

Glasgow Network Meeting

Date: 28.8.17 Venue: Baldy Bain Theatre Company, Shawlands

In attendance: Ruth Ramsay (Coconut Corner Childcare Centre), Louise Brown (University of Strathclyde), John Whitfield & Sarah Gillen (Deafblind Scotland), Rachel Kacir (Glasgow City Heritage Trust), Michael White (Alzheimer Scotland), Amanda Malcolm (TCV Scotland), Alison Couston (Baldy Bane Theatre), Cllr Maggie McTernan, Cllr Angus Miller, Cllr Christina Cannon, Cllr Jane Morgan, Cllr Jon Molyneux, Ina Bruce (Seafarers Link), Laura Fern (Hickory Dickory House), Jill Haywood (Smithycroft Secondary), Mandy Burrell (Aberlour) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Cllr Baillie Norman MacLeod, Cllr Aitken & Charlotte Craig (Impact Arts)

GWT national update:

United Nations International Day of Older Persons and **Grandparent's Day** both take place on the 1st of October. This year we are looking to share stories, memories and photos with grandparents as part of our campaign to challenge stereotypes and ageism. Please send us photos with/of your grandparents with a short story about their life or how they have helped/supported you. It doesn't need to be only a biological grandparent, it can be anyone who has played a role as a grandparent in your life including from intergenerational projects. You can send the photos and stories to our fb messenger or e-mail our communications intern Kate at kate@generationsworkingtogether.org

Channel 4 documentary (1&2nd Aug 2017) - #oldpeopleshomes4yo

Pre-schoolers share their classroom with pensioners for six weeks. What impact does this intergenerational experiment have on the health and happiness of the older group?

If you missed #OldPeoplesHome4yo last night, you can catch up here @Channel4.

<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/old-peoples-home-for-4-year-olds>

GWT has successfully secured funding to recruit a full time IG Development Officer for Perth & Kinross who will work closely in two schools, Perth Grammar School and The Community School of Auchterarder focusing on raising attainment levels for Maths and English. Schools have contributed to this post through their Pupil Equity Funding (PEF). Other funders include Voluntary Action Fund and The Gannochy Trust. PEF is an individual fund given to schools to help increase attainment in Maths and English.

Alison explained the relationship between GWT and the Education Department in Perth & Kinross. The Head of **Education** has fully backed intergenerational work asking all schools (Primary & Secondary) to connect with older people, creating intergenerational projects. Schools have also been asked to connect with local care homes.

Results and resources will be shared with other schools across Scotland.

GWT is keen to talk with schools from other areas that would be interested in developing intergenerational opportunities with a specific focus on raising attainment around English & Maths.

Year of Young People 2018 aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

Objectives

- Provide a platform for young people to have their views heard and acted upon
- Showcase the amazing talents of young people through events and media
- **Develop better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations**
- Recognise the impact of teachers, youth workers and other supporting adults on young people's lives
- Provide opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities

<http://yoyp2018.scot/>

GWT Conference - Wednesday 7th March 2018, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited)

There are eight one-day training courses planned between August and December including one in Glasgow on the 20th September 2017, 10:00am–4:00pm at Edward House; 283 West Campbell Street; Glasgow G2 4TT. Please check out the GWT website for more details:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – 20 students participated in the first online training course, which GWT delivered in partnership with University of Granada, Spain. The course has been a big success and the tutors are now busy reviewing feedback and making improvements to the materials. GWT plan to run the 6-week course starting on Tuesday 7th November and finishing on Monday 18th December 2017. There will be an approximate cost of £100 per person for the course, which takes approximately 50 hours to complete. The course includes tutor support. Further details will be available around September time.

Voting members

GWT became a charity two years ago and is now a membership organisation. Each network has been allocated two places for members to come along and vote on important GWT issues at the annual AGM. The two voting positions for the Glasgow network are currently vacant and Alison would like to hear from any members who would be keen to represent the network. The AGM will be held during the lunchtime slot at our conference on the 7th March 2018 in Glasgow.

Network coordinator vacancy – If anyone is interested in taking on the role of coordinator please get in touch with Alison for further details.

Presentations

Dr Louise Brown, University of Strathclyde is currently seeking primary schools for an exciting intergenerational engagement project. The research will begin late 2017/early 2018; however, Louise is keen to establish partnerships with schools that would like to be involved in the project. The schools will host healthy older adult volunteers, for up to 15 hours per week, and would benefit from the volunteers' time and input as a supplement to their teaching delivery. More info on the network page.

Louise can be contacted at l.brown@strath.ac.uk

Michael White, Alzheimer Scotland gave an update on an exciting new project called Screen Memories, which aims to reconnect people with the memories and feelings associated with their love of cinema. The project has been funded initially for one year however Michael hopes to secure further funding if they can show how successful the project has been. Michael is looking for schools and other young people's groups to get involved. Michael can be contacted at

screenmemsco@gmail.com

Sharing and networking

- John and Sarah, Deafblind Scotland mentioned a previous intergenerational project called Touching Lives reporting that they were keen to create new intergenerational opportunities at their new building, which recently opened on the outskirts of Kirkintilloch.
- Amanda mentioned that TCV is keen to create a more long-term intergenerational project.
- Baldy Bane Theatre has been commissioned by Road Safety Scotland to deliver their Theatre in Education Programme on the topic of road safety. 'Better late than dead on time' will be touring early next year and is a great play to encourage an audience of all ages to come together to watch then discuss the topic of road safety. This has been used as a themed event to connect younger and older people in a local community, get them talking about the road safety for all ages then encouraging them to come up with other ideas on how they could work together on intergenerational projects. Further information from the Baldy Bane website at:
www.baldybane.org.uk/road-safety-scotland/index.html
- Changed Days is a moving, poignant film about seeing the person with dementia, rather than the condition. Commissioned by Alzheimer Scotland and North Dementia Forum
<https://vimeo.com/18833132>

Next meeting: Friday 24th November 2017, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Ron Davey Centre, 10 Vulcan Street, Springburn, G21 4BP