

## Notes from HILL Meeting 20 February 2019, Alzheimer's Scotland, Livingston

Attending - Joanne (Gen Arts), Pauline (Cyrenians), Linda (AS), Lesley Miller (Alz Scot), Cherie (AS), Gill (Carers)

Apologies - Jenny (Food Train), Alan C (Mood), Gail (Eat Well), Avril (Aging Well), Lisa (Blackburn), Shona (Age Scot), Pamela Main - Service Development, Older People, Shoina (HIT)

### Network Members Updates

Gill, Carers – New CEO will start in March. Service is expanding to include an information service for people with disabilities, as well as exiting services. Challenge now to create a parity between services. Gill attending Generations Working Together conference. **Joanne to feedback to GWT on their awards nomination form.**

Linda, Age Scotland – Annual conference 20 March, all members invited to attend. Member networks in other areas meeting quarterly to exchange info, raise profile of members work and to take part in learning opportunities. Keen to do something similar in West Lothian as this is an area that currently does not have network meetings. May be opportunity for closer working with SPF however currently not appropriate.

Alzheimer's Scotland – Two open days are planned and information will be circulated across HILL members shortly. Training for carers also planned, led by Iris Murdoch Centre (Stirling) and free for a limited number of West Lothian residents – for details please email Cherie. Peer Support training for those in the first year of diagnosis and their families, also starting soon. New venue looking fab, the assistive IT really impressive, great dementia friendly colour schemes and flexible spaces.

Alz Scot won West Lothian YPI (Young Philanthropist Initiative) with West Calder High School.

Dementia Café in Linlithgow, the biggest café in WL, is looking for a new venue. All suggestions to Cherie please.

Pauline, Cyrenians, OPAL – local groups network across West Lothian expanding. Now 11 groups. Currently looking to develop men's groups and food groups.

Joanne, Gen Arts – No movement on the emerging WLC Community Choices Fund. Reports that Arts Development Officers in West Lothian will be redeployed at the end of the financial year and will leave no arts development function at WLC. Gen Arts considering convening a meeting for arts organisations working in West Lothian with a social / wellbeing objective in light of these significant changes.

Large celebration of intergenerational performing arts happening at Howden Park Centre on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Second similar event happening in Bathgate on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Very grateful if HILL members could circulate a digital flyer to clients. Request from group to have info stalls at these events to circulate info about HILL members services.

**Please do contact Joanne if you wish to do that.**

**All HILL members to email Pam Roccio, Volunteer Sector Gateway with a short summary of their services on offer and overall numbers of clients.**

## WLC / Community Planning Partnerships

JB updated the group on developments within the CPP structures, and her work to have us feed into this via the Health Inequalities and Prevention strand. JB will continue to feed info into the HI&P strand where possible, noting that this is still very much in development.

It was noted that everyone at the meeting had little or no contact with WLC now due to their WLC service links officers leaving / retiring and not being replaced. There was no information on what the medium – long term solution to this was going to be, or what the current expectations from WLC were. The hope is that the new financial year will shed some light.

JB will continue to discuss HILL within the emerging structure with relevant WLC officers.

## Senior Peoples Forum

Next meeting of the Senior Peoples Forum is on the 27 February 2019 in Space 3 at the Howden Park Centre in Livingston from 1.30-4pm with tea / coffee being available from 1pm. Joanne and Linda (Age Scot) attending.

**There are still vacancies on the SPF as per November minutes.**

## **Date of 2019 meetings**

15 May, 9.30 Blackburn Partnership Centre, Ash Grove, Blackburn, EH47 7LL

11 Sept, 9.30, Xcite, Bathgate

13 Nov, 9.30 Venue TBC