

Grampian Intergenerational Network Meeting

Date: 27.03.20

Venue: Zoom Online

In attendance: Susan Curran (University of Aberdeen), Julie McDonough (Insch School), Yvonne McLeod (Udny Community Trust Co. Ltd), Nicola Twine (Aberdeenshire Council), Jan Murdoch (LLA Aberdeenshire Libraries), David Fryer (Torry Development Trust), Louise Phillips (University of Aberdeen), Cllr Anuk Kloppert (Aberdeenshire Council), Lorna (Tory – Aberdeenshire)

Kate explained that the meeting will be slightly different due to the current health crisis. We will still focus on intergenerational projects but will take into consideration how everyone is doing and will see how this meeting goes. Feedback is welcome on the new way of working and any ideas that could make this easier. Due to our zoom meeting the notes will be shorter than usual as we will record the meetings.

How we are working and coping – we discussed how everyone was coping emotionally and recognised that people are in different positions. Many in attendance were working from home and some have been furloughed. It was recognised that some organisations part of the network may not engage during the crisis due to more pressing concerns, but there may also be more individuals who are keen to contribute. Those in attendance appreciated the meetings being held online, although asked for GWT staff or volunteer to visit the Aberdeenshire area afterwards if possible, to see some projects in person.

Continuity of intergenerational projects – some of the participants were keen to start or develop current projects for online use. However, it has been recognised that as the lockdown just happened, we need to see how long this will be and it may take a few weeks to start adapting and arranging projects. All attendees asked for ideas, resources and other intergenerational projects that can inspire.

GWT National Update

Generations Working Together Conference and Excellence Awards took place on Wednesday the 4th of March 2020 in Glasgow at the University of Strathclyde Technology and Innovation Centre. Award winners and presentations are available online on www.generationsworkingtogether.org. Photos of the day are available on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether>.

Intergenerational Training – we are currently working to develop more online intergenerational training and our seven week online International Certificate in Intergenerational Learning, accredited by the University of Granada is starting on the 28th of April for anyone interested, places are limited. Find out more and register online <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>.

Sharing and Networking

- **Susan Curran** from **University of Aberdeen** talked about how the university is adjusting and that it's moving things online, including online classes and exams. She is keen to work on an intergenerational project and feels like Cool Cuthie Customers project could well. This is a project where younger people work with older people to develop IT confidence. This is on hold, but very useful for the times.

- **Cllr Anouk Kloppert** from **Aberdeenshire Council** is keen to do more work on intergenerational projects. The council is currently setting up support and she will share any resources. She is also keen to discuss intergenerational participatory budgeting with GWT when the lockdown lifts.
- **David Fryer** from **Torry Development Trust** has talked about the need for community funding during this crisis. It is an opportunity to work together online and to help us become more resilient.

Next meeting:

Friday 15th of May 2020 online 11am-1pm. Please register online before joining

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/grampian-intergenerational-network-meeting-15-05-2020>.