

## **Argyll and Bute Intergenerational Network Notes**

Date and Time: 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Venue: The Bridge, Helensburgh Parish Church, Colquhoun Street,  
Helensburgh G84 8UP

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**Attendees:** Veronica Loveridge Crosslet House, Carol Murray Crosslet House, Alex McEwan Albatross Arts, Sue Macartney Albatross Arts, Bella Kerr GWT.

**Apologies:** Rosemary McKenzie DWP, Diana Knox GMAS, Carolin Walker Menathl Health Tribunal scotland, Arlene Mustarde Care Homw West Dunbartonshire.

### **Intergenerational Planning and Matt Kaplan Levels of contact**

We had some introductions and then discussed planning an intergenerational (IG) project and looked at the planning resource that GWT offered.

### **Local Updates**

**Carol and Veronica** discussed their future plans and mentioned 'Street Links' who work in rural areas with social deprivation in areas where people are unable to connect with surrounding areas due to lack of transport (for example Erskine has no train station). We spent time talking about rural areas such as Arrochar. Crosslet House is looking to engage with youth groups in the area and shared some ideas with Bella. Bella will contact them to get names of Youth groups etc. Crosslet are venturing into a new area and looking to work with youth groups which is different from the school work that they have been so used to.

**Alex and Sue** from Albatross Arts work all over the UK. They are now in their 4<sup>th</sup> year as a Community Interest Company. They are a small team with 3 staff and a pool of creative associates all paid artists all trained through Luminare. They partner with a lot of co-design work and lived experience. They are environmentally friendly and everything that they do is to

make a difference. They mentioned a group of brand new police volunteers who may be contacted. They have worked with ENABLE and youth groups.

Discussions took place about projects that young and older people have been involved in such as teaching or learning IT, learning games, knitting, crochet, mens club and sport within Crosslet House and WW2 projects. With some younger people being allowed time off school to take part in activities they noted that young and older people got on well with each other. Talking about funding a discussion led to talk about Crosslet being a council run home and as such not able to apply for funding but it was pointed out that they could apply for match funding which is something that Veronica and Carol had not considered. Crosslet House do their own fundraising activities.

**A future online meeting is being held online on 4<sup>th</sup> October and thereafter meetings will be set up for 2024 with dates to be confirmed. Look out for thematic network dates and online surgeries.**

## **Generations Working Together National Updates**

### **Intergenerational Roadshows in 2024**

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We are changing the format of our usual annual conference and will not be hosting an International Conference in 2024. We will instead be moving to a bi-annual conference, alternating with Generations United in the USA, the first of which will take place in 2026. In place of our conference, in 2024 we plan to host a series of roadshows across Scotland. Look out for the information and dates that will follow in the coming months. We are keen to form partnerships with local organisations and local councils to open the roadshows and explore intergenerational work in our communities across Scotland. The roadshows will be hosted in:

- Highlands – [contact Bella](#)
- Ayrshire & Arran – [contact Bella](#)
- Dumfries & Galloway – [contact Bella](#)
- Glasgow - [contact Ruairidh](#)
- Grampian – [Contact Ruairidh](#)
- Dundee – [Contact Louisa](#)

More info to follow on this. Please get in touch if you wish to take part or find out more.

#### **1. Excellence Awards 2024**



Here pictured are the award winners for 2023. Super well done to them all for the amazing intergenerational work that they are involved in. The awards will be open this year and information will be sent out soon.

[Look here to see this year's information.](#)

## **2. Community Knowledge Fund Research**

The Community Knowledge Fund allowed Generations Working Together the time to explore community safety and looking at intergenerational solutions to bring generations together in our communities and test if doing so would alleviate perceived fear of crime. The funding was made available through the UKRI and administered by the Young Foundation.

[Read more about it and watch the short film.](#)

## **3. Global Intergenerational week 2023: 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

We had a really successful Global Intergenerational Week 2023 (GIW), which you can read all about in our [2023 Impact Report](#). The week-long campaign will now take place on the same dates each year. GIW week looks to inspire individuals, groups, organisations, local/national government, and NGOs to fully embrace intergenerational practice, connecting people of all ages especially the younger and older generations. Information for GIW24 will be available soon.

## **4. Thematic Network Sessions**

The thematic sessions in Ageism, Intergenerational Housing Places and Spaces, Research and The Care Home Network continue to take place.

[Look on our website for future dates.](#)

## **5. Online Intergenerational Drop-in Clinics**

To support the growth of grassroots intergenerational projects and to continue the momentum of Global Intergenerational Week, GWT are opening a monthly online intergenerational drop-in clinic, to enable people to find out more about intergenerational work. Clinics will be led by Lorraine George, GWT Learning & Development Officer.

Drop-in clinics will start on Tuesday September 5th at 12 noon and will also run in October and November. Come and join the intergenerational movement.

[More information and booking details can be found on the events page here](#)

## **6. Creating Intergenerational Communities Programme**

Excitement abounds as Scotland (GWT) engages communities to formally sign a Partnership Understanding to be part of the Creating Intergenerational Communities Programme Pilot.

Networking and training have been taking place across Scotland, England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, engaging with diverse communities who are planning intergenerational connections, whilst following the Creating Intergenerational Communities Programme Pilot.

Intergenerational practitioners participating with the Pilot will receive support to deliver projects whilst following a Guidance Tool which includes testing of intergenerational Quality

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Indicators and reflecting upon their practice. To keep up to date with the progress of the Pilot visit <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/creating-intergenerational-communities>

## **7. Age Friendly Communities**

The Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA) successfully submitted a bid to the Tudor Trust in 2021 to develop Age-friendly Communities across Scotland and work started in earnest in early 2022. SOPA is leading on this work to stimulate local and national action to achieve better outcomes for people in and approaching later life, using the World Health Organisation (WHO) Age-friendly Communities Framework. [Read more here](#)

### **Resources**

#### **[New tools for measuring impact of intergenerational work](#)**

The World Health Organisation has published two relevant evidence and gap maps on reducing social isolation and loneliness, which would prove useful to intergenerational practitioners seeking evidence to boost funding bids.

#### **[Play and Storytelling: Connecting Generations \\*suite of resources\\*](#)**

PLAY and STORYTELLING are for every age, supporting connection, learning, tradition, culture, health, and wellbeing when used intergenerationally. The golden strands of play and story connect kith and kin, as well as build strong connections 'from cradle to grave' so Play Scotland and Generations Working Together have developed this suite – or family – of resources to support the building of intergenerational connections and best practice.

#### **[Growing Together Naturally case study](#)**

Childminders & Grand friends Forest School, Torbay

This intergenerational project was funded by Connecting Actively to Nature and Orchard Forest School. Particularly during the last couple of years, with the pandemic, we learnt very quickly that our over 50's group had been expressing how much that they were missing the physical contact with their younger family members due to the lack of contact and ability to travel up and down the country to visit, so we decided to pilot an intergenerational approach in an outdoor space.

#### **[9 Standards in intergenerational work](#)**

This document explains the 9 Standards in intergenerational work written by Sanchez, Clyde & Brown (2019)

# Intergenerational Training Courses

## International Certificate in Intergenerational Practice (ICIP)

This course now sits within GWT's own Moodle platform however we continue to run and develop the course in close partnership with the Macrosad Chair of Intergenerational Studies, Professor Mariano Sanchez at the University of Granada.

The next ICIP training dates are changed for this year and ICIP 4 will now start on **3<sup>rd</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> November** we are offering a **50 % discount** for people.

The dates and discounts for 2024 are:

ICIP 5            25% discount for early birds

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2024– 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

ICIP 6            25% discount for early birds

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

## Short online courses

1. What is Intergenerational Work?
2. Overcoming Ageism through an Intergenerational Lens
3. Planning your Intergenerational Project
4. Intergenerational Housing, Places and Spaces
5. Measuring the Impact of Intergenerational projects

## Intergenerational Training (1 day)

Edition 3 - Our one-day introductory training course has recently been refreshed and updated bringing new activities and topics to the fore.

Costs: £70 – Concession: GWT Member / Third Sector Under 250K / GWT Member

Public £100 – Full: Non-member/Private/Public

GWT recognise the impact that the cost-of-living crisis is having upon training budgets and in response are offering this 1-day intergenerational training at a reduced rate this September for East Kilbride on Tuesday 19th September and Ayr on Wednesday 20th September.

The reduced training costs:

£35- Concession: GWT member /Third sector Under 250K/GWT member Public

£50 - Full: Non-member/Private/Public

**Workplace (2.5 hours)**

Age Awareness Training for Intergenerational Teams (Workplace)

The training is based on the latest academic research in intergenerational practice and will be delivered on-site by GWT's expert staff.

Up to 16 participants per session Cost £500.00

**A Scotland wide online Winter Meeting for all networks will be held January 2024 with the date TBC.**