

## Fife Network Meeting

**Date:** 24.5.17 **Venue:** Inverkeithing Primary School, Inverkeithing



**In attendance:** Karen Fotheringham (Queen Anne High School), Moira Fitzpatrick, Fiona Ashton-Jones & Ann Kerr (Active Schools), Gail Carstairs (Enable Scotland), Louisa Turner (Open Door Project), George Kay & Alison Clyde (GWT), Geraldine Goldie (Health & Social Care), Cllr Kate Stewart & Cllr Bill Connor (Fife Council), Ewan Masson (Scottish Parliament) & Marian Sapcote (Soroptomist International).

**Apologies:** Trish O'Brien (Family Participation Fife Council), Jo Hobbett (Ecology Centre) & Louise Andree (Fife Befriending), Linda Reekie (Inverkeithing Primary School), Cllr Jan Wincott, Cllr Sam Steele & Cllr Neil Crooks (Fife Council) & Roger Mullen (MP)

### **GWT national update:**

Our national conference held in March 2017 (Stirling) evaluated extremely well. We had a fantastic array of presenters and workshops who gave an inspiring insight into intergenerational work taking place across Scotland, England and Spain. Presentations and handouts can be found at the following link: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-national-conference-2017/>

The Recognition Awards celebrate and recognise the outstanding talent, commitment and inspirational involvement of workers, volunteers and groups who are involved with and are embracing Intergenerational work across Scotland. The five winners were:

- New IG project – Calderglen Life Story Group, Calderglen High School (South Lanarkshire)
- Established IG project – T in the Street, Williamwood High School & the Richmond Fellowship Scotland (East Renfrewshire Network)
- Building successful partnerships through IG work – Raploch Community Partnership (Forth Valley)
- Outstanding Volunteer – Diane McGowan, Dumfries Get Together (Dumfries & Galloway)
- Yvonne Coull, Local Network Coordinators Award – Robin Falconer (Dundee Network)

### **Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers**

It was agreed to organise two training courses for Fife one in the west and another in the east. Further information around the contents of the course can be found on the website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

- Thursday 21st September 2017, 10:00am–4:00pm at Burgh Chambers, 17 Queen Street, Tayport, Fife, DD6 9JY (Cost £40) You can book a place at the link below: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/intergenerational-training-course-for-trainers-and-practitioners-21-09-2017>
- Monday 6th November 2017, 10:00am–4:00pm at Queen Anne High School, Broomhead Parks, Dunfermline KY12 0PQ (Cost £40) You can book a place at the link below: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/intergenerational-training-course-for-trainers-and-practitioners-fife-07-11-2017>

**International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** – 20 participants have agreed to take part in our new (pilot) online training course (50 hours) which GWT will deliver in partnership with University of Granada, Spain. GWT received a brilliant response with over 50 people registering their interest. Unfortunately on this occasion GWT could only take 20 people through the pilot, which

starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June (lasting 6 weeks). It is hoped another course will be delivered around Sept/Oct time. Further details will be announced after the summer.

### **New Communications Intern – Kate Samuels**

GWT has recruited a new Communications Intern, Kate Samuels who is working hard to raise awareness of IG work with local and national media, social media and with local authority, councillors, national government, MSPs & MPs. Thanks to everyone who took part in Kate's first campaign involving our thunderclap which proved very successful with over 106 supporters with a social reach of 208,554 people. Kate is keen to hear from intergenerational project who want to raise their profile local and nationally. You can contact Kate at [Kate@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:Kate@generationsworkingtogether.org)

### **Voting members**

Network members in attendance agreed that Louisa Turner and Kate Stewart would be the nominated persons to represent the Fife network as voting members for GWT's AGM. The normal term of office is 2 years however people may stand for re- election at the end of each term.

The Scottish Government is committed to producing a **National Strategy** to tackle social isolation and loneliness. It is hoped a draft strategy will be due out for consultation in the summer. Ewan mentioned that the strategy consultation would come to one of his committees.

Alison discussed the funding proposal for Fife Council, which GWT has been working on with a few of our councillors. Cllr Neale Hanvey presented our funding proposal to council before the elections however was unsuccessful. Neale had hoped to take it back for further consideration in June however has lost his seat. The Fife administration will be reconstructing their budgets and this could be an opportunity for GWT to approach Fife Council again asking for their budgets to include an element for intergenerational work. – It was agreed that Cllr Bill Connor and Cllr Kate Stewart would take the bid back to the full council meeting in June. Alison to send copies of proposal to Bill and Kate.

### **Sharing and networking**

- Message received from Cllr Neil Crooks – Intergenerational work is supported by Fife Council and will form part of the new administration plan for the next five years.
- Year of Young People 2018 – funding now available at <http://yoyp2018.scot/>
- Care & Create – arts and older people workshop  
<http://www.fcac.co.uk/opportunity/care-create-arts-older-people-workshop/>
- Bill would like to see more intergenerational work taking place around Tayport. There is a new project commencing in Tayport involving primary school children building archives for the heritage centre.
- Woodmill High School have recently undergone an intergenerational project
- Queen Anne high School would like to build an outdoor learning intergenerational project around a new project involving chickens
- Intergenerational fishing project – Lochore meadows Fishing Club, Alison to contact Megan Buchanan at Fife Council (Sports Dev Officer)
- Kate has an idea for a history project in Culross around the Jacobite history

**Next meeting:** Friday 29th September 2017, 9:30am – 12noon at Kirkcaldy Galleries, War Memorial Gardens, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1YG (please note it has been suggested that the best parking can be found in the far end of the train station then it's a quick walk through car park)