

Aberdeen Network Meeting

Date: Thursday 25th May 2017



In attendance: Rebecca Dunn (GWT) Chris Dunhill (Silver City Surfers and GWT Volunteer Coordinator), Sandra Howard (Aberdeen City Council Equalities Team)

Apologies:

GWT national update:

Thank you to everyone who attended our conference on Wednesday 8th March 2017 in Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling, Stirling and to all our speakers, presenters and staff for making it such a great day. 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 categories Trophy Winners of 2017 Recognition Awards were:

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

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers

Possible courses in Aviemore and Golspie. Confirmed dates now agreed for Western Isles and Fraserburgh.

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.

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – pilot online course taking up to 50 hours (free) in partnership with the University of Granada, Spain. GWT is looking for a wide range of practitioners/volunteers, students who would like to participate in the first pilot course. In return for the free training GWT would ask the trainees for full feedback and comments from all parts of the course (max 20 places). It is hoped that the course will also carry future CPD accreditation. Pilot course due to commence on Monday 5th June till Sunday 16th July 2017. You can now request your place on the website – deadline 12th May alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

← **Recruiting network coordinators** – there are approximately 10 (out of 30) network areas currently recruiting volunteer network coordinators – Western Isles, Aberdeenshire, East & West Dunbartonshire, North & South Lanarkshire, Dumfries & Galloway, Scottish Borders, Glasgow & Renfrewshire & Inverclyde. Further details can be found on the website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/volunteering/>

← **Voting members**

GWT Constitution – copies available on request

Please continue to seek your two voting members per network (cannot be a member of staff however one place could be the volunteer coordinator).

The normal term of office for a voting member will be 2 years however people may stand for re-election at the end of each term of office.

Funding

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

GWT Diversity Lab update: GWT staff member, Rebecca, took part in a recent trip to Berlin to meet with intergenerational practitioners from Germany, Poland and Northern Ireland. There were two intensive days of training during which intergenerational approaches were discussed and ideas developed and shared, and there were 2 days of project visits of IG projects in Berlin. One project visit was to a consulting centre for intergenerational living in Berlin. This centre provides information free of charge to individuals, joint household groups, co-housing groups, landlords or investors.

Who we are

Generations Working Together provides information, delivers support and encourages involvement to benefit all of Scotland's generations, by working, learning, volunteering and living together.

VISION

That all generations in Scotland will work together to create a better and fairer country for all.

You can find out more on the website: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/about/>

Presentation: Bramble Brae Cookery Project

Links with the Imagineers and One Seed Forward.

Imagineers: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/imaginingaberdeen/tag/imagineers/>

One Seed Forward: <http://oneseedforward.co.uk/>

Sharing IG stories and projects – round the table

Chris updated us on a CIPD Training she went on about Age Diversity in the Workforce and highlighted the resource: Managing an Ageing Workforce.

AOB

Due to our low turnout we focussed on a discussion of how to expand the network in future.

Some groups we'd like to see here:

- Fernilee Care Home and School
- ACE voices
- Woodend Hospital
- Youth Council
- Creative Ageing Network
- Neighbourhood teams
- Activities Wellbeing Coordinators
- David of AFC Walking Football
- Sport Aberdeen

Discussion of tying in with the Creative Ageing Network and pairing up for meetings possibly.

A thematic approach to meetings. E.g. a talk on how to engage people in your IG project, or a talk from Sarah at Dementia Friendly project, or from Alec of ACE Voices – different ages singing together.

Inviting people to meetings: Outline why they should be there and what they will get out of it. Have a clear sense of outcomes and how it will fit into objectives. E.g “This meeting is designed for those who are...”

Chris is stepping down from her role as GWT Volunteer Coordinator for the Aberdeen Network. Thanks due to Chris for her time with us, it has been great to have her in this role. We are now looking for someone else to fill this role in Aberdeen.

Date of next meeting

Proposed to be held around 'Silver Sunday' – International Older People's Day and to invite older people's groups such as SOPA. It would be good to find out how they are celebrating International Older People's Day and tie in if appropriate. Hope to hold this at Middlefield Hub.