



Generations Working Together

The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice

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New intergenerational centre aims to broaden opportunities for young and old

Scotland's new Centre for Intergenerational Practice (SCIP) is launching a series of road shows that will visit organisations and communities throughout Scotland in February, March and April.

The theme of the road shows is Generations Working Together. The events will feature local groups, schools and others involved in using the talents, skills and experience of different generations to benefit their communities.

The centre has been in development since October 2007. It is working with public, private and voluntary sector organisations, as well as individuals and families, to gather and share best practice, provide information and support, and develop new opportunities for intergenerational working in communities.

Brian McKechnie, director of the centre, said: "The gains to be made by society through intergenerational working and increasing understanding between generations are huge and, in many respects, still untapped. The new centre aims to meet the needs of all of Scotland's generations and the road shows will be an important first stage in sharing experiences and learning from different communities."

Through the road shows delegates will be able to find out more about intergenerational activities, hear about funding opportunities, share information and consult on the future activities of the centre.

The road shows will include exhibitions of local intergenerational working, seminars, discussion forums and free introductory materials.

The first of the road shows will be held at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on 19 February.

The events are free and will provide an opportunity to learn more, acquire new materials and network with other interested groups. For those currently involved in intergenerational working or are interested in learning more, it will be a great opportunity to get involved.

Brian McKechnie added: “We are interested in hearing about what intergenerational work delegates are involved with, and need their suggestions and guidance as to how the centre can best provide the support they want.”

Delegates at the events will also be able to find out about a small grants programme developed by SCIP and the Scottish Community Foundation to support projects that demonstrate good practice and innovation in intergenerational activities on Scotland.

For further information about the road shows and to book a place, visit the SCIP website:
<http://www.scotcip.org.uk/>

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Notes for editors:

- The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice was developed as part of a Scottish Government consultation exploring issues faced by Scottish society in meeting the challenges of an ageing population. The Scottish Government produced a strategy document, All Our Futures: Planning for a Scotland with an ageing population, which sets out the major objectives for the centre. All Our Futures outlines four major areas where we can develop intergenerational activity – public bodies, businesses, the voluntary sector, and old and young people themselves.
- Children in Scotland is one of the partner organisations commissioned to help develop the initial framework for the centre.