

Cross Party Group on Intergenerational Solidarity

18 February 2022

In attendance

Delyth Jewell MS, Chair

Josh Hayman, Secretariat

Andy Wallsgrove, Children's
Commissioner for Wales

Carole Philips, Kidscape

Deborah Morgan, Swansea University

Dereck Roberts, NPC Wales

Heather Ferguson, Age Cymru

Laraine Bruce

Liz Jones, Swansea University

Michelle Lewis, Older People's
Commissioner for Wales

Mirain Llwyd Roberts, Cyngor Gwynedd

Neil Williams, Care and Repair Cymru

Nia Richards, Tybed

Sharon Ford, National Museum Wales

Stephanie Green, Swansea University

Steve Milsom, COPA

Tina Morrow, Shared Lives Plus

Tom Magner, Carers World Live

Apologies

Carol Maddock, Swansea University

Catrin Hedd Jones, Bangor University

Marie-Clare Hunter

Owen Peredur Griffiths MS

Philippe Demougin, Hafod

Phoebe Brown, Repair Café Wales

Sue Egersdoff, Ready Generations

Tim Crahart, Shared Lives Plus

1. Welcome and Introductions

DJ informed the group that Phoebe Brown is unable to join us so her item will be moved to the next meeting.

2. Minutes of Last meeting

The group agreed the minutes.

3. Update on Ageism priority work

SG outlined the work that the ageism sub-group is working on at the moment – a photo and story competition to demonstrate the positive intergenerational connections that have happened during the pandemic. This week she has met with the Senedd curation team to see what opportunities they can offer – hopefully they have place in the autumn so we are looking to launch the competition in Intergenerational Week so that entries can be collated for the autumn.

SG is also meeting with CADR and National Museum to see how these organisations can also support the work. SG would welcome a discussion on who will be on the judging panel, how members can share the competition and where the entries can come into.

ML added that they are hoping to launch on the Tuesday of Intergenerational Week and hold the exhibition between 1 October and 20 November to coincide with UN Days of older persons and children.

SM noted that Caerphilly Council is seeking age-friendly community status and they are running a survey with primary school children to undertake with an older member of their family. He will send the link to JH for anyone to get in touch if anyone would like to discuss it further. **ACTION: JH to send link to the group.**

DJ asked whether the group would be happy to share the information about the competition with their networks. The group agreed. LB asked whether stories can come in different formats and asked whether they can be celebrated, as well as through a competition. ML noted that the competition element is only the photography and that the stories would be complementary towards that.

DR asked about how we can get this information to schools? ML noted that they are looking at using the consortiums to disseminate the information to schools through their networks.

JH suggested a political representative from each party, the Commissioners and a young person and older person to be on the judging panel. AW confirmed he will ask the new Children's Commissioner to take part. DJ asked for ideas for a younger and older person to be on the judging panel. ML suggested we have the panel together ahead of launch. MLR suggested in the chat that a Member of the Youth Parliament could be involved.

4. Global Intergenerational Week

MLR thanked everyone that attended the launch event in February and that Heléna Herklots represented Wales at the launch. She shared the Global Intergenerational Week website and the resources available there. MLR will share a link for people to sign up to the Week and have their logo included on the website. MLR can also provide the Welsh language versions of the social media materials available on the website.

MLR would also like to hold a national event in Wales and invites people that want to get involved in that discussion to have another meeting about what could be done.

5. Carers World Live

TM introduced himself as presenter of the main programme on carers questions. He noted the importance of taking the story to political decision makers and that the organisation is running online TV but will shortly be relaunching as a radio station. TM outlined the work that he is doing with the station and offered to put out a summary of the work that the group is looking at. TM offered for anyone to get in touch with stories or issues they would like to raise.

Tom can be contacted at: news@carersworldlive.co.uk

6. Loneliness and Isolation Update

DM noted the work they are looking to do to bring teenagers and older people together to talk about what it was like to grow up in an area to capture some of the living history. This has come about following research which showed that people do not know their neighbours or communities. She is hoping to be able to launch it in June and hoping to showcase a film that LB has been working on.

TM noted that the Scottish Book Trust has run a digital storytelling project – she suggested there could be learning to be done from the process that they have gone through and worth a conversation with them about what they did. DM noted that she could provide support for training for teenagers and TM also offered his support.

LB noted her extensive experience of using stories to empower people and the importance of looking beyond words at people's preferred way of communicating. She noted the creative force in Wales and the need to utilise that resource. She highlighted the grassroots group that she is involved with and wants to do something with the contributions that people have made to the group.

DM added that she is having discussions with Swansea University to see if there is any funding available to support this work.

LJ noted that the Troedyrhiw project that she is working on has been developing technologies to integrate resources they have there, including 'talking over' photographs and highlighting individuals that are being talked about.

TM noted the importance that making a film *about* making a film can be a good way of telling a story but requires a lot of filming.

7. Any Other Business

JH updated the group that Professor Bobby Duffy is coming to speak at the next meeting of the Group on 9 May about his research which challenges myths and stereotypes about generations.

TM updated on the work that Homeshare is doing in Wales and that they are coming to Swansea, and places in north and mid Wales.