

Meeting Report: Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Network Meeting

Date: 18th Jan 2018

Venue: West End Community Centre 5A Underwood Lane Paisley PA1 2SL (Free)



In attendance: Asheligh Welsh (Todholm Primary School), Debbie Campbell (I am Scotland), Gillian McGovan (St Anthony's Primary School), Sofija Tkacenko (Renfrewshire Council), Bernadette Reilly (Renfrewshire Council Health and Social Care Partnership), Audrey Patterson (Cochrane Castle Primary School), Wendy Rennie (Glencoats Primary School), Sally Logan (Sheltered Housing), Carolyn Russell (Renfrewshire Council), Bruce Heron & Kevin Carter (Police Scotland), Claire Mackenzie (St. Fillan's Primary School), Thomas McCormick (Mossvale Primary School), Laura Frood (Laura Frood Community Arts), Kate Samuels (GWT), Sorina Oprea (GWT)

Apologies: Emma Maxwell (West College Scotland), Deborah McGlinchey (Renfrewshire Council), Margaret Dymond (Maxwellton Court Tenant Association), Angela McBurnie (Glencoats Primary School), Jacqueline McBurnie (St Anthony's Primary School), Claire Hall (Todholm Primary School), Rajiv Dabeea (Renfrewshire Council)

Sorina started the meeting by talking about what intergenerational practice is as there were a few attendees who didn't know anything about intergenerational work.

What Intergenerational Practice is?

Although there are a number of definitions and descriptors used for intergenerational practice, most share an affinity to the commonly used international definition:

"Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building more cohesive communities. Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the younger and older have to offer each other and those around them" (Beth Johnson Foundation, 2009)

This definition acknowledges the importance of bringing younger and older people together but sees this in the wider context of a community constructed from a number of generations.

GWT national update:

GWT National Conference 2018- "Safer, fairer, more successful communities – Celebrating the Year of Young People 2018"

Wednesday 7th March 2018, 10:00am - 4:00pm at University of Strathclyde, The Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RD (£50)

GWT is delighted to announce the programme for our National Conference being held in March next year. This year's theme is "Safer, fairer, more successful communities – Celebrating the Year of Young People 2018"

Speakers at the conference will include:

- **Maree Todd MSP**, Minister for Childcare and Early Years
- **Susan Langford MBE**, Director, [Magic Me](#) – Connecting Generations
- **Ewan Fisher**, Business Analyst and GWT Trustee

Morning workshops: 11:00am-12:20pm

1. Setting up an intergenerational nursery: the good, the bad, the ugly, and the wonderful
2. Intergenerational Practice in the Workplace
3. Year of Young People 2018
4. Raising attainment in literacy and numeracy using an intergenerational approach

Afternoon workshops: 13:30-14:50

5. Creative activities for intergenerational work
6. Functional Fitness and Ageing Actively
7. Intergenerational Housing

To find out more and to book your place, please visit: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2018-safer-fairer-more-successful-communities-07-03-2018>

Perth & Kinross Intergenerational Learning event

Network members and all organisations are invited to attend this intergenerational learning event which is being held on Wednesday 14th February 2018 from 9:30am - 12:00pm at National Christian Outreach Centre, Riggs Road, Perth, PH1 1PR to celebrate and showcase the brilliant work taking place across Perth & Kinross.

If you would like to attend to this event, please visit: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/perth-kinross-intergenerational-learning-event-03-11-2017>

Generations Working Together New Campaign 2018 – Inspiration from abroad

Generations Working Together is excited to bring you a new campaign that will showcase inspirational intergenerational projects from abroad to inspire you to start something new in the New Year. We will be uploading interviews, stories, and photos from intergenerational projects all over the world. Using the hashtag #gwtinspiration you can follow the campaign and ask us any questions you may have.

We will be highlighting key questions people have when starting an intergenerational project. For example, how to recruit volunteers or deal with funding shortages and will speak to projects in Denmark, Germany, America and more. At the moment we are still looking for organisations around the world that would like to participate. If you know of any that may be of interest that are running an intergenerational project please let us know by e-mailing [Kate](mailto:kate@generationsworkingtogether.org) (Communications and Policy Assistant).

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/>

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Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited)

If you are interested in attending one of the Intergenerational training courses, please visit our website where you'll find information and updates about all our forthcoming training courses.

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

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – online training course (6 weeks)

The 2nd cohort is scheduled to start on 22nd Jan until 4th Mar 2018. We had an amazing response and that's why we opened a waiting list which is already filling up. If you would like to find out more

about this training opportunity please visit: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/launch-of-second-international-intergenerational-certificate-course-06-11-2017>

Network coordinator vacancy – GWT is still looking for a Volunteer Network Coordinator for the Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Network. If anyone is interested in taking on the role, please get in touch with Sorina at Sorina@generationsworkingtogether.org or with Alison Clyde at Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org for further details.

Amazing Things - A guide to youth awards in Scotland was circulated and which can be also downloaded

Reducing loneliness and isolation: Draft strategy open for consultation

On Jan 16th 18, the Minister for Social Security, Jeane Freeman, launched the Scottish Government's draft strategy to tackle social isolation and loneliness for consultation.

The draft plan, now open for consultation, will look at the causes of social isolation and loneliness and how they can be addressed.

Views are also being sought on how communities can build on the work of the Scottish Government, and lead on ensuring those at risk of becoming lonely or isolated have access to the right support networks. This draft strategy puts forward SG's belief that, whilst Government has an important role to play in creating the conditions for change to happen, everyone has a responsibility to help tackle loneliness and social isolation. We are committed to empowering communities to lead in this area.

<https://beta.gov.scot/news/reducing-loneliness-and-isolation/>

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/01/2761>

"Generations on Screen" project – Nov 2017 – Oct 2018

Sorina, Kate and Laura presented the project "Generations on screen". Below are the questions raised by the attendees after the project presentation:

- What resources do you use?

Laura: I have a training pack that I use to help participants learn the filmmaking skills, it's an easy follow guide on how to shoot and edit a digital story ready for sharing on line. The equipment is simple and easy to use - iPads and iPods to make the filming feel as non-invasive as possible.

- How you'll make a digital story?

Laura: We'll find common areas of interest in the group and build on these to form the stories; the content of the films will be participant lead while I will make sure that they follow

a structure. We will use objects, games and skill sharing to find the stories, each group will be different.

- How many sessions will be?

Laura: 6 sessions, either a morning or afternoon - although there is flexibility on this if 6 sessions is too much to commit to.

- How many children in each group?

Laura: Ideally 6-8, but 10 max.

- How a day-to-day session will look like?

Laura: Sessions will be planned week to week based on the interests of the groups. In the first session we will ask participants to bring along an object which is important to them from their generation, hopefully something that would not be familiar to the other age group - this will act as in icebreaker to open dialogue and inform the next session and possible areas of development, along with a bit of filming and interviewing.

- How many teachers will be involved?

Laura: We will need a point of contact but there is no need for teachers to be present in the session, with the size of the groups I will be able to lead the sessions without any support.

Sorina: Once the project is agreed with a school, we would need to have the same point of contact for the whole duration of the project. From our side the points of contact will be: Sorina Oprea/GWT – Project Coordinator, Laura Froud/Laura Froud Community Arts – film maker. Sorina will offer support and answer to general questions related to the project and Laura will answer to all the questions related to the actual implementation of the project.

- Who will attend these sessions?

Laura: Myself, participants from the care homes, and pupils - We are happy for teachers and staff from care homes to be involved if they wish.

- Do you need to stay with the same group over all the sessions?

Laura: Yes, the participants must be the same people week to week.

- If there will be P7 children involved in the project, then the project should be done before June 2018;

Laura: If we are working with children moving up to S1 then the project will be completed before the end of term.

- Do you have a venue to display the films?

Laura: We don't have a venue yet, but we feel that this should be a community venue and an open invite event.

Sorina: it's important the people from the community will have the opportunity to attend the event if they would like to.

- Would a joint project work (two schools on a project)?

Laura: We can work with two schools at a time as long as the numbers are kept to max 10 per generation.

- What kind of commitment would be preferred?

Laura: A commitment to assist with coordinating the sessions, providing a point of contact for the groups as well as helping with the evaluation process would help the project to be a success.

Sorina: the communication should be always clear, and any issues should be raised as soon as they arise, so we can find solutions. That's why having someone as a point of contact it's instrumental for the success of the project (besides other factors too, of course).

Sharing and networking:

- Bruce Heron and Gavin Carter from Police Scotland pointed out that there are a few community issues suggesting that these projects should also target kids/teens who are disrespectful and disengaged with the community. They also mentioned that secondary schools in the area would be interested in intergenerational projects like "Generations on screen".
- Most of the attendees agreed that "Generations on screen" is a very beneficial project for Ferguslie area.
- Sally Logan from Sheltered Housing mentioned the success of the "Zombie project" which involved young people from Ferguslie Park who took part in creative workshops in make-up techniques, costume design and performance. Please find out more about this project here: <http://www.paisley.org.uk/2013/03/zombie-project-gets-new-lease-of-life/>. She also mentioned the success of the Coding Club in Renfrewshire Libraries and the success of last year Intergenerational Quiz (Todholm Primary School being the winner of 2017 IG Quiz in Renfrewshire)
- Debbie Campbell from I am Scotland talked about the "Cinema Bus", bus which can accommodate 32/34 pupils, and which could be used to showcase the films within Paisley area. Also, she talked about an incipient project called "Benches and pots for schools/benches buddies" and that they are looking for any ideas/suggestions for this project.

Below is the list of Primary schools which expressed an interest in "Generations on screen" project (postcode to be verified and feedback communicated):

1. Mossvale Primary School - 3/5 Gockston Road, Paisley, PA3 2QB; Tel: 0300 300 1449
2. Glencoats Primary School - Falcon Crescent , Paisley , PA3 1NS; Tel: 0141 889 3646
3. Todholm Primary School - Lochfield Road, Paisley, PA2 7JE; Tel: 0141 889 6949
4. St Anthony's Primary School - Hallhill Road, Johnstone, PA5 0SD; Tel: 01505 704 566
5. Cochrane Castle Primary School - Beith Rd, Johnstone, PA5 0BB; Tel: 01505320618
6. St Fillan's Primary School - 1A Main Street, Houston, PA6 7EL. Tel: 01505 613131

Actions points:

- Sorina & Laura to check the postcodes of the schools who expressed their interest in taking part in "Generations on screen" project;
- Sorina & Laura to give feedback to schools by Friday, 26th Jan or the week beginning 29th Jan;
- Sorina to send the meeting report to everyone who attended the meeting;
- To be decided the next steps in the project.

This meeting wouldn't have been such a great success without the continuous support of Bernadette Reilly (Renfrewshire Council Health and Social Care Partnership) and Sally Logan (Sheltered Housing) and without the meeting being hosted by John Wilby from West End Community Centre. Thank you!

Next meeting: TBC soon