

Perth & Kinross Network Meeting

Date: 23.5.17 Venue: North Inch Campus, Perth

In attendance: Katrina Dormer (Balhousie Primary), Karen Gatehouse (Breadalbane Academy), Jo West (Balnacraig School), Ashleigh Mustard (SCYD), Lauren Oakes (Horsecross Arts), Gill Motion (Perth & Kinross Council), Helen Milne (CSOA), Alison Laing (Kincarrathie Care Home), Cllr Andrew Parrott, Audrey Steele (Luncarty House Care Home), Sandra Brennan (Balhousie North Inch), Joanna Northcott & Rachel Murray (Goodlyburn Primary), Corrie Simon & Mike Farrell (Perth Grammar School), Ron McLaren (Humanism in Scotland), Denise Fagg (Knockerb House), Mima Hird (North Inch House), Liz Blackwood (North Grove House), Vharie Hal (Balhousie Primary), Marianne Neave-Holland (Moncreiffe Care Home) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Fiona Robertson (Perth Grammar School), Carolyn Wilson (NHS Tayside), Cindy Brook (Breadalbane Dev Assoc.), Rebecca McClune (Culture Perth & Kinross), Lisa Dods (Perth College UHI), Gary Brown (PKC), Doris Scott (Balhousie Coupar Angus)

GWT national update:

Our **National Conference** held in March 2017 (Stirling) evaluated extremely well. We had a fantastic array of presenters and workshops that gave an inspiring insight into intergenerational work taking place across Scotland, England and Spain. Presentations and hand-outs 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 (CPD Accredited)

There are eight one-day training courses planned for the autumn with your closest being:

- 20th Sept 2017, 10am–4:00pm at Edward House; 283 West Campbell Street; Glasgow G2 4TT
- 26th October 2017, 10am – 4pm at the Hub in Aviemore (more details on website shortly)
- 6th Nov 2017, 10am – 4pm at Queen Anne High School, Broomhead Parks, Dunfermline, KY12 0PG

For more details and learning outcomes search here: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – 20 participants have been invited 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 can only take 20 people through the pilot, which starts on Monday 5th June (lasts 6 weeks). It is hoped another course will be available again 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

Perth & Kinross network coordinator vacancy – Gary Brown has been our Perth & Kinross coordinator for a couple of years and is moving to a new post. Sadly Gary is unable to continue with the coordinator role however hopes to continue his intergenerational work if and when possible in his new post. GWT will like to say a massive thank you to Gary for his hard work, support and dedication. If anyone is interested in taking on the role of coordinator please get in touch with Alison.

Funding sought for IG Development Officer

GWT will shortly be inviting schools across Perth & Kinross to 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. Emails will be sent to head teachers in June 2017 that will then be followed up in August after the school holidays.

Voting members

Our two voting members representing Perth & Kinross network are Shona Fowler and Gary Brown however as Gary is standing down as coordinator Alison needs to check if he still wants to be the voting member. 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.

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

The Scottish Government is working on a draft **national strategy to tackle social isolation and loneliness** - due out sometime over the summer or just after.

Sharing and networking –

- **Culture Perth & Kinross (CPK) – Rebecca McClune**
Launch of the Young Heritage Ambassadors is an award scheme run by CPK, which encourages local heritage projects, which have community links. The project pack includes a step-by-step guide to planning a project, so may be useful to any groups starting a project. The scheme is for young people up to age 18, but could be an element of any intergenerational projects already ongoing or coming up. All the info is online here:
<http://www.culturepk.org.uk/learning/young-heritage-ambassadors/>
- **Balnacraig School** have developed a new 'Outdoor Learning Garden project since August 2016 and now have a Polytunnel and built raised beds. They are now looking to develop the garden area for recreational, learning & teaching space, horticulture and rural studies. We would welcome any support either financial, resources or volunteer helpers.
If you have any suggestions Jo would be very grateful, please contact Jo at Balnacraig School, Fairmount Terrace on 01738636456
- 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. Carolyn Wilson (NHS) is particularly keen on moving forward with the CAPA programme for both care homes and care at home in P&K and is looking at generating lots of opportunities.

- Ashleigh provided an update on her IG work with the Strathmore Centre for Youth Development including linking with two care homes <http://www.scyd.org.uk>

Perth & Kinross Intergenerational Learning Event – Friday 3rd November 2017, 9am – 12noon

Key note speakers (themes - inclusion/equalities/growth of GWT / isolation/mental health/loneliness/funding)

Potential projects to get involved:

- CHAN – joint choir project (with target to perform at event)
- Rural study with P6 & WRI institute
- Media group IG project – Stories from the Past (SCYD)

Workshops (Karen/Helen/Jo/Ashleigh)

- Expressive arts e.g. Mannekin & glue – create a story
- Photography w/shop
- Murals for care home gardens
- Graffiti Art – combined display
- Creating a Pek 'family'

Information village showcasing IG work from across PK

Presentation – Gill Motion – Community Planning

The Community Planning Partnership for Perth and Kinross has published its draft Community Plan and is looking for views. This draft Plan sets out a vision for a confident and ambitious Perth and Kinross, which is fairer and more inclusive for all who live and work here.

We want to find out:

- what you think of the draft Community Plan and our strategic objectives?
- what is important to you, and
- how helpful the draft Community Plan is, in supporting people's understanding of the work of the Community Planning Partnership?

To make this opportunity available to as many people as possible, we are running this consultation online at <http://pk-storyboard.org.uk/cp/>

GWT encourages members to feed back to the plan the importance of intergenerational work.

There were two **working groups** developing ideas on how to connect and run future intergenerational activities

1. Perth Grammar School – notes were kept by Perth Grammar
2. Nursery/Primary - ideas included:
 - Link with museum – talking boxes/videos/prepared questions & memory boxes
 - Stay & play sessions including parachute games/balloon tag/play dough/bingo/snakes & ladders/singing/art activities/ blether bags/resident requests might include Scottish songs and 'Auld Wullie'
 - Gardening – tubs/planters
 - Apply for funding such as Living communities Fund (art project £800 – artist working with P5 & 6 and residents over 2 days)

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th September 2017, 2:30pm - 4:30pm at Birnam Arts & Conference Centre, Station Road, Birnam, Dunkeld, PH8 ODS