

## Meeting Report – Inverness, Black Isle, Loch Ness & Nairn Intergenerational Network

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**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012

**Venue:** The Victoria Hall, Cromarty, Black Isle

**In attendance:** Alison Clyde (GWT), Kate MacLean & Mervyn James (Health & Social Care), Colin Henderson, Gordon Cook & Jason Bell (Fire & Rescue Service), Rosanna MacSween (Northern Constabulary), Wanda MacKay (High Life Highland), Evelyn Sinclair (Stay Safe Project), Julie Simmons (Adult Learning Strategy Officer), Caroline Vawdrey (Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands), Stuart Davidson & John Erskine (Youth Convenors), Elsie Normington, Peter Chisholm, Anne McCreodre & Rosa Finlayson (Merkinch Community Centre), Val Cameron (Ross-shire Voluntary Action), Janet Hughes (Fortrose Community Library), Robert Huston (HighLife Highland), Mike Wallace (Highland Senior Citizens), Yvonne Boa (Youth Development Officer) & **Local Councillor David Alston (Budget Leader)**

**Apologies:** Apologies: Aileen Reid, Jaci Douglas & Ann MacKay

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

### **GWT Update**

GWT are setting up a short life-working group drawn from a variety of partners (Education Scotland, youth organisations, NHS etc) to help inform and support a new strategic approach from GWT on how we integrate intergenerational practice within curriculum for excellence.

GWT are working in partnership with NHS Health Scotland to develop a briefing paper showing a clear relationship on how IP can contribute to a healthier Scotland. Dissemination should be early 2013. Emma from Health Scotland researching for rigorous evidence for briefing from around the world. Should be an exciting piece of work.

GWT also plan to work with Third Sector Interfaces and a range of relevant organisations to encourage intergenerational volunteering to help both active ageing and community cohesion. It has been suggested that GWT bring together representatives from third sector organisations & vol organisations to discuss further.

An evening reception was held at Scottish Parliament on the 28<sup>th</sup> June to raise awareness of our newly published **Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and IP in a Scottish policy context**. GWT are ready to work alongside Local Authorities and welcome discussion on how the Guidelines can be implemented. For more details contact [Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

Alison is looking to recruit a local coordinator to help coordinate the Inverness network. Kate MacLean offered to help with the possibility of one of her colleagues helping with the Caithness network.

GWT **intergenerational photograph and video competition** for amateur photographers and filmmakers now open for entries. The competition is for the BEST photograph or video taken **BY** a younger or older person **OF** younger and older people together, and should demonstrate

the importance of intergenerational connections. There are two categories: Photo and Video, each with a first prize of £150 and a second prize of £75. Deadline for entries is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 12noon. For more details check out the website at [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

A new **website is currently being designed for GWT** – If anyone has any intergenerational projects or activities they'd like to write up and showcase then please get in touch with alison at [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)  
We hope to launch the website mid to end of September.

GWT annual **conference** 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013, St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh – Now looking for feedback from members as to what they'd like to hear and see at the conference. Potential stall holders spaces may be available.

### **Intergenerational Course - Training the Trainers**

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. This year we have run nine training courses across Scotland and have plans to organise another four before Christmas. We may have the possibility of holding one in the North if we have enough interest. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending a course at the beginning of November.

**Our next national network meeting** is planned for **19th of September, in Arbroath Library, Hill Terrace, Arbroath DD11 1AH at 11am** – Speakers include Truth about youths and an intergenerational games project. **GWT National Network** meets regularly throughout Scotland in different locations and provides opportunities for national organisations to network, show case and share experiences and engage in discussion about opportunities, ideas, issues and challenges. For further details contact [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

### **Presentations were given by:**

- Elsie Normington, Peter Chisholm, Rosa Finlayson & Anne McCreodre – Golden Times at the Merkinch Community Centre is a project aimed at men and women over 60 and provides a wide variety of Physical, Learning and Socialising Activities full of Fun, Laughter and Friendship. Golden Times have worked in partnership with Invergordon High School on some intergenerational projects.

- Stuart Davidson – Youth Convenor, Youth Parliament  
Youth Convenor's role is to ensure that the voice of young people in Highland is heard on issues and developments that impact them. An Intergenerational working group is being set up to look at the issues between generations. Stuart is moving on to new pastures in Edinburgh however John Erskine introduced himself to network members and hopes to work closely with the network over the next year. Councillor Linda Munro is the new children's champion. Stuart showed a short DVD from an Ullapool project called 'Get to know your Techno' which was superb.

### **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 01)

### **What do you want from the local network**

- See more case studies and highlight problems encountered throughout the life of the project and how they were dealt with.
- Showcase ideas and work through action plans
- Invite high school teachers to join the network and attend the next meeting
- May be a need to set up a further network in the Ullapool area

### **Other IG Opportunities**

There are opportunities for organisations and groups to get involved in the **sporting memories network** – [www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com](http://www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com) and the football memories project which has gone national. For more information contact Michael White 07906 239582.

**Luminate:** Scotland's creative ageing festival, is being launched nationwide in October 2012 to celebrate and profile people's creative lives as they age. [luminate@agescotland.org.uk](mailto:luminate@agescotland.org.uk)

**Baldy Bain Theatre:** Better late than dead on time looks at the impact of reckless behaviour from drivers and pedestrians upon one family. The issues are dealt with sensitively and are primarily presented in a humorous but realistic way to focus awareness and discussion in the audience. This production is being funded by Road Safety Scotland and is offered free to community organisations for a ten-week tour in Spring 2013 (Feb-April). For further details contact: [administrator@baldybane.org.uk](mailto:administrator@baldybane.org.uk)

### **EY2012 Awards –Deadlines 16<sup>th</sup> September**

I've had communication from the EY2012 organisers that so far there are only 6 UK nominations for awards, which is a shame as this does not reflect the amount of fantastic work that is going on out there by all of you, and by your networks of members, supporters, and volunteers. Details of the awards, the different categories and links to entry forms and guidance are now on the official EY2012 website and can be found at: <http://europa.eu/ey2012/ey2012main.jsp?catId=1026&langId=en>

The awards are:

1. **Workplaces for all Ages** awards (improving conditions for older workers). Relevant for employers, non-profit orgs. who are promoting better working conditions
2. **Social Entrepreneurs** awards (spreading examples and models of social entrepreneurship) Relevant for individuals who are driving social change to tackle the challenges of ageing and strengthening solidarity between generations.
3. **Reporting on Ageing and Relations between the Generations** awards - an award for journalists who are informing the public about challenges and solutions.
4. **Towards Age-Friendly Environments** awards - an award for local and regional authorities who are creating better living environments for an ageing society.
5. **Life Story Challenge.** This award is about sharing inspiring stories about 'active agers' and is open to both young and old individuals jointly presenting an inspiring story about active ageing.

There is a cash prize for the winner of each category, and the finalists will be invited (with travel costs paid) to Brussels for the Awards Ceremony later this year.

### **Funding Opportunities**

**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)

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 10am – 12.30pm, Badaguish Outdoor Centre, Aviemore, Inverness-shire. PH22 1QU