

Dundee Network Meeting

Date: Thursday 14th September 2017

In attendance: Rebecca Dunn (GWT), Robin Falconer (Dundee City Council and GWT Volunteer Coordinator), Karen Boath (Harris Academy), Tracie MacMillan (Dundee City Council), Fiona Bissett (Dundee City Council Sheltered Housing Service), Jordan Cord (Harris Academy), Jo Gevers (Big Noise Douglas), Paula Kinnie (Finmil CC), Kerri Abbott (Morgan), Christine Greig (Dundee City Council, The Corner), Audrey (Rock Solid Youth Project)

Apologies: Laura Cowper (Monikie & Newbigging Primary), Jamie Kirk (Dundee United Community Trust), Pauline Cameron (Monifieth Befrienders), Bailie Fraser Macpherson (Councillor for the West End, Liberal Democrat Group Leader - Dundee City Council), Cllr Craig Duncan (Councillor for The Ferry Ward : West Ferry, Broughty Ferry & Barnhill, Liberal Democrat Group Secretary - Dundee City Council), Julie Muir (Learning and innovation team, V&A Museum of Design Dundee), Gail Melville (Balhousie Lisdén Care Home)

- 1. Introductions & apologies**
- 2. Generations Working Together 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. So 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 biological grandparents, 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>

Funding secured to recruit a full time IG Development Officer for Perth & Kinross who will work closely with two schools, Perth Grammar School and The Community School of Auchterarder focusing on raising attainment levels for Maths and English. Schools have contributed through their Pupil equity funding. Other funders include Voluntary Action Fund and The Gannochy Trust.

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

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

- 5 Provide opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities

<http://yoyp2018.scot/>

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited)

There are nine one-day training courses planned for the autumn with your closest being: (please add in your own details here)

- 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

OPG

For more details and learning outcomes search here: <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.

As the training is still being tested we shall only be offering approximately 20 places.

Voting members

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.

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

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

GWT Conference - date and venue confirmed – Wednesday 7th March 2018, Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

Isolation & Loneliness

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 after 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/>

3. Speed networking

Interests	Involvement	Gain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job & believes it works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheltered housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to meet people who are doing similar things
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social isolation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring more into Sheltered housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoping to do something with Sheltered Housing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting into peoples' consciousness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people meeting up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting up something in schools - peer educators want to help
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At college – went to Harris Academy • Interested in nursing, done some intergenerational projects/awards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities working well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things happening in Menzieshill accidentally – pool groups, elderly group using it, not much interaction, pair up with Karen who has group on Tuesday afternoon, bringing groups together
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Befriending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work at Harris Academy, built on own experience. Inspirational with what they are doing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding other opportunities, knowing what's going on.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming to Harris, interested at nursing, looking for contacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of different projects but not intentional intergenerational work. Probably lots across Dundee happening but how do we make it intentional? 	

4. Sharing IG stories and projects – round the table

Rebecca reminded group that any questions about planning a project, please get in touch. The GWT training day is a great place to start if you want to find out more about planning and evaluating a project. But in the meantime if you are unsure and would like to chat, please get in touch.

Kerri is starting some IG activities at her new place of work in Morgan.

5. Local project spotlight (TBC)

This item was not addressed this time.

6. **Harris Academy case study film**

Link to share and watch again: <https://youtu.be/dNvPObNmQ4U>

7. **AOB**

Fiona let the group know about upcoming event celebrating International Day of Older Persons on Sunday 1st October – Showcase the Street.

“Dial Op” was mentioned – a call service for those in care

“Milk's in the oven” – Dementia awareness course for young people

“Reminiscence Packs” – Christine highlighted resource available from Welgate Library

Rebecca said she would follow up on two questions from the group:

- Q. Is the ICIL Course Accredited? - A. Yes with a certificate from the University of Granada
- Q. What is the cost for the GWT Conference 2018? - A. £50

8. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 24th January 2017 (Tracie MacMillan to check venue availability)

Tuesday 15th May 2017 (Invergowrie?)

Thursday 20th September 2017 (North, near Angus, or at Harris Academy - Karen Boath)

Please if anyone can help with venues for the above dates and areas, let Rebecca know. The areas are just a guideline to ensure we reach as many people as possible who want to attend meetings.