John Lew? **Need name confirming**
- Industry Participation is this an option?
- **Action:** Lesley seek out businesses SSE pending web site only link, RBS Portree done.
- Contact schools for Head Teachers meetings suggest that you / coordinator could fit in a 10 min slot to promote GWT
- What's been delivered and the lessons learnt
- Funding updates not just guide to web site (and local successes)

Organisations people to contact

Homestart under 5s Aberdeen

Jane Russel at ACVO Aberdeens 3rd Sector Interface, went over and met all staff in building Lyn Scanlon – Marischal College 01224522044 seems to be looking at quality in the curriculum Aberdeen Football club, Community Trust Breakfast Club, a exercise routine, healthy breakfast then a walk to school. Contacts are David Smith & Steven Sweeny via web site, invite along

External meetings

ACVO is the Third Sector Interface for Aberdeen City. ACVO is part of [Voluntary Action Scotland](http://www.voluntaryaction.org). They exist to develop, involve, represent and support the voluntary, charity and social enterprise organisations in Aberdeen. They are one of 32 Voluntary Interfaces <http://acvo.org.uk/about> Great meeting, Volunteer Manager, Mike Melvin, Allister Simpson, a graduate helping out with marketing and chief Executive Joyce Duncan. signed up for newsletter.

AOB

- Young Start funding opportunity – new projects funded for 2015
- New Website - The Beth Johnson Foundation is a national charity dedicated to making a future for all ages. <https://www.bjf.org.uk/> Check out the link from our colleagues Linking Generations Northern Ireland and see what they are doing across the water.
- Fairer Scotland Autumn Events, promoted and encouraged and is on ACVO web site too
<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/latest/>

Complimenting the Fairer Scotland Engagement Fund there are a number of local events across Scotland.

Saltire award going to be emailed over a good news story for centre+

Evaluation forms – 2 completed

Next meeting: Pending