

The Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Older People, Age and Ageing

Minutes 18th September 2013

1. Present-Sandra White MSP(Chair) ,Nanette Milne MSP, representative from the Division of clinical psychology-Scotland, Donald Jarvie(Scotlands Future Forum),Hannah Lister(Age Scotland),Anne Gallacher(Luminate),Rob Mackie(Pagoda Public Relations),Mike Liddle(Care for Older People Team,Scottish Govt.),Val Bisland(Scottish Older Peoples Assembly),Liz O'Neill(SOPA),Rohini Sharma Joshi(SOPA),Brid Cullen(National Forum on Older Volunteering),Anne Grindley(Contact the Elderly),Tom Berney(SOPA),Fiona McLeod MSP, Chris White(Parliamentary Assistant)

2. Minutes from last meeting-

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

3. Presentation on Scottish Older People's Assembly, by SOPA chair, Tom Berney

Tom discussed the remit of SOPA. It has a steering group that meets every two months and helps to organise the Assembly, which will take place this year on 5th December. This years assembly will have in attendance Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, Alex Neil ,Equality Minister Shona Robison and Chief Officer for Health and Social Care at COSLA, Ron Culley.

Representatives from the assembly get to meet relevant Ministers like Alex Neil every quarter, where they can put forward a number of issues and ideas to the Ministers.

SOPA is keen to tie in with the CPG and Tom asked if they could send representation from SOPA to future CPG meetings. Everyone was in agreement with this. Tom can be contacted on t.berney@blueyonder.co.uk

4. Luminate Festival by Anne Gallacher, Director of Luminate

Anne discussed the Luminate festival in some detail, using a power point presentation.

Luminate celebrates and profiles our creative lives as we age, exciting and inspiring audiences, participants and artists, and promoting positive views of creativity and ageing. Luminate crosses a huge section of society and can be found in care homes, communities and cultural organisations across Scotland.

More information on the variety of Luminate activities on in Scotland this month can be found at www.luminatescotland.org

5. Future Meetings

Future meetings of the CPG will be held on

- Wednesday 20th November 2013, 1pm in room Q1.03 of the Scottish Parliament
- Wednesday 19th February 2014, 1pm in room Q1.03 of the Scottish Parliament