

## Meeting Report – Fort William & Lochaber Intergenerational Network

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**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**Venue:** Voluntary Action Lochaber, Fort William

**Attending:** Mervyn James (NHS Highland), Marion Smith & Rachel Tonks (Voluntary Action Lochaber), Ian Fraser (Northern Constabulary), Jacqueline Campbell (Inspire Children's Services), Ann Marie Donoghue (Highlife Highland), Jo Cowan (Age Scotland), Raymond Lang (HIFRS) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Amy McDougall, Joanna Hynd, Sheila MacDonald, Shirley Patterson, Debbie O'Hara, Kirsteen Hine, Ilona Lawson, Catrin Evans, Margaret Boyd, Joanna Hynd, Nancy Campbell, Maureen Lavin, Maurin MacDonald, Geoff Heathcote, Sheila Nairn, Maureen Cameron, Isobel Logan, Wilma Allen, Anna Strachan.

Alison Clyde introduced herself to the meeting and all present introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their work.

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

### GWT update

GWT began in 2007 and is the Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice and works with public, private and voluntary sector organisations, to gather and share best practice, provide information and support and develop new opportunities for Intergenerational (IG) working in the communities.

The **development of local networks** of organisations, groups and individuals interested in furthering IG work is a key component in the Centre's strategy. There are now 20 networks set up throughout Scotland, currently meeting 2-4 times per year.

Each local network is organised to meet local needs. They are led and supported by Alison Clyde, National Development Officer and local coordinators. Marion Smith has agreed to be **volunteer** coordinator for this local network. Local coordinators will have access to free training from the centre, expenses paid for all travel to GWT meetings, training and events including our annual conference.

An evening reception at the Scottish Parliament is being held to raise awareness of our new publication: **Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and IP in a Scottish policy context** (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012). Further details will be available from our website after the event. We hope to be able to provide a toolkit for local coordinators to share with local network members.

A **GWT Photo & video competition** has been launched – closing date 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 - 1st prize £150 2<sup>nd</sup> £75 – see website for further details.

A **new website** is currently being designed – if you have any ideas of what we should have on the site, please get in touch with Alison.

**Training for Trainers:** A total of 9 Courses delivered so far this year. If anyone is interested in attending or possibly hosting a course please get in touch with our administrator Betty at [office@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:office@generationsworkingtogether.org).

GWT are working closely with Education Scotland to develop a strategy on how to integrate IP within Curriculum for Excellence (C4E) and with NHS Health Scotland to develop a briefing paper showing a clear relationship on how IP can contribute to a Healthier Scotland.

There are now opportunities for community groups etc to work with **Young Scott** to discuss their Truth about You Project, which aims to challenge negative perceptions of young people in Glasgow. Young Scott is looking to roll programmes out to other areas in Scotland.

**For further details contact:** Allan Lindsay on 0131 313 2488 or email [truthaboutyouth@youngscot.org](mailto:truthaboutyouth@youngscot.org)

**Thinking differently – Young people and Alcohol** -The scheme is looking to fund projects that look to develop multi component projects that work with whole communities and young people to address local alcohol concerns. Contact [matthewplunkett@therobertsontrust.org.uk](mailto:matthewplunkett@therobertsontrust.org.uk) by 12pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012

**Young Start Funding** from the Big Lottery – has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years. Contact 0141 242 1500 for further information or check out the website at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund)

#### **Activity - What is intergenerational practice? – Definition**

Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities, which promote greater understanding and respect between generations, and contributes to building more cohesive communities. Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the young and old have to offer each other and those around them

(Definition of Intergenerational Practice: Beth Johnson Foundation, April 2001)

Groups were asked to look at the ‘what is and what isn’t’ intergenerational activities cards to help clarify intergenerational work that has mutual benefit to both parties.

Common themes arising from intergenerational programmes and activities include:

- Community Safety
- Enterprise & employment
- Family & early Years
- Health & well-being
- Learning & teaching
- Regeneration
- Volunteering & community
- Arts/culture & heritage
- Natural & built environment

It was agreed that a date would be set in September for the next meeting.