

Aberdeen Network Meeting

Date: 10/05/2018

Venue: The Hub, University of
Aberdeen, 12 St Swithin St,
Aberdeen AB10 6XD



In attendance: Rebecca Dunn (Local Network Development Officer, Kevin Mathew (beCyCle), Tom Whyte (Harlaw Wider Achievement), Teresa Dufficy (Aberdeen City Council), George Sangster (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Andrew Somerville (Care Inspectorate), Chris Dunhill (Bramble Brae Primary)

PLEASE NOTE, meeting location noted above is different than noted on the website because original location was locked. Luckily Kevin had access to rooms at The Hub so we moved there.

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>

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.

CAPA

Please see mid report from CAPA programme - 4 mentions of IG work in three local authority areas. Please report this to network meetings.

New National Lottery Fund for Year of Young People:

https://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2018/03/19/new-national-lottery-fund-opening-for-year-of-young-people/?utm_campaign=632843_Scotland%20bulletin%20March%202018&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Big%20Lottery%20Fund&Ref=email&utm_keyword=new-national-lottery-yoyp-fund-btn&dm_i=3V8D,DKAZ,19C4QD,1FDRP,1

Scottish Government Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy Consultation update:

The consultation period has ended, but you can still view the draft strategy and see published responses here: <https://consult.gov.scot/equality-unit/connected-scotland/>

“The Attic” - an intergenerational theatre production

Teacher's resource available for anyone wishing to produce a similar project:

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/the-atic-a-fantastic-intergenerational-theatre-production-18-04-2018>

Developing digital activity within a Care Home - resource

‘Inspiring Digital Communities’ resource includes information on: – Suggested activities, Session resources, Online safety, Research, Useful information etc.

https://padlet.com/dcwalestraining/inspiring_carehomes

Further sharing and networking –

- Teresa mentioned that she has an intergenerational remit within her work, and already works with older peoples' groups.
- George mentioned that the Police Cyber Team works on preventing cyber crime, and could link into intergenerational projects which involve use of technology and safe online practice.
- Intergenerational Doric projects were mentioned.
- Tom brought up the existing links between Harlaw Academy and the University of Aberdeen. There is scope for more.

- Teresa mentioned that Boogie at the Beach and Boogie in the Bar are happening in Aberdeen, dance that brings together older and younger people.
- Tom highlighted that work experience for school pupils is happening less now, and that perhaps intergenerational projects can in some ways 'replace' work experience. Intergenerational projects can build work experience skills.
- George shared about his involvement with the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers. The volunteers are 13-15 years old. This scheme is accessing young people from harder to reach communities. These links could be helpful for others, and for getting more involvement from harder to reach communities. George suggested the youth volunteers linking in with the older people's forum.

Showcase event planning

The group came up with the shared idea of working towards a showcase event. Group agreed to create a short-life working group to plan this event, discussion took place about convenient meeting times for this working group, and Rebecca agreed to ensure she Cc'd everyone into an email so these meetings could be planned.

Ideas of groups to reach out to:

- Other protected characteristics groups
- Men's Sheds, Inverurie Men's Shed was mentioned, Women's Sheds
- Conversation Cafes
- Gaelic in the community
- Faith groups
- Storytellers, including Doric speakers
- City of Sanctuary Aberdeen group
- Community Gardens
- Polish Associations

Aims:

- Inclusive; bringing communities together
- To create a directory of community contacts
- Raising awareness of what's going on
- Opportunities to network

Useful contacts to follow up on:

- Sandra Howard and Baldeep McGarry, equalities team, Aberdeen City Council
- Mike Melvin, ACVO

Content of the event:

- A discussion activity to spark conversation, topics could include food/ sweets, technology, clothing.
- A reminiscence style activity. This could utilise the Torry Heritage and Memories "Time Capsule", very old police uniforms, the WW1 centenary, reminiscence boxes from museums or libraries.

Funds:

- Common Good Fund
- Awards for All
- Participatory Budget Fund (but this won't be open until next March)
- £100 from GWT via the First World War Centenary initiative

General agreement that it would be good to have young people involved in the planning and development of the event. They could use the experience towards a Dynamic Youth Award.

Those to invite to join working group:

- Harlaw Academy pupils
- Youth Volunteers
- ACE Voices
- Aberdeen Football Community Group (they do specific intergenerational work, which includes walking football)

Date of event: Group agreed November time suited best.

To be on the agenda for next planning meeting:

- Choose event date
- Look at venues

Date of next planning meeting: TBC in June

AOB:

£100 allocated to network, as part of a First World War Centenary initiative which also includes a poster competition. Short discussion took place about what this could be used for. Suggested it would be good to spend it on the showcase event mentioned above.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 29th August 2018 (Venue TBC)