

Glasgow Intergenerational Network Meeting

Date: 05.10.18

Venue: Ron Davey Enterprise Centre, 10 Vulcan Street, Glasgow, G21 4BP



In attendance: Karen Moyes and Lynsey Neilson (Glasgow Golden Generation), Kate Samuels (GWT), Jane Ann Cameron (Ayrshire College), Fiona Herriot (Liaison Office NG Homes – Fire and Rescue Services)

Apologies: Margaret Fraser (NG Homes), Jodie Wilkinson (Glasgow Film Theatre), Ewan Fisher (GWT), Norma (GWT), Rebecca Innes (Tall Ship), Helen Kingstone (University of Glasgow), Ioanna Papadopoulou (Glasgow Life), Ruth Ramsay (Coconut Corner)

Generations Working Together meeting had new members in attendance and discussed how to connect with the organisation, our main aims and the benefit of intergenerational projects. It was explained that intergenerational projects connect people with at least 20 years between them and many take place between younger and older people. The meeting looked at projects including Cycling Without Age, Anam Cara and Newbyres Nursery. It was advised the all members of GWT are kept up to date with intergenerational news and that case studies and information on intergenerational projects can be found on our website www.generationsworkingtogether.org

GWT National Update:

Generations Working Together Bringing Women Together event took place on the 31st of August in Glasgow to celebrate 100 years of women's vote. It was the first women's only event of this kind. Generations Working Together brought together partners including Glasgow Women's Library, Lush and Glasgow City Council. Attendees asked questions about working in partnership with different organisations, how we were able to arrange the funding and evaluate the event. Discussion took place around future events that could be organised and how to make them intergenerational. Some attendees advised that they would be interested in a future event for women.

Generation on Screen has been finalised by Generations Working Together, the project brought together younger and older people in care homes and schools with 4 care homes and schools taking part. Younger and older people were recruited through the local network and schools in the area. Attendees asked how we contacted schools and care homes. We mentioned that there are other intergenerational networks across Scotland through GWT and that members can be part of more than one. The end of the project saw the screening in a local cinema that brought families and community together. A discussion took place on how families and the community can be brought in to participate in intergenerational projects.

New staff members joining the GWT team

- Marion Wahle will be covering the North East of Scotland as our new Network Development Officer (16 hours)
- Josh Brown will be covering the West of Scotland – P/T Network Development Officer (18 hours)

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

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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. An attendee from Ayrshire college said she will share this and keep up to date with future meetings to

Grandparent's day is taking place on the 7th of October, this is a yearly celebration of grandparents. GWT is encouraging Glasgow participants to share any projects and celebrations of the day through the hashtag #grandparentsday. There will already be a project in Wick and possibly in Perth and Kinross to highlight this already where grandparents and ones taking on a grandparent role will share their stories and careers. One attendee is currently working with Saracen Primary school and will raise this possibility with a potential for a celebration later in October.

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>. The course booking date has been extended until 18th of October. This is accredited by University of Granada and has 50 hours of CPD. Would be particularly useful to anyone working in education, health, community and policy.

Sharing and Networking

- Fiona Herriot is from the fire and rescue service in Glasgow, currently seconded to NG homes as Liaison Officer. Through the heritage department they have started an intergenerational project, this initially involved older people visiting the Greenock Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Museum and Heritage Centre and going into the local school, Saracen Primary. From this a project developed around Wallace – The Fire Dog. Pupils of all ages have been working with the older people on craft and art projects around this theme, have been learning about fire safety and have had the stuffed dog brought over to the school. They are looking to expand the project and to work with City Chambers on a Wallace Statue. A fundraising campaign is currently online. More information can be found on <https://sfrheritagetrust.org/scottish-fire-rescue-heritage-trust/wallace-the-fire-dog/>.
- Jane Ann Cameron from Ayrshire College said there was currently an intergenerational project for care students where the older people come in and share their stories, to develop friendships and increase compassion. They will connect with CAPA and consider broadening the project so more students can become involved – hospitality for example.
- Glasgow Golden Generation has operated since 1948 with day centres, various intergenerational events, befriending and activities already take place including nursery links, armchair exercises, and crafts. Christmas lunch is now open for booking for 16th of December. <https://glasgowgg.org.uk/>.
- **Next meeting: Friday 15th of February 2019 12.00pm – 2.00 pm, Kelvinhall 1445 Argyle Street Glasgow G3 8AW**

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