

## Forth Valley Network Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 25th January 2017    **Venue:** Falkirk CVS



**In attendance:** Marie Urquhart & Fiona Sweeney (Raploch Community Partnership), Oliver Harding (NHS Forth Valley), Rachel Walker & Maureen Petrie (Rainbow House), Alison Clyde (GWT), Barbara Fulford (Stirling Libraries), Gill Ross (Digital Inclusion Stirling/Clacks), Jane Reid (Grange Primary School), Tracey Fullerton (Living it up), Naomi Kenny (Falkirk Libraries), Robert Ferrie (SAMH), Liz Rowlett (CTSI) & Ania Sandland (Outside the Box)

**Apologies:** Polly Dodger (SVE), Pat Scrutton, Jessie-Anne Malcolm (NHS), Anne Lindsay Clacks & Stirling Service Users Network) & Liz Stewart (Town Break)

### 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 in Glasgow and Perth & Kinross to set up intergenerational hubs. The good news is that GWT were successful in sourcing funding for a P/T Dev Officer for Perth & Kinross through the Gannochy Trust however we now need to source the match funding required to draw down the funding. We have 12 months in which to do this and are very optimistic that this will be achieved later this year.
- **Intergenerational training course for practitioners and trainers** - new dates now online 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.

**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 one new voting member for the Forth valley network. Our coordinator Victoria is one of the voting members.

### **Funding**

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

### **Presentations**

1. **Marie Urquhart** - Connect Project Coordinator, Raploch Community Partnership provided an update on how their SIALF funded Connect Project has established an intergenerational gardening group with local Schools and organised intergenerational events at their local Elderly Care Home over the last 6 months. Their Gardening project won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Scottish Gardening Show. Marie reported success in securing funding to do more intergenerational work through the social isolation and loneliness fund. Alison suggested they may like to write up a case study for the GWT website.
2. **Fraser Johnson** – Cycle without age – Unfortunately Fraser was unable to attend. Alison will try and reorganise for the May meeting however members may be interested in attending his workshop at the national conference.

### **AOB**

Alison mentioned that she had invited all the councillors to attend the meeting however had no response.

**Action:** Carolyn (CVS) mentioned she knew Cllr Gow in the council and would try and get in contact with her.

**Victoria CVS** emailed prior to the meeting that in regards to Community Planning partnerships and Falkirk Council, that it's probably not the best time to be trying to make links with them. There is currently a CLD Audit taking place and another round of redundancies. Victoria will however keep it in mind and will try to get a timeline to engage with the Council around Intergenerational work.

**Disclosures** - It was reported that schools should be eligible for 5 free volunteer disclosures before having to pay for any more.

Rainbow House are very interested in creating and running

Members then split into two groups for networking

**Action:** Alison to invite Councillors/schools & care homes to each network meeting

### **Meetings for 2017:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at Islay House South, 4 Livilands Lane, Stirling, FK8 2BG

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 – 11.30pm, CTSi (Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface) The HUB, Whins Road, Alloa, FK10 3SA