

## Fife Network Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 25th January 2017    **Venue:** Dunfermline North Parish



**In attendance:** Sylwia Nadolny (Linkliving), Annemarie Smith (NHS Fife), Alison Clyde (GWT), Louisa Turner (Bennochry Parish Church), Cllr Neale Hanvey, Cllr Ian Ferguson, Cllr Fay Sinclair (Fife Council) & Cllr George Kay (Fife Council & GWT Trustee) & Louise White (Active Schools)

**Apologies:** Mairi Macgregor (Coaltown of Wemyss primary School)

### GWT national update:

- **National Conference**, Wednesday 8th March 2017, Stirling Court Hotel – University of Stirling, Includes 7 hours of CPD accreditation <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/national-conference-2017-embed-and-sustain-25-08-2016>
- **Recognition Awards** - deadline Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
These awards will promote intergenerational work and inspire individuals and organisations from the third, public and private sectors to continue to grow their intergenerational work and embed it within their practice and policy.  
There are five award categories:
  1. New Intergenerational Project (Less than 12months)
  2. Established Intergenerational Project (More than 1 year)
  3. Yvonne Coull Local Network Coordinator's Award
  4. Outstanding volunteer contributing to intergenerational work
  5. Building successful partnerships through intergenerational work<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-recognition-awards-2017/>
- **Accelerating Ideas Project** - Big Lottery (stage 2) has been unsuccessful however GWT is now looking to source separate funding here in Scotland to continue with the planned school work GWT will support the schools chosen in the pilot areas of Glasgow and Perth & Kinross to set up intergenerational hubs.
- **Intergenerational training course for practitioners and trainers** - new dates now online Aberdeen – 27<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Ayr, 20<sup>th</sup> March Perth and 23<sup>rd</sup> March Edinburgh – cost £35.00 (includes CPD accreditation)  
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>
- GWT is looking for 2-3 networks from across Scotland who would be interested in becoming a constituted group so they could access local funding to set up some IG projects, provide training and a support worker who could help them develop IG work in their area. Would Fife members be interested? If so please contact [Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)
- **Voting members from local networks are** invited to our 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Stirling Court Hotel – we need two new voting members for the Fife network as Aiveen our coordinator has immigrated to America and George has joined the GWT Board of Trustees. Anyone interested and would like more information please contact [Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

- GWT is looking to film short case studies and are looking for projects willing to get involved.
- Alison is looking to recruit a new volunteer coordinator for the Fife network and has information for anyone interested. GWT will cover travel expenses and will provide free intergenerational training and a free place at the National Conference. Louisa Turner may be interested.

### **Funding**

- Lots of funding opportunities on our funding website as of Jan 2017

### **Round the table**

#### **Anne Marie (NHS Fife)**

Health Promotion workplace Team, Fife Health and Social Care Partnership and Fife Health and Wellbeing Alliance have funded a piece of research to determine the fife employers perspective on an aging workforce. The research report is in draft format, however presenting a few interesting areas for further investigation and action. A dissemination event shall take place early 2017 to present the findings to interested stakeholders. Annemarie shall promote the date to the fife network when it is finalised. Annemarie can be contacted at annemariesmith1@nhs.net

**Louisa (Bennoch Parish Church)** is still trying to create intergenerational opportunities for a garden however has struggled to recruit volunteers. Louisa is now working with a community choir. Louisa has been working with Kirkcaldy North and Dunnikier Primary Schools

**Sylwia (LinkLiving)** highlighted the work they were undertaking in which they had some intergenerational work taking place – their 1-1 befriending scheme although not set up at IG work has some younger volunteers however it was the cafes they ran in Torryburn that were building real connections between younger and older people

**Action:** Alison to invite Gill Little for Adult Education to next meeting

**Action:** Alison to contact Cllr Neale Harvey to discuss the possibility of GWT securing local funds to recruit an intergenerational coordinator for IG work across Fife. The idea of the post would be to raise awareness of the benefits of IG work throughout Fife, connect groups and organisations, provide training opportunities giving local people the skills to successfully implement good meaningful intergenerational projects giving real change and inclusion to local communities.

**Louise** (Active Schools) is keen to learn more about intergenerational work and is keen for new ideas

### **Meetings for 2017:**

- Wednesday 24th May, 9.30 – 11.30 am, Inverkeithing Primary School, Hillend Rd, Inverkeithing, KY11 1PL
- Friday 29th September, 9.30 – 11.30am, Kirkcaldy Galleries, War Memorial Gardens, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1YG