

East Renfrewshire Network Meeting Report Tuesday 7th February 2017



Welcome & Introductions – Sorina Oprea, Local Network Development Officer at Generations Working Together

Participants:

1	Christine McLemon	Darnley Court Care Home – Bupa
2	Cameron Graham	StoriiCare
3	Gilliam McDonald	The Richmond Fellowship Scotland
4	Karen	Eastwood Court Care home
5	Lindsay Deakin	Darnley Court Care Home - Bupa
6	Liz Brown	Hazeldene Family Centre
7	Lorraine Bruce	The Richmond Fellowship Scotland
8	Nichola Mortimer	Williamwood High School
9	Richard Leckerman	Alzheimer Scotland
10	Sorina Oprea	Generations Working Together
11	Vanessa Taylor	Kirsten Oswald MP constituency team – East Renfrewshire

Apologies: Mark Brand (Environment Department, East Renfrewshire), Will Moffat (Senior Practitioner, Social Work, East Renfrewshire Council)

GWT National Updates

GWT National Conference

- **National Conference: Embed & Sustain**, Wednesday 8th March 2017, Stirling Court Hotel – University of Stirling; Includes 7 hours of CPD accreditation <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/nationalconference-2017-embed-and-sustain-25-08-2016>
- **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. 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 available online, 20th March Perth and 23rd March Edinburgh – cost £35.00 (includes CPD accreditation) <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

- **Our new International Certificate in Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** will be launched at the conference in March 2017. This online course will take roughly 50 hours to complete. We shall be running a pilot course from mid April for 6 weeks and are looking to attract teachers (primary & secondary), managers, community workers, students (S5 & S6's), and volunteers to take part. We hope to then make amendments and have the first paying course up and running in September 2017. If you are interested in taking part, please email alison@generationsworkingtogether.org telling us a little bit about your professional background.

Around the table – Introduction, updates and presentations

Nichola Mortimer, Principal Teacher of Development, at Williamwood High School, presented *T in the Street* intergenerational project, project realized in partnership with Richmond Fellowship Scotland.

This project gave groups of younger (S5 students) and older people (with a diagnosis of dementia) the opportunity to tell stories about themselves in relation to their sense of belonging in a social and physical place which strengthened the bonds on personal and even political levels. This approach to inclusive citizenship for both groups enhanced individualised yet collective understandings of living with dementia, for the younger people, the staff involved and the wider community. A total of 54 people took part between the ages of 15 - 90.

The purpose of this presentation was to showcase to all those attending the meeting what an IG project is, how to start such a project, what are the main challenges in running such a project and what are some of the best practices in intergenerational work.

Note: The project will be soon put up on our website as a case study and all our members will be able to access it.

Cameron Graham, CEO of StoriiCare

Cameron presented the StoriiCare platform and how care homes could benefit by using it. They offer an all in one software solution for care providers, with a focus on reducing paperwork for staff and improving care for residents. The platform includes a range of features - from digital care plans, risk assessments and staff tasks, to music playlists and engaging activities. Families and care staff can collaborate from around the world to ensure care provided to their loved ones is truly person-centred.

Cameron also talked about **Storii for public and families** which can be used by anyone. The main benefits for anyone using Storii:

- It's free;
- Unlimited storage and downloads;
- Secure and private;
- Because memories matter.

The website: <https://www.storii.com/>

A video that shows how it works: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MmsRpoT5f0>

If you would like more information or believe you or your loved one could benefit from using StoriiCare, please get in touch with Cameron at cameron@storii.com or by phone at +44 7949231619

Christine McLemon & Lindsay Deakin, Activity Coordinators at Darnley Court Care Home and **Karen**, Activity Coordinator at Eastwood Court Care Home attended the meeting to find out about GWT, what intergenerational work is and how East Renfrewshire Network could help.

Richard Leckerman, Alzheimer Scotland attended the meeting to find out about StoriiCare, to hear the presentation of *T in the Street* project and to network.

Gillian McDonald & Lorraine Bruce from Richmond Fellowship Scotland. Since November 2016, GWT is delighted to welcome Lorraine and Gillian as the new Volunteer Coordinators for GWT in East Renfrewshire area.

Liz Brown, Depute Head of Centre at Hazeldene Family Centre came along to find out about GWT, how we can support intergenerational projects within East Renfrewshire area and to tell us about their intergenerational project between Hazeldene Family Centre and Mearnskirk Care Home. Hazeldene Family Centre is looking for funding opportunities to continue and further develop their intergenerational projects as both the nursery and the care home have already seen the benefits of such projects.

Vanessa Taylor, Kirsten Oswald MP for East Renfrewshire attended the meeting to find out about GWT and our work in East Renfrewshire area and to pass on this information to Kirsten Oswald MP.

Ideas & Discussions

The importance of partnerships

After introductions and the two presentations, Lorraine and Gillian from The Richmond Fellowship Scotland, talked about the importance of forming solid and reliable partnership when running an intergenerational project.

Drawing on their recent intergenerational project in partnership with Williamwood High School, *T in the Street*, shared their thoughts and insights about how to form solid and reliable partnerships and talked about their importance in the success of any IG project.

- The hugely successful *T in the Street* is a partnership project, for older and younger people.
- There are two lead partners, The Richmond Fellowship Scotland and Williamwood High School.

- Having been asked how the partnership is sustainable, a few factors are taken into consideration to forge a trusting, reliable, solid and outcomes based partnership. This links into the strategic plans for both partners.
- Partnership norms are, clear setting of the objectives for all parties involved, good communication practices, collaborative work plans and a partnership agreement. This all supports and strengthens a successful meaningful project.
- The partners had very open and honest communications; collaboration between them came in the easiest and effective ways such as, in person, on the telephone and email. This led to organic trusting relationships being established because of this simple, effective but essential good practice.
- The above methods were also undertaken during the collaboration, as this gives all parties involved a sense of being listened to, equality and gives an opportunity to share and edit information.
- All partnerships must monitor and evaluate their projects. This reflection highlights any performance issues, gives us the chance to learn what works and where and how we can improve.
- Ultimately the success of the project has been down to the commitment, hard work and like mindedness of both partners.

Action points

Sorina, Lorraine and Gillian: try to promote wider GWT and intergenerational learning within East Renfrewshire and bring more organisations around the table;

Liz Brown: to complete, when possible, the case study template about their intergenerational project and send it to GWT to promote it within our network;

GWT is still seeking two voting members for the East Renfrewshire network;

In the meantime, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We can be contacted at: Sorina@generationsworkingtogether.org; lorrainebruce@trfs.org.uk; gmcdonald@trfs.org.uk

Next Meeting: end of April/ mid-May; the exact date to be confirmed soon