

Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire Intergenerational Network Meeting

Date: 15.02.19

Venue: Kelvinhall Activity Room, 1445 Argyle Street Glasgow G3 8AW



In attendance: Scott Burnett (Young People's Futures), Lynsey McCallum (Baldy Bane Theatre Company), Margaret Graham McDonald (The Health & Social Care Alliance), Pamela Maxwell (Lead Scotland), L. Raynolds (Glasgow City Council), Judy Fielding (Bookbug), Geraldine Donnan (YMCA), Kirsty Grant (The Conservation Volunteers), Nikki O'Hara (Home Start Glasgow North), Fiona Warner (East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust), Brenda Mackay (Glasgow's Golden Generation), Ann McLvain (East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action), Morag Crichton (Stand International Silver Stag), Graham Branscombe (East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action), Karen Moyes (Glasgow's Golden Generation), Kevin Gilchrist (Highballs Low CiC), Mirren Kennedy (Highballs Low CiC/City of Glasgow College)

Apologies: Cllr Eva Murray, Cllr Kim Long, Sally Pritchard, Jodie Wilkinson, Janet Hutchison and Marie McFadden, Charlotte Craig

Generations Working Together discussed what intergenerational projects, their impact are and how to make a project meaningful to the community. Photos were shown around the group and the variety of projects were empathised. Generations Working Together advised that we are currently looking for more examples of intergenerational work for case studies and articles and are happy to share any projects on Social Media. Attendees shared their projects, ideas and concerns around the table and were give examples of current case studies and resources.

GWT National Update:

Older People's Framework and Connecting Generations is currently being developed which takes into considerations any issues older people are facing and explores solutions on how to improve their lives. Generations Working Together is currently undertaking research that will contribute towards this and has been visiting intergenerational older volunteers and care home residents who have taken part in our projects in Perth & Kinross and Renfrewshire. The final report is due in spring 2019 and Generations Working Together will share this with all. Connecting Generations is a project in Perth & Kinross which has been running since 2017 and aims to improve attainment in children through older volunteers. Generations Working Together will produce the impact and findings in 2019 and this can be shared to promote intergenerational benefits.

Intergenerational Guide in Early Learning and Childcare and Intergenerational Conference – our new publication will be launched at our conference. The publication will give tips, examples and research for anyone interested in developing a project in this area. The conference takes place on Wednesday 6th March 2019, 9:30am - 4:00pm at The Technology and Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, 99 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RD (£65 member / £80 non-member). You need to register online for the conference. It will also include Recognition Awards to highlight intergenerational projects.

Training - GWT delivers training and gives support to practitioners looking to develop an intergenerational project. We offer one day training which is face to face and online training which is starting in April. The online training is called Intergenerational courses including International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) and is accredited by University of Granada, Spain. The training is more in-depth and covers theories, as well as offering tutor support. Registration is open now.

Generations Working Together is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), charity number SC045851.

European Day of Intergenerational Solidarity – This takes place on 29th of April every year and is a chance to share your projects, ideas to fight ageism and connect with European partners. Please highlight the day on your platforms and share with us any events, posts and campaigns.

Glasgow Network Coordinator – We are recruiting a volunteer who will help with the network, any interested people should get in touch with Kate Samuels on Kate@generationsworkingtogether.org.

Sharing and Networking

- **Glasgow's Golden Generation** staff talked about the lessons learned from an intergenerational project and explained the role of the organisation. The organisation has been running since 1948 and hosts communal meals, events and support. They discussed the importance of starting small and growing friendships over time, as well as why it's important to connect with other organisations in your area. They have recently connected with Somerset Nursery in the west end of Glasgow and will be developing more intergenerational projects and also work with Abercorn Secondary School. They have also recently gained new funding and have recruited a new Development Strategy Officer.
- Kevin Gilchrist from **Highballs Low CiC** said that the organisation is a social enterprise based in Summerston Glasgow based on physical activity learning for children. They have done intergenerational projects with Hawtorne Care Home and are hoping to expand this in the city. Current City of Glasgow College student Mirren Kennedy is doing research on this for her graded unit.
- **Home Start** is a charity based in the East End of Glasgow. Home-Start volunteers help families with young children deal with the challenges they face. They support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children. Although their volunteers are 18+ they are keen to develop more intergenerational work and are looking into future events. They also do a choir.
- Judy Fielding from **Bookbug** talked about the intergenerational bookbug sessions and why they have been so valuable. Bookbug sessions are free and take place in the local library where children and adults join in fun sessions of stories, songs and rhymes. They have done Christmas events with care homes, including a book from Santa for children. Judy is based in Southside of Glasgow.
- Ann McLvain from **East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action** updated on the current work in East Dunbartonshire which includes lunch clubs, including one with additional support needs which is going well. The organisation tries to do lunch clubs, but then put on events and activities after. One of the events they have done was chilli tasting, as they have a project for this.
- Lynsey McCallum from **Baldy Bane Theatre Company** discussed intergenerational project through the arts. The company does intergenerational work through the road safety play and they are based in Shawlands.
- **Glasgow City Council** representative discussed the links between care homes and nurseries. It has been suggested that education professionals contact the Family Learning Officers at Glasgow Life who may be interested in intergenerational projects.

Next meeting: Friday 17th of May 1.00pm – 3.00pm, COOP 90 Crown Street, Glasgow, G5 9ZR