

Fife Network Meeting

Date: Tuesday 20th September 2016

In attendance: Mairi MacGregor (Coaltown of Wemyss PS), Louisa Turner (Open Door Project), Alison Clyde (GWT), Annemarie Smith (NHS Fife), Moira Fitzpatrick (Active Schools) & Sheila Kinninmonth (Hamespun Tales)

Apologies: Cllr George Kay, Cllr David Graham, Fiona Dale & Elaine Fox

GWT national update:

- GWT national conference taking place on Wednesday 8th March 2017, Stirling Court Hotel – University of Stirling, Stirling. Registration opens 8th December 2016
- **Share your images with GWT**
GWT is looking for high quality photographs for new promotional materials. If you are happy to share your images from your intergenerational project showing younger and older people working together please email copies to Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
- **Accelerating Ideas Project** - Big Lottery (stage 2 submitted) will hear on the 7th December (deferred from Sept)
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** - new dates now online 27th Jan Aberdeen, 13th Feb Ayr and 23rd March Edinburgh – cost £35.00 (includes CPD accreditation)

Funding

Fife Council grants

<http://fifedirect.org.uk/topics/index.cfm?fuseaction=subject.display&subjectid=31C9D369-AEBB-46ED-BABE-5AE516541980&themeid=2B892409-722D-4F61-B1CC-7DE81CC06A90>

Volunteer Coordinator for Fife Network

GWT is looking to recruit a new volunteer coordinator to support the Fife Intergenerational network. The post is not onerous and asks for support in organising the three meetings each year across Fife, help in writing short meeting reports and attending the two coordinators meetings each year in Glasgow. All travel expenses will be covered for attending network meetings and other GWT events. A free place will also be offered for the annual conference.

Report - A Plan for Scotland – Putting People in charge and creating opportunities

The Scottish Government have announced in the above report that they will develop a National Social Isolation Strategy to ensure a holistic approach across government to problems of loneliness and isolation.

Generations Working Together is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC045851

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00505210.pdf> (see page 76)

Tools to measure loneliness - The organisation 'Campaign to end Loneliness' has produced a resource called 'Measuring your impact on loneliness in later life'. Download the resource here: <http://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/wp-content/uploads/Loneliness-Measurement-Guidance1.pdf>

Planning new ideas

- Louisa is developing a community garden and is working with Dunnikier Primary School. Louisa plans to make connections with their local sheltered housing complex.
- NHS Fife are working with Napier University (Edinburgh) to carry out a survey which will be sent to all private businesses in Fife. The survey will look to identify if businesses have any generation gaps in their workforce. The report should be available around Nov/Dec time. Annemarie will consider drafting a proposal for a conference workshop.
- Mairi is looking for ideas for projects and ways in which she can involve older people within her primary school.

Action: Alison to post a copy of the Falkirk IG project report to Mairi and send network details to Neil.finnie@fife.gov.uk requesting he add the email invite to the weekly bulletin for head teachers.

- Sheila is interested in getting involved with projects around the Fife area using her skills as a storyteller. If anyone is running a project please get in touch.
- Moira is looking to create intergenerational opportunities for her teenage girls and possibly their parents and grandparents involving gardening/cooking/dancing.

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As Aiveen has moved abroad we now have a vacancy for another voting member to represent the Fife network at our AGM. If anyone would like to know more and get involved please get in touch with alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Meeting for 2017:

Wednesday 25th January 2017, 9.30 – 11.30am, Dunfermline North Parish, Church of Scotland, Golfdrum Street, Dunfermline, KY12 8EB

Thursday 25th May 2017, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Glenrothes (If anyone would like to host our meeting in Glenrothes please get in touch)