

## Forth Valley Network Meeting

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Venue: Camelon Education Centre, Falkirk



**In attendance:** Debbie Buchanan (HC One), Clare Ross (Antonine Primary), Caroline Carmichael (Stirling Council), Christina Feaks (Active Stirling), Jennifer Thomson (Cycling without Age), Alexis Atkinson (Queen Street Early Learning), Elaine Harley (Bowhouse Primary), Jenny McEwan & Elaine Williamson (Menstrie House), Catherine Smith (Menstrie House), Zoe Fraser (Redwell Primary), Berny Kelly (St Margaret's Primary), Janine Rushton (Gargunnoch Primary), Ashley Johnston (St Margaret's Primary), Liz Rowlett (CTSI Clacks) & Alison Clyde (GWT)>

**Apologies:** Susan Goodman (Stirling Council), Cllr Joan Coombes (Falkirk Council), Gemma Kennedy (Banchory primary School), Mandy Hay (Killin Nursery), Lorraine Dolland (Cambusbarron Primary School), Joan Purdie (Newcarron Court Care Home), Marie Urquhart (Raploch Community Campus) & May Chamberlain (Relationship Scotland).

### GWT national update:

GWT Annual National Conference 2019, presentations are now available online:

[www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

### Annual Recognition Awards presented at this year's conference included:

1. **Most innovative project** presented by Jackie Kay, Scottish Makar

**Winner – Barrowland Ballet: Wolves**, Highly Commended – Fashion School Ltd, Dunbar and Connect the Elderly Penpal Project

2. **Most improved project** presented by Jackie Kay, Scottish Makar

**Winner – Care Inspectorate**, Highly Commended – Anam Cara's Wee Pals and Dunbar Grammar School

3. **Award for promoting achievement and attainment in education** presented by Lesley Munro, Children & Young People, Scottish Borders Council

**Winner – Care Inspectorate**, Highly Commended – Sanderson's Wynd Primary School

4. **Award for contribution to reducing loneliness and isolation** presented by the Minister for Older People and Equalities, Christina McKelvie MSP

**Winner – Fashion School Ltd, Dunbar**, Highly Commended – Raploch Community Partnership and Contact the Elderly Penpal Project

5. **Intergenerational volunteer of the year** presented by Natasha Gilmore, Barrowland Ballet

**Winner – Elizabeth Sime**, Connecting Generations, Perth Grammar School, Highly Commended – Ben Stewart, Lenzie Academy and Sheila Campbell, St Columba's School

6. **The Yvonne Coull, Local Network Coordinator Award** presented by Natasha Gilmore, Barrowland Ballet - **Winner – Sue Northrop**, East Lothian Network, Certificate of Merit – Ashleigh Macaskill, Western Isles Network and Linsey Drever, Orkney Isles Network

The new [publication for early learning and childcare practitioners](#) was launched at this year's conference. GWT will then work on the care publication which will be launched later in the year. **A black & white, no photo's copy will also be available to share online on the website.**

**Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited (£75 - Full / £50 Concession) planned for:**

- **September 2019**, 10am – 4pm, Inverkeithing High School, Hillend Road, KY11 1PL (Date TBC shortly)
- **24<sup>th</sup> September 2019**, 10am – 4pm, The Crichton Trust, Grierson House, the Crichton, Bankend, Dumfries, DG1 4EZ

**The next years training programme will be available on the website after the summer holidays.**

**International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** – Edition 4 will run from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (Cost - £160) – registration is now open.

**A Guide for Older People** – Intergenerational Activity – How to be part of it and why.

Published by St Monica's Trust - Order your copy from

[https://www.stmonicastrust.org.uk/guide?gclid=CjwKCAjw39reBRBJEiwAO1m0OZJx4qrC7HcDYd8RMyhP3TpAR2HLZuJSQ0qZ67Zb8n211nHMgGUZfxoCpBsQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.stmonicastrust.org.uk/guide?gclid=CjwKCAjw39reBRBJEiwAO1m0OZJx4qrC7HcDYd8RMyhP3TpAR2HLZuJSQ0qZ67Zb8n211nHMgGUZfxoCpBsQAvD_BwE)

**Care Inspectorate new publication** – Bringing Generations Together

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/care-inspectorate-new-intergenerational-publication>

**A Connected Scotland** – The Scottish Government's strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger social connections

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/5c19203b1a7a0-A%20Connected%20Scotland%20-%20dec%202018.pdf>

**Mono/multi and inter generations and challenges** PPP is available on the network page to read.

#### Local Update

- Joan from Blether Buddies reported that a group of 8 pupils from the local primary school have been visiting a care home weekly for over a year. After a recent care commission inspection, which mentioned the group, the local council press office has been in touch with the school with a view to writing an article. They are considering approaching the national newspapers and STV or BBC. Watch this space!!!!
- Christina Feaks reported that their sports leadership intergenerational work will continue into the next academic year (21 students have chosen to take the IG module). Christina mentioned the difficulties in collating the evidence.
- Menstrie Care Home have regular weekly visits from Menstrie Nursery.
- Debra Buchanan keen to learn more about IG work with people living with Dementia.
- Caroline Carmichael would like to link to anyone in Forth Valley who would be interested in setting up a Gaelic intergenerational conversation group.
- Clare Ross mentioned their Penpal project which meets once a month.
- Liz Rowlett is keen to take up the role of Forth Valley network coordinator.
- [The Big Lunch](#) and the [Big Fit Walk](#) are great opportunities to connect different generations and open up conversations for further IG work

#### Next meeting:

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 9:30am - 11:30am at Raploch Community Campus, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1RD
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 9.30am – 11.30pm – venue TBC for Clacks