

Aberdeen Network Meeting

Date: 22/03/2018

Venue: Tullos Community
Centre, Torry



In attendance: Rebecca Dunn (GWT), Fiona-Jane Brown (Bon Accord Civic History Association)

Apologies: Caroline Hastings (Education & Children's Services), Donna Clark (Woodside Community Council), Chris Dunhill (Bramble Brae Primary School), Teresa Dufficy (Aberdeen City Council), Andrew Somerville (Care Inspectorate), Tanita Addario (Aberdeen City Council)

GWT national update:

GWT Conference - Wednesday 7th March 2018, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow – presentations are now available to view on the website:

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-national-conference-2018/>

Recognition Awards 2018

Winners and runners up can be viewed at:

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-recognition-awards-2018/>

The five categories Trophy Winners of 2018 Recognition Awards in Intergenerational work were:

- New intergenerational project (Less than 12 months) – ‘Blethering Buddies Harris’ Academy
- Established intergenerational project (Greater than 1 year) – ‘Back to Life’ Newbyres Nursery and Newbyres Village Care Home
- Building successful partnerships through intergenerational work – Intergenerational Befriending Caithness
- Yvonne Coull, Local Network Coordinators Award – Louisa Turner, Fife Intergenerational Network

Due to the outstanding applications submitted Certificates of outstanding contribution were also awarded to the following projects:

- New intergenerational project (Less than 12 months) – ‘Difference in Age and Time’ Balhousie Primary School
- Building successful partnerships through intergenerational work – ‘Old’s Cool Intergenerational Project’ Citadel Youth Centre

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – 2nd ICIL online learning course (23 students) now running with a plan that we shall run another in the Autumn.

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited) £40 per person

To book a place on the above courses or to see the learning outcomes please click on the link below:

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

Intergenerational workplaces

GWT invited a variety of private sector businesses to a workshop, the aim being to discuss issues relating to intergenerational practice in the workplace. In essence this means issues which arise as a result of not only having an ageing workforce, but particularly the resulting increased gap between the oldest and youngest employees. We hope to address not only the difficulties, but also the potential benefits and opportunities that might arise in an intergenerational workplace.

The session is being followed up another workshop involving GWT members at the national conference. Findings will then be collated and a plan to help resolve the issues possibly by offering an inquiry of the organisation to identify gaps and challenges and/or provide training to help organisations benefit from their intergenerational workforce.

Raising attainment in numeracy and literacy through intergenerational work

Alison provided an update on the pilot education project Connecting Generations in Perth & Kinross. A GWT Development Officer has been recruited and is working within two schools in Perthshire, The Community School of Auchterarder (TCSOA) and Perth Grammar. It's still very early days however 17 older volunteers have been recruited and the schools are reporting a significant impact has been made since the volunteers started to work with the children (January 2018). Check out the following link for further details and the short film from TCSOA.

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/perth-kinross-intergenerational-learning-event-03-11-2017>

BBC Alba is making a documentary this Spring about Intergenerational projects in Scotland – and is looking for Gaelic speakers with strong stories to tell.

Are you a Gaelic speaker who has benefitted or worked on a scheme to bring young and old together – or would like to? Maybe you are an older person who has helped youngsters or young families – a surrogate granny or young person's mentor, maybe. Or perhaps you have children who take part in projects in Care Homes or similar. Whatever your story, if it involves bringing young and old together we would love to hear from you.

Please email Elly Welch, Filmmaker/Journalist or call on 01851 705638 / 07884 265035

Enjoy the latest BBC 1 documentary featuring Apples & Honey Nightingale House (Ali Somers) the intergenerational nursery situated in a care home who presented at our conference. (Expires 10th April 2018)

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/bbc-1-documentary-featuring-apples-honey-nightingale-house-13-03-2018>

The Journal of Intergenerational Relationships (JIR) is planning a special issue on Social Isolation and Loneliness to be published in 2019, guest edited by Alan Hatton-Yeo and Alison Clyde. We are currently seeking submissions for this special issue and have extended the deadline to August 31, 2018.

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/journal-of-intergenerational-relationships-13-03-2018>

GWT is looking to recruit volunteer trustees to join our board members above who have experience of working in the voluntary, public or private sector and want to become actively involved. In particular we are seeking trustees with experience and skills in at least one of the following:

- A strong communications and marketing background
- A strong financial background,
- Excellent skills in fundraising from trust funds and other similar agencies
- Work experience in education
- Work experience in health and /or social care

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-recruiting-trustees-and-treasurer-28-02-2018>

Please continue to promote the Year of Young People 2018 which 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/>

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.

Local Updates:

Test of Change group in Aberdeen is looking to trial a pairing between a care home and a nursery. Rebecca is on this group and awaiting more news of developments.

At the last network meeting in the Highlands we had an extremely positive and inspiring presentation from Jayne Macintosh of Junior World Childcare Centre in Nairn about a pairing between her nursery and Whinnieknowe Care Home. She could not speak highly enough of the positive benefits they have seen from their collaboration for the nursery children, for the care home residents, and for the staff and volunteers who all help make it work.

You can see a BBC report about this initiative

here: www.facebook.com/churchofscotland/videos/2001795683178922

Update on ACE Voices intergenerational singing project with Heathryburn Primary and Kingswood Day Centre

Rebecca attended the end of project event and saw first hand the positive impact the project has had on the pupils, the day centre users, and all the staff involved. All involved would like to continue this and are hoping for further funding to do so, previously this was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Alec of ACE Voices is interested in developing training to pass on things learnt through this project, for people interested in developing intergenerational singing and history focused projects.

Volunteer Network Coordinator Aberdeen

GWT are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of network coordinator in Aberdeen.

More details can be found on the website:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/volunteer-with-us>

Please contact Rebecca if you are interested or for more details.

Sharing and networking –

Fiona shared about her interest in Storytelling and details of upcoming Storytelling Festival (TBC 21st and 22nd July) in Aberdeen at which she would like to see an intergenerational storytelling event.

There may be scope for development of intergenerational activities as part of the North East Languages Board's initiatives.

Discussion of the benefit of oral history, and the recognition of what people have to offer through their stories. Storytelling as an excellent way to get older and younger together.

Next meeting:

Thursday 10th May 2018, 10am – 12pm (Old Aberdeen)

Wednesday 29th August 2018, 10am – 12pm (Middlefield)

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