

Meeting Report – Fort William & Lochaber Intergenerational Network

Date: 30th March 2012

Venue: Alexandria Hotel, Fort William

Attending: Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together), Amy McDougall (Network Librarian), Marion Smith (Voluntary Action Lochaber) & Ann Marie Donoghue (Adult Education Coordinator)

Notes: The notes below are a general summary on the key topics/themes discussed at this meeting.

GWT History

GWT was created in 2007 and is the Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice. GWT work with public, private and voluntary sector organisations, to gather and share best practice, provide information and support, and develop new opportunities for intergenerational working in communities.

The Scottish Government recently agreed to continue to fund GWT for the next three years (31st March 2015).

The **development of local networks** of organisations, groups and individuals interested in furthering IG work is a key component in GWT's strategy. Each local network is organised to meet local needs, and are led by Alison Clyde, National Development Officer and a local coordinator. We are seeking a local coordinator for this network and are able to offer free training from GWT, expenses paid for all travel to GWT meetings, training and events including our yearly conference.

GWT are also working with the **National Forum on Ageing** – futures group and together are creating a **Local Authority Framework**. The guidelines show how Local Authorities can embed IG work into policy and practice, which can contribute towards achieving national outcomes and local indicators. GWT are now interested in hearing from local authorities who would like to develop this framework for their local area during 2012.

Group discussion – next steps to develop network

- It was felt that there were some intergenerational activities happening through out the area however the network would help in pulling everyone together. Examples of previous activities were discussed including the dragon monkey project.
- It was agreed that another meeting be planned for end of June with everyone helping to circulate details and encourage attendance.
- Marion agreed to help facilitate the next meeting and offered to host the meeting at the Voluntary Action office.
- Address problems around PVG scheme (possibly arrange a speaker for a future meeting).

- Show case projects at future meetings plus hold an ideas workshop.
- Alison to check out Duror & Kentallen website <http://www.durorandkentallen.co.uk/> for possible contacts and projects.

Training for Trainers course

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programmes of work. Courses are being planned throughout Scotland. For further details check out the GWT website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

Information on the following topics was circulated:

Go for Gold Challenge

European Year of active ageing and solidarity between generations

Photo & video competition

Young start funding

YPI – Youth Philanthropy Initiative Scotland

GWT local network leaflet

GWT National Network leaflet

You can follow GWT on:

Facebook www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether

Twitter <https://twitter.com/#!/GenerationsWT>

You Tube <http://www.youtube.com/user/GenerationsWT>

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th June, 10am – 12.30pm, Voluntary Action Lochaber, An Drochaid, Claggan Road, Fort William, PA33 6PH