

## Grampian Intergenerational Network Meeting

**Date:** 22.03.19

**Venue:** Suttie Arts Space, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Forresterhill Road, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZN



**In attendance:** Elaine Sinclair (Royal Voluntary Service), Jo Hastie (Grampian Hospitals Art Trust), Kate Gray (Dementia Friendly Aberdeenshire), Alec Thompson-Miller (ACE Voices), Nicola Twine (Aberdeenshire Council), Valerie Kidd (Mile End School), Suzanne Mahony, Tom Whyte Aberdeen City Council), Lizzie Wavell (Woodlands Nursery Ltd), Alison Black (Aberdeen City Council), Marie MacDonald (Middlefield Community Project), two ROTA children (names confidential)

**Apologies:** Elaine Sinclair (Royal Voluntary Service), Olga Moroni (Aberdeenshire Council), Baldeep McGarry (Aberdeen City Council), Anna Adam (Woodlands Nursery Ltd), Lianne Robertson (Woodlands Nursery Ltd)

Generations Working Together discussed the aims behind intergenerational projects and defined the term as there were many attendees new to intergenerational work. Discussion took place on how to begin a project and ROTA children discussed their ideas and interests. Generations Working Together advised that we are currently looking for more examples of intergenerational work for case studies and articles.

### **GWT National Update:**

**Generations Working Together 2019 conference** was discussed, including workshops and awards winners, information is available online <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2019-06-03-2019>

**Ayrshire Intergenerational event with Care Inspectorate took place on 15<sup>th</sup>** of March. This brought together care professionals, volunteers and the community and intergenerational examples in the local area were shared. Please contact Generations Working Together if you have any ideas for events or projects you would like to share.

**GWT Perth and Kinross project Connecting Generations** update was given. The project was visited by international visitors from the University of Granada in March. Report within the next few months will show the difference the project has made and this will be circulated.

**intergenerational Guide in Early learning and Childcare has now been launched and** is available online. This is a resource for anyone doing or wanting to start an intergenerational project.

**International Certificate in Intergenerational Learning** will be starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April this is a 6 week online certificate in partnership with the University of Granada and open to all who want to embed intergenerational practice in their work, the cost of the course is £150. You can book online now <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/international-certificate-in-intergenerational-learning-3rd-edition-23-04-2019>.

**Presentation-** Simone discussed Shared Lives Scheme which operates in Aberdeenshire. It offers adults with disabilities the chance to contribute to real friendships and become active, valued citizens with a sense of belonging and confidence in themselves. More information on the scheme can be found online <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/community-care/living-independently/day-services-for-adults-with-disabilities/shared-lives-scheme/>. There are small funding opportunities available.

## Sharing and Networking

- Tom from **Harlow Academy** mentioned that they have had intergenerational projects over the last 3 years and are looking for help in making these more sustainable. There is a Leos group that is currently doing intergenerational work.
- Valeria was a deputy head at **Mile's End** school and is currently doing work in the community, including a project where children write letters to older people. She is keen to make the project more intergenerational and to learn more from others.
- **ROTA** children representatives were in attendance and talked about their programme which is part of rotary. The children do work in the community and are looking to make some of this work intergenerational.
- Kate Grey from **Dementia Friendly Aberdeenshire** organisation spoke about the benefits of intergenerational work and raised the need for funding to continue some of their work. They work with the people participation forum and she highlighted the need for the work to continue in some form.
- Jo Hastie from **Grampian Hospitals Art Trust** discussed the work of the Trust, the only one of it's kind in the UK. The trust works with patients and artists and is exploring intergenerational work. Jo also works on an intergenerational programme Silver City Surfers that provide IT classes for older people and have an intergenerational component.
- Alison Black from Aberdeen City Council creative learning team currently works with Luminare, creative ageing festival and creative ageing networks.
- Marie McDonald is a nursery manager in **Midfield** and is keen to link up with others, currently doing an intergenerational project.
- Homeshare was discussed and it is a concept which brings together people with spare rooms with people who are happy to chat and lend a hand around the house in return for affordable, sociable accommodation. Information on this can be found online.  
<https://homeshareuk.org/>

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Next meeting: Friday 31st May 2019, 10:00am - 12:00pm, venue TBC