

Forth Valley Network Meeting

Date: 28.9.19 Venue: Alloa Play, Alloa



In attendance: Victoria McRae (CVS Falkirk), Cath Knox (Adult Day Services), Angela Smith (Ludgate House), Caroline Crawford (Menstrie Community Council), Elaine Harley (Bowhouse Primary), David Budd (Volunteering Matters), Jessie-Anne Malcolm (NHS), Louise Barker (Clacks & Stirling Health & Social Care), Liz Stewart (Town Break), Lesley Jack (CTSI) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Janice Young (Clacks & Stirling Health & Social Care partnership), Mrs Gibb (Fintry Primary), Christine Bell (Cycling without Age), Michelle Flynn Community Engagement Team Children, Communities & Enterprise), Marie Urquhart (Raploch Partnership), Mrs Patrick (Balfron High School), Paul Downie (Stirling High School), Michael Harkin, Cllr Tom Coleman, Cllr Mike Watson, Cllr Cecil Mieklejohn, Cllr Fiona Collie, Cllr Allyson Black, Cllr Derek Stewart, Cllr Bill Mason & Cllr Lorna Binnie, Ania Sandland (Outside the Box) & Michael Harkin

GWT national update:

Alison welcomed everyone asking each attendee to give a brief introduction.

Time was spent, recapping on the recent Channel 4 television programme, in which a group of 4 year olds visited the residents of a care home. The programme can still be seen on Channel 4 plus.

<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/old-peoples-home-for-4-year-olds>

Alison, proceeded to give a national update, referring to some projects in other areas including; 'Old School', 'Cycling without Age' and Newbyres Care home and nursery.

Kate Samuels (GWT's Communications Intern) is lobbying members of parliament to raise the profile of intergenerational projects and GWT. Kate has worked hard in getting the buy in from MSP's to raise a motion in parliament.

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/a-motion-in-scottish-parliament>

United Nations International Day of Older Persons and **Grandparent's Day** took place on the 1st of October. This year we were looking to share stories, memories and photos with grandparents as part of our campaign to challenge stereotypes and ageism.

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. Objectives include:

- 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>

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited)

Alison is planning to run a training course in Alloa after the spring and is currently looking for a suitable venue. If anyone would like to host the training please get in touch.

- Monday 21st May 2018, 10am – 4pm, Alloa (Venue TBC)

Learning outcomes for the training course can be found on the website here:

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

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – GWT plan to run the 6-week course from Tuesday 16th January to Monday 26th February 2018 at a cost of £100 per person. The course will take students approximately 50 hours to complete and will have a tutor for support.

Network coordinator vacancy – If anyone is interested in taking on the role of coordinator for Stirlingshire or Clackmannanshire please get in touch with Alison for further details.

GWT Conference, Wednesday 7th March 2018, Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (£50 per person). Workshops will be delivered on the following themes: care homes/nurseries, raising attainment through intergenerational work, intergenerational workplaces, ageing, Year of Young People, and creative activities. Further information and registration will be available soon from the website.

Raising attainment in literacy and numeracy through IG work

Funding secured to recruit a full time IG Development Officer for Perth & Kinross who will work closely with two schools, Perth Grammar School and The Community School of Auchterarder focusing on raising attainment levels for Maths and English. Schools have contributed through their Pupil equity funding. Other funders include Voluntary Action Fund and The Gannochy Trust.

Opportunities were given for attendees to network and develop new connections

Sharing and networking

- Jessie mentioned that she was currently visiting day care units across Forth Valley and would be keen to get younger people involved.
- Victoria mentioned that Falkirk CVS could give organisations help with funding applications and were helping organise a funder's fayre in March 2018.
- Town Break have really enjoyed their intergenerational project and are now looking to start another intergenerational befriending project with potentially 30 pupils from Wallace High.
- David Budd mentioned the Grandmentor project that recruits people over 50 years to mentor and be a role model to a young person. For more details please email: grandmentors@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

Meetings opportunities for 2018:

- Wed 21st March 2018, 1-3pm, CVS Falkirk & District, Unit 6, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk, FK1 1XR
- Thursday 23rd August 2018, 9.30 – 11.30am, Stirling (venue TBC)
- Monday 19th November 2018, 9.30am – 11.30am, Alloa (venue TBC)