

## **Perth & Kinross Network Meeting**

**Date:** 22.03.2018 **Venue:** Glenearn Community Campus, Glenearn Road, Perth, from 10am – 12pm

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**In attendance:** Ron McLaren, Georgia Boswell, Jo West, Lorna Dunbar, Susannah Coventry, Katrina Dormer, Ann Scobbie, Carolyn Wilson, Katrina Dormer, Mima Hird, Monika Kruk, Mike Farrell, Maureen O'Reilly

**Apologies:** Amanda Pirie, Suzannah Coventry

**GWT national update:** Maureen went through the 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/>

**International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/>

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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>

**GWT is looking to recruit volunteer trustees** to join our board members above who have experience of working in the voluntary, public or private sector and want to become actively involved.

**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.

<http://yoyp2018.scot/>

**THE BIG LUNCH**, the UK's annual get together for neighbours and communities, will take place this year on Sunday 3rd June. Created and coordinated by the Eden Project Communities team, THE BIG LUNCH is a fantastic way to get people together for the first (but not the last!) time, to have fun, and plan future activities together. Big Lunches can lead to all kinds of interesting and exciting projects which transform communities for the better – and they are an important step in tackling the social isolation and loneliness which is so widespread in our neighbourhoods today.

Eden Project Communities sandrabrown@edenproject.com 07703189049

**New Digital inclusion link on our resources page:**

Digital toolkits from Northern Ireland and Wales

[https://padlet.com/dcwalestraining/inspiring\\_carehomes](https://padlet.com/dcwalestraining/inspiring_carehomes)

**Voting members**

We are looking to recruit two voting members per network. 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.

**Connecting Generations Perth & Kinross Project**

**GWT Connecting Generations Learning Event**

GWT Learning event was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and was a fantastic success, Deputy First Minister John Swinney attending and Sheena Devlin, Head of Education P&K Council. Mr Swinney has since gone on to other conferences and meetings, highlighting the Connecting Generations Project and validating this as excellent use of PEF funding (pupil Equity Funding)

More than 80 people attended and 3 films were shown, The Garden to Plate Project, Kinnoull Primary/Kincarrathie residential home, Perth Grammar does Poetry, and Connecting Generations at the Community School of Auchterarder.

National Conference - GWT National Conference was held in Glasgow on 7<sup>th</sup> March, also a huge success, with many workshops and over 100 attendees.

**Connecting Generations project** - MOR and MF gave an update on the project in Perth Grammar School and Community school of Auchterarder, updating the group on what stage the project is at and highlighting the lessons learned and well as successes.

**Perth Grammar Intergenerational Hub** – MOR/MF are holding a planning and scoping meeting to propose a new IG hub, within Perth Grammar school on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. To which all are invited. (Date of next meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1.30 – 3.30 in the Community wing of the school)

**Recruitment Drive** – MOR gave out GWT new recruitment leaflets and asked for support in cascading the Recruitment drive through everyone's networks. Training starting early May in both Perth Grammar and CSoA.

**Katrina Dormer, Balhousie Primary School**, gave a presentation highlighting the excellent IG work in her school and how she has weekly visits to a local nursing home. Planned activities are done with the pupils and residents, where relationships are developing between the ages.

GWT have recently completed their second ICIL online training course. MOR has completed this herself and has recommended it as a really good way to raise awareness and helping to get ideas for projects. MOR will advise group of next online course dates.

**Perth & Kinross Network coordinator vacancy (volunteer)** – If anyone is interested in taking on the role of coordinator please get in touch with Maureen for further details.

**Date of our next meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm – 4pm am in Carpenter Court, Perth**