

Edinburgh & West Lothian Network Meeting

Date: 22nd February 2018 **Venue:** Lifecare Edinburgh

In attendance: Cat Young (NHS Lothian), Anne Munro (Pilmeny Dev), Pauline Moffat (Cyrenians), Alison Hamilton-Pryde (Herriot Watt University), Susan Campbell Dargie (Lifecare), Dave Boyd (Cyrenians), Murdo MacDonald (Church of Scotland), Victoria Brown (Scottish Council on Archives), Heather Allan (Vintage Vibes), Katrina Hamilton (Trust Housing Association) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Robin Lever, Mark Jamieson (City of Edinburgh Council) & Georgia Artus (Vintage Vibes)

GWT update

Alison Clyde welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Cat Young would be helping Georgia Artus coordinate the Edinburgh and West Lothian network.

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/>

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited)

- Tuesday 12th Jun 2018 at Cyrenians, 19b South Bridge Street, Bathgate, EH48 1TR
- Tuesday 11th September 2018, 10:00am–4:00pm at Rowlands, 24 West Port, Selkirk, TD7 4DG
- Wednesday 3rd October 2018, 10:00am–4:00pm at Media Room of General Register House, 2 Princes Street, EH1 3YY

Please check out the GWT website for more details:

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

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.

Voting members

GWT became a charity two years ago and is now a membership organisation. Each network has been allocated two places for members to come along and vote on important GWT issues at the annual AGM. An invitation to attend this year's AGM has been sent to Robin Lever, Cat Young and Georgia Artus. The AGM will be held during the lunchtime slot at our conference on the 7th March 2018 in Glasgow.

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>

Sharing and networking

- Anne Munro reported that the Pilmeny Development Group were continuing to develop and run intergenerational projects. A new project has become a possibility with the help of funding from the Fair Food Transformation Fund which gave funding to projects to come up with ideas on what to do post food bank. 22 projects were funded and only Anne's project contains elements of intergenerational work. One of their existing projects is an intergenerational café running on a Friday afternoon called Old Spin. The children who finish at lunch time on a Friday, head to the Citadel Youth Centre and get involved in many different activities which they do together with older people from Pilmeny. However, as the children don't receive a lunch at school on the Friday the project leaders noticed that the children were arriving very hungry. With this funding the project has now addressed this issue by developing healthy cooking activities where younger and older people actually cook together, then eat together, then share the remainders which they get to take home. Anne is happy to share their final report for the project which should be available April/May time.
- Scottish Council on Archives will be launching a new three-year national strategy for archive-based outreach and education shortly. They have delivered and piloted some approaches to working with schools and communities and are keen to explore new partnerships for this work. The majority of archive users are aged 45+ and they would like to look at building connections between this audience and younger people. They also have a big project underway to develop a new interactive online archive catalogue bringing together collection descriptions from archives across Scotland. Victoria is looking to consult with a range of users in the development phase, including related activity and outreach project plans. For further details contact Victoria Brown at V.Brown@scottisharchives.org.uk
- Alison Hamilton-Pryde talked about a creative project based upon involving students and wider community in investigating purposeful environments for all ages, in particular those which support meaningful social interaction. Alison has run a pilot workshop in Leith to discuss a multigenerational design thinking through model making. Alison is working in collaboration with Interior Architecture and Design students from Heriot-Watt University. Alison Clyde suggested that Alison could possibly hold another workshop with one of the schools in Perth. Alison is also keen to hear about any co-housing or home share projects

taking place around Scotland and the UK. Cat mentioned that she could see lots of ways to work with Alison re intergenerational places and spaces.

Actions:

- Alison to ask Kate to get in touch with Murdo raising awareness to his colleagues from the Church of Scotland
- Alison to speak with Maureen from Faith in Older People to discuss how to best promote IG work in her area
- There are 6 education collaboratives being planned across Scotland – Alison to contact the Northern Alliance which is the first one to be set up to talk about IG working being embedded in policy and the work of the education pilot in Perth & Kinross

Meetings for 2018:

- Monday 4th June 2018, 10am – 12noon, The Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, EH10 5HY
- October 2018, West Lothian – venue and date TBC