

Grampian Intergenerational Network Meeting

Date: 22.10.2020

Venue: 3-5pm on Zoom



In attendance: Helena Leite (Aberdeenshire Council), Lorna Glen (Torry Development Trust), Kate Samuels (Generations Working Together).

Apologies: Bellann O'brien (Volunteer Centre Western Isles), Alec Thompson-Miller (ACE Voices).

Generations Working Together discussed the aims behind intergenerational practice and why this is especially important during the pandemic to tackle loneliness and connect communities. The group discussed environmental intergenerational projects including an increase in biking.

GWT National Update:

Generations Working Together is currently working on developing more online events for 2020/21. Please get in touch with us on office@generationsworkingtogether.org if you have any ideas.

Intergenerational Excellence Awards 2021 will be released shortly. The categories will be adjusted next year and the details will be on our website

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/excellence-awards-2021/>

Intergenerational Training has now been moved online. We now offer introductory courses on intergenerational practice and ageism which are free and last approximately 3 hours each. Please share <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/training/online-training/>. Our one-day course for Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire will be delivered in January 2021

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/training/intergenerational-training-course-for-trainers-and-practitioners-glasgow-east-dunbartonshire-01-01-1970>.

Our ICIL course is now called International Diploma in Intergenerational Learning (IDIL) it is a 7 week diploma that costs £170 members/£195 for non-members and is in partnership with the University of Granada. It runs from 3rd of November to 21st of December. You can register online now.

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/training/international-certificate-in-intergenerational-learning-edition-6-27-10-2020>

Generations Working Together is currently looking for community choirs and singers for a Christmas social media campaign. Please share any choirs or singers from all over Scotland with us by emailing Kate@generationsworkingtogether.org or contacting us on social media.

Food for Life currently has online training on bringing people together through food. Generations Working Together currently has a free training available on how to bring people together through food. <https://soilassociation.typeform.com/to/i3LwNDnB>

Sharing and Networking

- **Lorna from Tory Trust** has been working with Grampian housing association to restore the Victoria road school building. This will now include a Men's Shed and an arts space. The plan is to start building in 2021. They are currently applying for the Regeneration Capital Grant and have added an intergenerational theme into the application too. Lorna will promote our intergenerational training and believes that intergenerational training is valuable.
- **Helena from Aberdeenshire Council** works in the strategy team on transport and is focussed on public transport. There is currently a lot of work in this area that could lend itself well to intergenerational practice including electric bikes. It is currently a challenge to work with schools due to COVID-19. Glasgow has a biking event in 2023 so extra funding is now available for cycling <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/cycling-facilities-fund/cycling-facilities-fund-guidelines/>. Helena recommends volunteering in environmental projects which can be built to be intergenerational. She volunteers in the garden of University of Aberdeen, although this is currently closed to volunteers.

Next meeting: Friday 19th of February 2021, 12:00pm - 14:00pm on Zoom.