

Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire Intergenerational Network Meeting

Date: 04.10.19

Venue: Community Room, Bishopbriggs Library, 170 Kirkintilloch Rd, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow G64 2LX

In attendance:

Lindsay Geddes (Social Security Scotland), Rowena Statt (Anderson bell Christie Architects), Mandy Davidson (Lenzie Academy), Eileen McWilliams (St Helen's Primary School), Olivia O'Reilly (St. Mungo's Academy), Michelle West (East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture), Anne McLvain (East Dunbartonshire Volunteer Action)

Apologies:

Jodie Wilkinson (Glasgow Film Theatre), Elaine Henson (Deafblind Scotland), Trish Robertson (Bearsden Festival), Depute Provost Gary Pews (Councillor, Bishopbriggs North & Campsie).

Kate explained that the meeting will consist of sharing of stories, projects and challenges, as well as the big climate conversation that will include questions about Scottish Government's role in climate change, actions and objectives. This information will be fed back to the Scottish Government and is taking place across our intergenerational networks in different areas. All the answers are confidential.

GWT National Update

Intergenerational Training is taking place this autumn – we will be delivering both one day (and CPD accredited) Intergenerational Training for Trainers & Practitioners training across Scotland and our seven week online International Certificate in Intergenerational Learning, accredited by the University of Granada. The online training will run from 5th of November – 23rd December 2019. Find out more and register online <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>.

Generations Working Together Conference will take place in on Wednesday the 4th of March 2020 in Glasgow at the University of Strathclyde Technology and Innovation Centre. The programme is still being developed, but it is likely that there will be some focus on environmental intergenerational projects, please let us know if you know of any or have any ideas for the workshops or activities. We are also looking for any sponsorship or marketing opportunities to help us with the conference, as well as for any organisations who would like to hold stalls on the day. The full programme will be available on our website closer to the time on www.generationsworkingtogether.org.

Generations Working Together has recently submitted evidence with Linking Generations Northern Ireland to the All-Party Group on social integration. This has highlighted the need for co-location, funding and government support. For all responses, announcements and meetings please visit the group website <https://socialintegrationappg.org.uk>.

Generations Working Together is looking for photos these will be for our banners and booklets and we require different ages (for example nursery children and older people and teenagers and older people) to showcase the diversity of intergenerational work. Please send these to Kate directly on Kate@generationsworkingtogether.org. You must ensure you have all the copyright permissions to submit this.

GWT Connecting Generations school project – The project is continuing in Perth and Kinross, with a new staff member Donna McGlashan who will be based in the Perth Grammar school. Donna was a

previous volunteer on the project and an article on her will be on our website to learn more. The Community School of Auchterarder will continue the project as an intergenerational hub without a GWT staff member. New schools in other areas are joining the project, including potentially St Clare's primary school in Drumchapel, Glasgow.

Kate discussed the partnership with the **Soil Association** this work includes a booklet for practitioners and food based events relating to intergenerational practice. One event has already taken place in Inverclyde and there is a plan to also host one in Glasgow, potentially in the woodlands community garden. All the network members will be invited when this arranged.

Big Climate Change Exercise

The group undertook the Big Climate Conversation exercise which consisted of giving responses on how important climate change action is, what comes to mind after discussing a climate emergency and which actions should the government prioritise. Key actions mentioned include circular economy, growing our woodlands and renewable energy. Discussion also took place on how this related to intergenerational projects and suggestions such as craft cafes, re-using and shared places and spaces were considered. This exercise can also be done in schools by going on the website for a pack

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/the-big-climate-conversation-community-conversation-pack/>.

Sharing and Networking

- Olivia O'Reilly from **St Mungo's Academy** mentioned that she is helping to organise the Caritas award, which includes twenty hours of volunteering. She is keen to make this intergenerational and would like to connect with other educators and community organisers to make links.
- Rowena Statt from **Anderson Bell Christie Architects** talked about intergenerational housing and architecture projects in Perth and Kinross. The group agreed that co-location is growing and Kate mentioned the Place Age Report now out on this topic which GWT contributed to. This is now online <https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=ES%2FN013220%2F1>.
- Mandy Davidson from **Lenzie Academy** talked about her varied experience in intergenerational practice in schools. One project is the dementia café which has ran once a month, organised between Mevisbank Care Home, the school and a staff member from Social Work department. Mandy explained it was difficult to get older people from the community so HC One care homes joined in. There is also a dementia network in Bishopbriggs. There was an intergenerational event in Lenzie which included pupils from primary, secondary, care homes and advocacy. Additionally, there used to be an event called Spring Fling and this has a great potential.
- Lenzie Parish church hold a games night in a Thursday and this is a great opportunity for intergenerational connections. More information can be found online <https://www.lenzieoldparish.co.uk/event/thursday-club-2pm-13/>.
- Anne McIvain from **East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action** discussed intergenerational projects in the area including befriending, group befriending and lunch club. <https://eastdva.wixsite.com/edva>

Next meeting:

Friday 14th of February 2020, Glasgow place and time to be confirmed – we are currently looking for a Glasgow location.