

Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Network Meeting Report Wednesday, 31st May 2017



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

Participants:

1	Anne Duncan	ROAR Connections for life
2	Bernadette Reilly	Renfrewshire Council (Health and Social Care Partnership)
3	Catriona MacLeod	Trust Volunteering Inverclyde
4	Les Fernie	Walking Tours on Wheels
5	Rajiv Dabeea	Renfrewshire Council (Health and Social Care Partnership)
6	Sorina Oprea	GWT
7	Sofija Tkacenko	Renfrewshire Council

Apologies: Dougie Reid (Interim Care Services Manager, Blackwood), Iain Houston (Dementia Advisor), Margaret Dymond (Secretary, Maxwellton Court Tenant Association).

Renfrewshire Intergenerational Quiz 2016 presentation & discussions

Sally Logan, Health & Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Renfrewshire Council, presented to those attending the video of the Intergenerational Quiz Renfrewshire 2016. Please see it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oxlXK9I-hM>

- In the Intergenerational quiz were involved: schools, care homes and sheltered housing
- The success of running an intergenerational quiz depended on a few factors:
 - Having someone on board of the Education who could help with the partnership with schools;
 - Having Peter Macleod, Director of Children's Services, talking about the benefits of bringing together older and younger people;
 - Staff availability both in schools and in older people's organisation
 - Each staff personal interest in the intergenerational work.

As a result of this Intergenerational Quiz, a resource booklet for IG Quiz will come out to help promote the quiz in the Renfrewshire area and to help engage more schools and other older people's organisations.

Redesigning together how Renfrewshire & Inverclyde networks should look like

All those attending expressed the following requirements for the Renfrewshire & Inverclyde networks to better function and to continue to promote intergenerational learning:

- GWT to take the lead of these events or to allocate someone to be in charge of all these meetings and events;
- Keeping all the people within the network up to date;
- GWT to help promote the events taking place in different networks on Social Media channels (maybe to set up a Facebook page for discussions between network members);
- To share more resources;
- It would be good if there could be a volunteer network coordinator for the network, someone who understands the area;
- Maybe having some statistical data from Scottish Government relevant for each network.

How would you see a successful network meeting?

- Well organised, well structured;
- Not too formal;
- Sharing any IG work;
- Hearing updates and any other relevant information;
- Having an opportunity to network (maybe to have 15 minutes at the end of the meeting just for networking purposes);
- Hearing more about funding opportunities;
- Having some activities included in the meeting like an icebreaker and other activity/ies which could promote learning or interaction.

Other Discussions around the table

Les Fernies, Walking Tours on Wheels, also talked about what his organisation is doing:

- We deal with lots of young people;
- We have lots of visitors;
- Intergenerational work through the “Doors Open Project” (involving both younger and older people);
- We have 16 volunteers and we rely on them very much;
- We are in discussions for a project with St Andrew’s Academy
- Walking Tours on Wheels’ website: <http://www.historicalpaisley.com/news/>

The following question was raised by the members attending:

Why other networks are working better than others?

Sorina asked the members the following questions:

How do you find GWT website? It’s easy to check the information within the website and what do you find useful?

The answers:

- I check all the resources;
- I check the website if I have already something on mind
- I find Twitter very useful
- I just google the information I’m looking for
- We would prefer the evaluations to be online

Suggestion points

- It would be useful to have a Tweeter prompt on the main page of GWT website;
- It would be useful to have on each network page a list on the right of the page with main contacts for that area regarding funding, volunteering, planning and development, health and wellbeing, employability etc.
- Network meetings to take place every 3 months

In the meantime, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We can be contacted by email at:

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Next Meeting: in August or early September to plan the IG Quiz 2017 that will take place in November