

## Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire Intergenerational Network Meeting

**Date:** 17.05.19

**Venue:** Community Room, COOP Gorbals, 190 Crown St, Glasgow G5 9ZR



**In attendance:** Karen Moyes (Glasgow's Golden Generation), Paula Brown (East Dunbartonshire Social work), Angela Tamburrini, Elaine Bryers (Crookfur nursery), Mark McLuskey (Smithycroft Secondary School), Courtney Thomas (Rosehill Housing), Jodie Wilkinson (Glasgow Film Theatre), Lindsay Barr (Orchardhill Parish Church), Lynsey Neilson (Glasgow's Golden Generation), Ian Duncan (East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust), Michelle West (East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust), Caroline Clark (Douglas academy), Cllr Baillie Scanlon (Glasgow City Council), Anne McKlvein (Generations Working Together volunteer)

**Apologies:** Irene McNally (Hollybrook Secondary), Cllr Martin Rhodes (Glasgow City Council), Cllr Graeme McGinnigle (Glasgow City Council), Judy Fielding (Bookbug)

Generations Working Together discussed the aims behind intergenerational projects and defined the term, giving examples for education, environment and housing. Generations Working Together explained that the role of organisation is to also support and inspire others to start intergenerational projects. Discussion took place on how to begin a project and where funding can be accessed. Generations Working Together advised that a funding page is available on the website where we post funding that projects can apply for. We are also 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>

**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.

**Soils Association Partnership became partners with Generations Working Together** on the Get Togethers project, this aims to bring generations working together and more information on this partnership can be found on our website. <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/generations-working-together-joins-forces-with-the-soil-association-on-food-for-life-get-togethers-project-24-04-2019> .

**Eden Project Big Lunch** is taking place in Perth Grammar on the 31st of May. This will highlight the Perth and Kinross project and will bring the community together. Minister Christina McKelvie will open the event. To find out more or to look for a Big Lunch event nearby please see the Eden Communities website <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/thebiglunchhomepage>.

**Presentation-** Charlie Miller from Men's Sheds spoke about the origins and purpose of the sheds which started in Australia but are growing fast in Scotland. The idea of the sheds is to tackle loneliness, learn

new skills and to bring younger and older men together. There are currently 180 in Scotland, including one nearby, Gorbals Men Shed and one about to open in Anderston Glasgow. To find a shed or to join as a member please see their website <https://scottishmsa.org.uk/find-a-shed/>.

### Sharing and Networking

- Jodie Wilkinson from Glasgow Film Theatre shared the programme for the dementia friendly screenings. These can be found on their website and are open to anyone with a dementia diagnosis, their friends and family <https://glasgowfilm.org/plan-your-visit/venue-access/movie-memories>.
- Ian Duncan from the East Dunbartonshire Trust mentioned that there is a lot of intergenerational projects in East Dunbartonshire through the library, including one that is IT based where younger and older people learn from each other, specifically focussing on devices such as smart phones.
- Lyoncross Nursery in Cardonald has been organising visits to the local care home for the last 5 months. They are looking to continue this project and to share any ideas for activities and funding.
- Lindsay Barr from Orchardhill Church in Giffnock has said that the church does a lot of intergenerational work including lunch clubs and visits for two groups of children, 3-4 years and 10-12 years. They are currently looking for support with funding more information on them can be found online <https://www.orchardhill.org.uk/whats-on/>.
- Caroline Clark, a teacher from Douglas Academy has said that the school does a lot of intergenerational activity, including linking this to Duke of Edinburgh and that many of the older pupils are dementia friends, training by Alzheimer Scotland. Caroline is happy to share these project with other schools and is interested in international intergenerational projects in education.
- The BBC show Vicky McClure's dementia choir was discussed, with some of the participants saying this inspired them to come and to look at possibly organising something similar in Glasgow. More information on the show and to watch please see the BBC website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-48124591> .
- Karen Moyes from Glasgow's Golden Generation talked about the range of activities the organisation does including lunchtime clubs, projects and hosting of pupils who would like to work with older people. Currently the pupils from Hutcheson Grammar are at the centre for three days. More information can be found on their website <https://glasgowgg.org.uk/>.

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Next meeting: Friday 4th October 2019, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, venue TBC in East Dunbartonshire