

Network Meeting

Date: 22nd August 2018

Venue: St Mary's Primary School, Haddington



In attendance: Kelly Clarke (East Lothian Play Assoc.), Loreen Pardoe (Support from the Start), Amanda Doig, Jacqui Burke & Hyda Abdulgade (Fashion School), Wilma Porteous, Parvine Pjazayeri, Lynda Gilroy (East Lothian Council), Ana Przybycien (Art Point Scotland), Sue Northrup (Dementia Friendly & GWT Coordinator), Fiona Maher (MADE in East Lothian), Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Lewis Foster (Rotary) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Kirsty Bourhill (Forest Friends Nursery), Andrena Gowling (Castle Rock), Susan Humble (East Lothian Play Association). Bruce Murray (Windygoul Primary), Cllr Stephen Curran, Cllr Debbie McCall, Cllr Margot Russell & Cllr Fiona O'Donnell

GWT national update:

New staff members

GWT have recently recruited two new Network Development Officers, Marion Wahle who is covering six networks in the North East of Scotland and Josh Brown who is covering seven networks in the West of Scotland.

Using an IG approach in end of life care – research study (Forth Valley)

Dr Liz Forbat, Associate Professor in Ageing, University of Stirling is applying for funding to run a research study looking at how an intergenerational approach could be used in end of life care. It is hoped that this study would commence October 2019.

Intergenerational workshop for early year's practitioners - Monday 27th Aug 2018

The workshop was aimed at early years practitioners who are involved in intergenerational projects or who would like to develop projects however have faced barriers. GWT is looking to produce a new publication – An Intergenerational Guide for Early Years Practitioners

The publication will provide guidance on:

- planning an intergenerational project and setting appropriate outcomes
- what activities work and don't work
- ideas on who to connect with to create new partnerships
- benefits of intergenerational work for early years
- evaluating and measuring the impact

A similar workshop will be run on Thursday 4th October 1.30 – 4.30pm, Glasgow for care home/day care and sheltered housing staff to contribute **to another new intergenerational guide.**

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/intergenerational-workshop-for-care-homes-04-10-2018>

International Intergenerational Research Group – Scotland meeting planned for Wednesday 7th November 2018, 10:30am - 1:30pm, Glasgow. GWT is hosting a similar meeting to that held in June by Ali Somers, Co-Founder of the Apples and Honey Nightingale in London to gather thoughts and ideas for direction and collaboration between practitioners, policy makers, academics and researchers in Scotland and possibly wider afield (UK and Europe). Our aim is to connect practitioners, policy makers, academics and researchers who are actively or interested in investigating the impact of intergenerational work/relationships on both younger and older aged participants to come together.

Action: Alison to invite Alan Gow, Iain Dreary from University of Edinburgh and Thomas Bak to the research meeting in November.

GWT Annual National Conference - Wednesday 6th March 2019, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.
Recognition Awards 2018 will open in November 2018.

The **Intergenerational Leadership Institute (ILI)** is a certificate-training program developed by Penn State University for older adults seeking new lifelong learning experiences, skills and volunteer opportunities to contribute to innovation and change in their communities through an intergenerational perspective. ILI functions as a sort of incubator for creating and sustaining new intergenerational programs at local level. After attending the ILI yearlong program, older participants will have the skills to lead concrete intergenerational plans, programs and campaigns.

Generations Working Together will be attending the training course in November and is looking for someone who works for an older people's organisation to accompany GWT on the training course. The ultimate goal is to bring the knowledge back to Scotland to work together to look at ways GWT could support older people's groups and how you can deliver this training to older people seeking new lifelong learning experiences, skills and volunteer opportunities to contribute to innovation and change in their communities. You will need to cover your own travel and accommodation costs however GWT will cover one person's course fee which will include training materials, two lunches, three coffee breaks and your final certificate from Pennsylvania State University, USA.

Intergenerational Education in Spanish Primary Schools

Generations Working Together has a close partnership with the University of Granada and will be attending the following seminar hosted by Professor Mariano Sanchez to hear the results of the intergenerational school research project, Colegio Intergeneracional which is based on the Cleveland intergenerational school model.

GWT has been allocated two spaces and is looking for someone within Education in Scotland who would like to attend the seminar on the 22 & 23rd November 2018 in Granada, Spain along with Alison Clyde, GWT. We are looking for someone who has a real interest in developing intergenerational work within primary schools who can come back to Scotland and share their new knowledge to education colleagues within their local authority area and wider with a view to creating more intergenerational projects within Scottish schools. You would need to be able to cover your travel and accommodation costs (however refreshments, lunch and dinner on Thursday 22nd November will be included within the free seminar).

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited (£75 - Full / £50 Concession) planned for

- 3rd October 2108, 10am – 4pm in the media Room of general register House, 2 Princess Street, EH1
- 24th October 2018, 10am-3pm at Campbeltown Grammar School, Hutcheon Rd, Campbeltown PA28 6JS

To book a place on the courses detailed below or to see the learning outcomes please click on the link below: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – 6-week online course will run again starting on Tuesday 23rd October and finishing on Monday 3rd December 2018.

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/international-certificate-in-intergenerational-learning-2nd-edition-23-10-2018>

Ideas for Intergenerational Work

Inspiring Purpose: Between the Generations enables young people to explore the history and events of the First World War, as well as the character strengths and values required to get through this tough time, through discussions and working together with a partner from a different generation. This project creates a bond and relationship 'between the generations' and brings everyone together. The programme is ideal for young people under the age of 16 but must be completed with a partner from an older generation.

Intergenerational Writing Campaign – Scottish Book Trust

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/intergenerational-rebel-writing-campaign-31-08-2018>

Sharing and networking –

- Art Point Scotland and Bilingualism Matters will be running workshops based on art and languages for 6 weeks, this should happen in at least 2 different groups of children and older people being together. A group in Haddington has been confirmed. Our plan is not to teach a language but increase the benefits of learning them. We think that using art to connect generations, that's what we already do, can be a great way to introduce a different option for all on how to be more open minded, smarter, and, after all - healthier. For both groups, not only knowing another language but the process of learning it is very important. We hope to be a part of the research that can prove this theory. For further details and to participate please contact Anna Przybycien at artpoint.scotland@gmail.com

<http://www.meits.org/policy-papers/paper/learning-foreign-languages-in-primary-schools-is-younger->

- The Fashion School in Dunbar is running an intergenerational project called 'Design & Time' which involves delivering a 10-week courses aimed at bringing older people, including people living with dementia together with younger people to break down barriers and build friendships across the generations. The course runs three times a year for two years and is being extremely well received. Further details from the fashion.school.ltd@gmail.com
- Open book – Marjory Lofty Gill – lots of work in Edinburgh festival – language project – the lost words.
- Fiona mentioned an intergenerational art competition encouraging young and older people to celebrate the work of Sir William Gillies a local artist, born in Haddington. There will be an illustrated talk at the end of October.
- Bookbug sessions are being run in care homes and the library staff are hoping to deliver them fortnightly. Young mums seem to be very keen on intergenerational work.
- Rotarians have been mentoring young people in a jazz project

Next meeting: Monday 26th November 2018, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Carriage House, Pencaitland, EH34 5DL