

Glasgow Network Meeting

Date: 16.02.18 **Venue:** Good, Buchanan Galleries

In attendance: Martin McElroy (Glasgow City Council Councillor), Jackie Shearer (Springburn Winter Garden Trust), Marie Mcgoldrick (Elmcroft Nursery Glasgow), Anna Krzeczowska (University of Strathclyde PhD Student), Jennifer Ferguson (Govanhill Housing Association), Jodie Wilkinson (Glasgow Film Theatre), Alison Couston (Baldy Bane Theatre Company), Clare Bird (West of Scotland Housing Association), John Duncanson (Alive & Kicking Project), Lynsey McCallum (Baldy Bane Theatre Company), Amy Dobbin (Kirkholme Nursery)

Apologies: Steph Grant (The Indigo Group), Sally Pritchard (Glasgow Science Centre), Sharon Keenan (Glasgow Kelvin College)

GWT National Update

Videos and Introductions: Anam Cara intergenerational project, Sew Fabulous and Generations on Screen were discussed.

Year of Young People 2018 was discussed, including it's aims and funding opportunities. We talked about what everyone is doing for the year and how intergenerational projects can feed into this.

Generations Working Together Conference on the 7th of March 2018 based on the theme 'Safer, fairer, more successful communities – Celebrating the Year of Young People 2018' at the University of Strathclyde centre for Innovation and Technology. Registration is now open and the full programme is online on www.generationsworkingtogether.org. There will be workshops, speakers and stalls on the day. Some of these include themes such as; intergenerational nurseries, intergenerational housing and intergenerational green spaces. There are still spaces for stall exhibitions and anyone interested should get in touch with Generations Working Together.

Intergenerational Recognition Awards – these are the awards run annually by Generations Working Together which celebrate Scottish intergenerational projects including new projects and established projects. The nominations have just closed and the winners will be announced at our conference by Lord Provost of Glasgow Eva Bollander. Winners will be shared on social media and our website for anyone interested in following this who can't come along to the conference.

GWT Perth and Kinross project - an update was given, including information about the Learning Event on the 14th of February in Perth with MSP John Swinney. We discussed the two schools, Perth Grammar and the Community School of Auchterarder and their stories. Information on where to find videos was shared so that participants could look this up for themselves. We also discussed the intergenerational officer post in Perth and Kinross as some members asked how this was funded and if it was possible to get one in Glasgow. Kate explained that this was part funded by PEF (Pupil Equity Funding) and that a letter would be sent to head teachers in schools shortly to invite them to express an interest in the project. Kate covered GWT principles of sharing best practice and promised to share more results from Perth and Kinross pilot.

Kate mentioned that we are currently looking for two Glasgow members who would like to be voting members for the AGM for the Generations Working Together conference on the 7th of March 2018. Kate also checked who is already registered for or is interested in going to the conference. No present members

expressed interest in this at the meeting. Kate explained that members can get in touch with GWT after the meeting if interested in doing this.

Kate talked about the current online campaign called '**Winter Inspiration from Abroad**' which has been running since the start of January 2018. The campaign aims to inspire people in Scotland, as well as giving them something to read and research during the winter months. With the start of new year, people are looking to new beginnings and at GWT we hope the campaign will inspire others to start intergenerational projects. We have already had interviews from countries such as Germany, Denmark and America. The interviews are displayed under the news section on the website and are shared through the hashtag **#gwtinspiration**.

BBC and BBC Alba are interested in intergenerational work and have proposed shows. This is pending funding. Kate will update on the progress.

Glasgow Network Volunteer Coordinator vacancy still open. This is a voluntary position and is based around helping with Glasgow meetings, campaigns and events. The coordinator in return would get support and free training from Generations Working Together. Kate explained that members can get in touch with GWT after the meeting if interested in doing this and should share this with others in Glasgow.

Presentation - Jodie Wilkinson (Public Engagement Coordinator Glasgow Film Theatre) gave a presentation on the new Dementia Friendly film initiative. Members watched a video on this and asked questions about how the project was set up. Jodie explained that this was developed with a staff member with a dementia diagnosis in order to ensure that the project was fully dementia friendly. Staff received training from Age Scotland and run classic and contemporary film screenings at the cinema to ensure that everyone is welcome. They use initiatives such as always using the same screen, taking a break and giving snacks. Staff wear sashes to help identify them and the cinema is constantly making improvements with the aim of one day being fully dementia friendly. Their funding comes from Life Changes and they are happy to share practice. Jodie explained that currently tickets are £3 and gave out leaflets with future films. She also recommended that people get in touch with lecturer Ryan Smith at Glasgow Caledonian University if interested in more research on this as he has helped GFT. Questions were asked about other dementia friendly initiatives and Kate shared projects such as Life Story project, where high school pupils came together with older people with dementia to share their stories. Kate was asked if GWT would share more of these projects online and promised to do this if GWT hears of anything.

Sharing and Networking

- Jennifer Ferguson from Govanhill Housing Association and Clare Bird from West of Scotland Housing Association discussed the possibility for more intergenerational work with housing association residents. Jennifer mentioned that their association was having a first intergenerational meeting next week and is looking for ideas. The group talked about their current projects and Kate discussed training and events projects could attend to develop further knowledge. One day CPD training for practitioners was highlighted in particular.
- John Duncanson from Alive and Kicking talked about Alive and Kicking and various project they now do. The initiative has been in Springburn for 30 years and brings together older and younger people together informally. There is a dedicated group of young volunteers and many volunteers stay for years. We discussed why this is and things we can learn from the project and possibly doing a case study on this in the future. John discussed about ways to reward volunteers and how to formalise the project. The group suggested working with Kelvin to establish a community award. He will keep up to date with our details and will ask any questions.

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- Amy Dobbin from Kirkholme Nursery discussed the challenges of starting an intergenerational project and how to get people to participate in the project. She received some advice from the group about how to start this and was also told that she could start small and build up the project. Kirkholme Nursery are interested in attending the conference to meet more people and to share practice.

Next meeting:

Friday 11th May 2018, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at Glasgow Science Centre, Glasgow, G51 1EA