

## **Glasgow Network Meeting**

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 **Venue:** Smithycroft Secondary School, Glasgow

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**In attendance:** Alastair Wilson (Glasgow IG Mentoring Programme), Sarah Murray (RVS), Helen Jackson (SWAMP), Jill Keegan & Kate Robertson (Outside the Box), Jill Haywood (Smithycroft Secondary School), Ruth Ramsay (Coconut Corner Childcare Centre), Jacqui Lang (Glasgow Life), Simon Farrelly (NG Homes), Emma Collins & Lauren Bianchi (The Village Storytelling Centre), Charlotte Craig (Craft Café), Karen Mayes & Keith Mitchell (GOPWA) & Alison Clyde (GWT).

**Apologies:** Robert Smith, Anne Strachan (Voluntary Sector Voice), Charlie Murphy (Age Scotland), Stuart Miller (Meal Makers) Thomas McCallum (RVS), Paul McWatt (St Mungo's Academy), Edith McQuarry (Education Scotland) & Annette Notaro (Budhill Nursery)

### **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**

There are seven one-day training courses planned to run in the autumn including Glasgow.

Wednesday 20th September 2017, 10:00am - 4:00pm at Brunswick House, 51 Wilson Street, Glasgow, G1 1UZ (Venue TBC) (£40)

Check out the website for more details. <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

**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,

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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**

GWT is seeking two people from the Glasgow network to become voting members who will be invited to vote on any voting matters at our annual AGM which is held at our national conference in March. 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. For further details contact [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

**Research Partnership Invitation:** School-Based Intergenerational Engagement – see handout

**GWT is actively recruiting a volunteer coordinator for the Glasgow network.** The position is not too onerous with the main role being to support GWT staff to organise and promote 2-4 network meetings each year in the local area. If anyone is interested in taking on the role please get in touch with [Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org) for further details – leaflet distributed

### **Loneliness & Social Isolation**

The Scottish Government has committed to producing a National Strategy to tackle social Isolation and loneliness (Scottish Government) – a draft strategy consultation is due out in the summer.

### **Tools for measuring isolation and loneliness**

Alison mentioned a toolkit that projects can use to measure the impact their projects have on reducing isolation and loneliness. There are four scales to choose from including both positive and negative wording. The Befriending project has used one of the loneliness measurement scales however the questions didn't really work for them. The Rickter scale could also be used in conjunction with the loneliness measurement tool.

<http://www.socialimpactscotland.org.uk/understanding-social-impact/methods-and-tools/the-rickter-scale/>

Generations Working Together (GWT) is looking to work with Glasgow Council schools that are keen to develop and embed Intergenerational Work. GWT is proposing that schools consider contributing funds from their **Pupil Equity Funding** for an Intergenerational Development Officer who will work directly with the school to develop intergenerational initiatives, which will primarily address literacy and numeracy. This approach is backed by John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. For more details please contact [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

### **Sharing and networking**

- David Hazle, Glasgow City Council - Unfortunately, both of the officers from the Age Friendly City Initiative have left the team, leaving a bit of a vacuum in terms of capacity. Despite this, David is keen to ensure that they deliver as much as they can through their participation in this initiative. David is keen to catch up with GWT soon to learn what is happening and hopefully make some connections with what they are attempting to achieve.
- The '**Care...about physical activity (CAPA) improvement programme**' will work with partnerships across Scotland to build the skills, knowledge and confidence of social care staff to enable those they care for to increase their levels of physical activity and move more often. Also, social care staff will discover ways to be more active themselves. The Care Inspectorate

has been commissioned by the Scottish Government to lead the programme. More info on the website. Glasgow City has been chosen as one of the partnership areas.

- **Care and create** – arts and older people (27<sup>th</sup> June 17)  
A workshop event for care professionals and artists working with older people in care.  
<http://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/events/3848-care-and-create-arts-and-older-people>
- Alastair provided an update on the work of the Glasgow Intergenerational Mentoring Programme -  
<https://www.strath.ac.uk/research/subjects/education/equitysocialjustice/glasgowintergenerationalmentoringnetwork/>
- Ng Homes are facilitating lots of intergenerational projects including themes of climate challenge/cultural/allotments/knitting
- There seemed to be a general consensus that many older people living in Glasgow had big concerns around safety for both younger and older generations
- Govanhill Asian Deaf Society are creating a performance with younger and older generations (deaf and hearing) through storytelling.

Half way through the meeting members were split into two networking groups to allow for one to one and group discussion. This seemed to work well with many telephone numbers and email addresses being shared.

Ideas for projects:

- Can online contact reduce social isolation and loneliness – Can younger and older people communicate virtually
- Kitchen project – storytelling and social media connecting to do a cooking project

#### **Meetings for 2017:**

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017, 10am – 12noon, Baldy Bain Theatre Company, 13 Carment Drive, Shawlands, Glasgow, G41 3PP - Please note that the venue we are attending is actually a residential house which sits at the end of Carment Drive (also on the corner of Tassie Street).
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 10am – 12noon – looking for venue in North East of Glasgow – if you have a room which could hold 15-20 people and would like to host a network meeting please get in touch  
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