

Grampian Intergenerational Network Meeting

Date: 31.05.19

Venue: Third Sector Interface 30-32 High St, Elgin IV30 1BU



In attendance: Anne Owens (The Moray Council), Margaret Cowie (Moray Council), Paula Bisset (Care Inspectorate).

Apologies: Fiona Alderson (Networks of Wellbeing Ltd), Christine Allan (Member of various community groups), Suzanne Thomson (Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership), Sue Davis (TSI Moray).

Generations Working Together discussed the aims behind intergenerational projects and defined the term, looking at examples such as libraries and in schools. Discussion took place on the funding issues and how we can celebrate intergenerational connections that can build into projects. 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 is part funded by the pupil equity fund and up to date information and details can be found on our website and the schools <https://www.tcsoa.com/Information/Intergenerational-Work/>. 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 <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/intergenerational-guide-in-early-learning-and-childcare>. 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. Generations Working Together had recently visited a conference about the new partnership in Manchester and more details will be up online.

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/generations-working-together-joins-forces-with-the-soil-association-on-food-for-life-get-togethers-project-24-04-2019> .

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

Sharing and Networking

- Anne Owens from Elgin Library said there is a potential for intergenerational volunteering as they had recently taken on a 16 year old volunteer. There are also coding clubs and reminiscence. They can possibly a way to work with local schools, funding permitting. Volunteering form can be accessed online http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_81669.html.
- The group mentioned on Friday afternoons children in High Schools are now off, this could be a good time for volunteering or intergenerational projects.
- Paula Bisset from Care Inspectorate mentioned that intergenerational volunteer recruiting seems to work well when there is a credit or recognition. For example, HND fitness students in North East Scotland College have done a project with care homes as part of their course and this has been successful. She suggested ways to incorporate intergenerational into projects, like activity has been incorporated into care homes at CAPA.
- Margaret Cowie from the Moray Council mentioned there are intergenerational opportunities and opportunities for volunteers, but recruitment could be better. There are good examples of volunteering with older people (for example as walking buddies) and perhaps it is good to capture these intergenerational friendships.
- Moray council recognises volunteering through the Saltire awards, including intergenerational activity.

Next meeting: Friday 13th September 2019, 1 pm – 3 pm, venue TBC in the Grampian area.