

Glasgow Network Meeting

Date: 11.05.18

Venue: Glasgow Science Centre, Govan



In attendance: Jane O'Neill (Key Community Supports/NL & Glasgow), Lynsey McCallum (Baldy Bane Theatre Company), Jodie Wilkinson (Glasgow Film Theatre), Lucy Kirkland (Christian Aid), Sally Pritchard (Glasgow Science Centre), Susanne Flynn, Donna O'Reilly (Glasgow Life), David Mackay (Book Trust), Ruth Grindley (Book Trust), Karen Moyes (Glasgow's Golden Generation), Fiona Lochrin (The Food Train), Elspeth Kerr (Cope and Glasgow City Council), Gemma Love (Arthritis Care), Anthony Carroll (Friends of Springburn Park).

Apologies: Mark Nitkowski, Sandra Brown, Ruth Ramsay, Rebecca Innes, Cllr Susan Aitken.

Generations Working Together discussed the aims behind intergenerational projects and defined the term as there were many attendees new to intergenerational work. Examples were discussed such as Cycling Without Age, Life Story, Tall Ship and Intergenerational Quiz. Generations Working Together advised that we are currently looking for more examples of intergenerational work for case studies and article.

GWT National Update:

Generations Working Together 2018 conference was discussed, including workshops and slides are available online <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-national-conference-2018/>.

Recognition Awards 2018 were discussed, including categories and winners. Some of the attendees were interested in the projects and expressed interest in applying for these in the future.

BBC Alba and BBC are both working on projects that will highlight intergenerational work in Scotland and there has been an increased interest from TV and Press in the past year. We have already sent a list of projects that can be filmed but attendees were told if anyone is interested in highlighting their project in the media please let us know. Some attendees mentioned Gaelic projects they were aware of and asked for BBC Alba contacts.

Financial Resilience in Later Life seminar was discussed. Generations Working Together attended this and shared key findings. Presentations included Age Scotland and Citizens Advice Scotland who do work such as financial support for older people, support with benefits and reports on the key issues. Full presentations and contacts can be seen on the website of the event https://www.fincap.org.uk/scotland_strategy.

GWT Perth and Kinross update was given. The visit of Jeanne Freeman MSP which took place this month. Some initial benefits of the project were discussed and the feedback from older volunteers. We also discussed how the project could be expanded to other local authorities, with Fife and Glasgow most likely to be the next ones in Scotland. Many of the attendees expressed an interest in helping with this project if it comes to Glasgow.

Voluntary and Paid Positions at Generations Working Together are available. Glasgow intergenerational network is seeking a volunteer coordinator to help with the network and interested people can contact Kate directly. There are also 2 part time Development Officer posts available for North East and West Scotland. These will help develop local intergenerational networks as well as taking part in our initiatives, events and more. To apply for these please read application guidelines on good moves

and apply with CV to Alison Clyde, National Development Manager

<https://goodmoves.org.uk/organisation/001b000000ssxmvaar-generations-working-together>.

Deadlines for these are 20th and 27th of May.

Presentations- David Mackay discussed the work of book trust (including showing the free books given to children) and book bug. This included the role of book trust, his role and intergenerational book bug. Bookbug is a project that works across Scotland and is free. Each session lasts around 30 minutes and includes songs, stories and rhymes and normally takes place in a local library. The Book Bug Week 2018 will take place in 14-20th of May with lots happening. Local events can be searched for online <http://scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug/events>. To find out more about intergenerational book, David suggested that attendees read the recent blog about intergenerational book bug in East Ayrshire <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/blog/bookbug/2018/03/bookbug-for-all-intergenerational-bookbug-in-east-ayrshire>.

Ruth Grindley, Early Years Digital Projects Manager from Scottish Book Trust also discussed her work around digital connectivity and how this could be intergenerational. She mentioned that currently there is an app in development and the benefits this would have for both younger and older people.

Kate discussed **Big Lunch** (presentation from Sandra Brown, Eden Project). Big Lunch is a chance for communities to meet up and get. The event can be a great way to start intergenerational connections and also to show off any intergenerational projects already happening. While normally on the 3rd of June, Big Lunch can also be done at a different date in the year if more convenient. For more details and ideas on how to do this, please have a look at the website <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/thebiglunchhomepage>.

Sharing and Networking

- Elaine McCulloch from Glasgow Life discussed how her team will be connecting with book bug and is interested in future training and connection with Generation Working Together to develop intergenerational projects and approaches.
- Elspeth Kerr, the councillor for Drumchapel and Anniesland was in attendance and said that she would be very keen to help with the intergenerational school project in Glasgow, spreading awareness of this in Glasgow. She also suggested that Drumchapel High School in her area could greatly benefit from this and recommended that we have a follow up with them.
- Anthony Carroll, from Friends of Springburn Park said that he would be interested in future work around environment, schools and older people. Particularly work in the North East. He connected with various attendees, including with Jodie Wilkinson from GFT as he is interested in the Movie Memories project that makes films dementia friendly. He is hoping to bring this to the North East of Glasgow.
- Fiona Lochrin from The Food Train, discussed future opportunities for intergenerational work within the charity and an interest in future partnerships with some of the organisations in attendance.
- Karen Moyes from Glasgow Golden Generation, previously Glasgow Older People's Welfare Association discussed what they are doing to tackle loneliness in older people in Glasgow, including befriending and clubs.

Next meeting: Friday 5th October 2018, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Ron Davey Centre, Ng Homes, 10 Vulcan St, Springburn Glasgow G21 4BP