

Glasgow Network Meeting

Date: 24.11.17

Venue: Ron Davey Centre, Springburn



In attendance: Ruth Ramsay (Coconut Corner Childcare Centre), Mark Nithowshi (Royston Youth Action), Terry Hunter (Victim Support Scotland), Lynn Murdoch (Indigo Childcare Group), Gill Farmer (Rowena Nursery), Rachel Kacir (Glasgow City Heritage Trust), Janet Hutchison (Elmcroft Nursery), Morag McKenzie (Penilee Nursery School), Amy Dobbin (Kirktonholm Nursery), Lois Cordiner (Smithycroft Secondary), Barbara Mitchell (Crookston Early Years Centre), Anna Krzeczowska (University of Strathclyde PhD Student), Laura Flanagan (Craigton Nursey), Gillian Mooney (Deafblind Scotland), Karen Moyes (Glasgow Old People's Welfare Association), Asma Abdalla (Next Step Initiative/Empower Women for Change), Alison Stalker (Parkhead Community Nursery),

Apologies: Cllr Christina Cannon, Cllr Graham Campbell, Laura Cusack, Steph Stolton, Frances Doran

GWT National Update:

Videos and Introductions: Cycling Without Age and Newbyres Nursery videos watched and discussed

Generations Working Together Scottish Parliament motion was discussed including the process and the work GWT has done with Christine Grahame MSP. We discussed the way intergenerational projects can be effective at nursery level and the impact this has on nursery children and older people. Some of the nursery practitioners highlighted their current ideas and projects for intergenerational work.

GWT Perth and Kinross project an update was given, including an introduction to new officer and their role. Funding was explained for this project and the main goal. The full time IG Development Officer for Perth & Kinross is working closely in two schools, Perth Grammar School and The Community School of Auchterarder focusing on raising attainment levels for Literacy and Numeracy. We discussed the recruitment of volunteers and Glasgow's process on acquiring a similar pilot including recent meetings held with Glasgow City Council. Smithycroft Secondary home economics teacher has a responsibility to connect the community to the school and is interested in collating more information so that the school can consider this in the future. Kate covered GWT principles of sharing best practice and promised to share results.

GWT will be starting a new project in Renfrewshire called '**Generations on Screen**' due to additional funding being secured from Awards for All. The project will bring care home residents together with nursery children and their stories will be shared with the help of a story teller and film maker. We are currently looking for the nurseries and care homes in Renfrewshire around the area of Ferguslie Park, results and experience will be shared with the networks.

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.

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

GWT Conference - Wednesday 7th March 2018, University of Strathclyde, The Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George Street, Glasgow, G11RD.

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited) and International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – Courses are available to those interested in intergenerational ideas and projects. The online course will be starting in January and applications are currently open. More information is available on our website under events & training.

Network coordinator vacancy – Position still open, details of the role shared. If anyone is interested in taking on the role of coordinator please get in touch with Kate for further details.

Presentation - Ruth Ramsay, Coconut Corner Childcare Centre discussed her experience of running an intergenerational project which included information about how she applied for funding, things she learnt and the impact her projects have had on the lives of older and younger people. Some of the projects included cupcake making classes, shared dinners and puppet theatre visits.

Sharing and Networking

- Smithycroft Secondary discussed their bowling club that started at the school to bring generations together. Lois has recently been given responsibility for engaging communities and family and is keen to develop more intergenerational opportunities, possibly linking home economics. Keen to keep up to date on the Perth and Kinross pilot and similar Glasgow opportunities.
- Nursery staff present discussed their Christmas concerts for older people mentioning that they would like to make these exchanges more sustainable and more frequent. We discussed intergenerational choirs, events and art.
- Rachel from Heritage City Trust mentioned her remit for communities and is considering using Lost Glasgow exhibition photos (of old Glasgow) for intergenerational work. The photos will be in libraries and will then be loaned out to care homes potentially for intergenerational work. She would be keen for ways to engage young people in Glasgow heritage.
- Karen Moyes (Glasgow Old People's Welfare Association) mentioned there were many projects already ongoing, including the new befriending project that Glasgow Old People's Welfare Association has just taken over. Would like to be put in touch with other Glasgow telephone befriending projects. GWT suggested East End and Govan projects.
- Asma Abdalla (Next Step Initiative/Empower Women for Change) is very interested in developing projects and meeting GWT. She will look into an intergenerational project that connects women and has experience of bringing together ethnic minorities in community projects.
- Mark Nitkowski (Royston Youth Action) mentioned recent funding they received for intergenerational work. They are bringing younger and older people together in order to share memories of the area. Staff have many ideas including shared Burns Supper. GWT will be kept up to date and may visit the project as support may be needed.
- Terry Hunter (Victim Support Scotland) is very interested in work around loneliness and community safety. Is in touch with Alive and Kicking (Springburn base project which supports older people) will encourage the charity to get in touch with GWT.

Next meeting: **16th of February 2018 12.00-2.00pm in Good, Buchanan Galleries 220 Buchanan St, Glasgow G1 2FF**