

Meeting Report – Moray Intergenerational Network

Date: 26th March 2012

Venue: Elgin Library

Attending: Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together (GWT)), Hilary Lamont (ReBoot), Kin Siu (Moray Social Enterprise Network), Harry Torry (Older People's Ref. Group), Mike Rodgers (Moravian Orienteering Club), Fiona Rolt & Gill Stewart (Llanbryde Community), Jo Pickford (Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland), Margaret Cowie, Irene Wheeden & Annie Scott (Moray Council), Rosemary McGlee (Lossiemouth High School), Valerie Harper (Moray Handy Person Service), Sheila Hollis (Elgin North Area Forum), Wendy de Russett (Traditional Arts for Schools & Communities), Claire Griffiths (WRVS), Bill Lundie (Moray ESS), Anne Heinrich (Alzheimer Scotland), Moira Morrison (Elgin Youth Dev Group), Elizabeth Stenson (BALL Group Buckie), Gill Bird (Moray Art Centre), Helen Milnes, Jenny Devlin & Angela Hinchliffe (Volunteer Centre), (Llanbryde Community) & Jo Roberts (Community Food).

Apologies: Anita Milne, Llanbryde Community Hall & Denise Russell, Moray Resource Centre

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 (Helen Milnes).

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.

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)

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

Group discussion – What we want from the local network and the national centre.

Group 1 looked at how many groups are working in Moray realising that there is both duplication and a lack of communication in the sector. They suggested that the network should organise a mapping exercise and felt the national centre could support them with guidelines and information about what is happening elsewhere

Group 2 completed the activity sheet – looking at physical activity and sharing / teaching each other games that both young and older people had engaged in when they were young.

Group 3 discussed ‘Generations NOT talking together and considered some of the barriers; fear of each other, the stereotypes associated with young and old people.

Group 4 had a general discussion agreeing on the following points and next steps:

- At a local level; an exchange of ideas, showcase some working projects
- More practical information about running intergenerational projects What / Why/ How
- Generate some partnership working
- Need a mapping exercise to find out what’s going on in Moray
- From the national centre; info about funding/ policies/ procedures we might need.
- Funding for network meetings – e.g. room hire/ tea coffee

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 (2012)
- Photo & video competition
- Young start funding
- YPI – Youth Philanthropy Initiative Scotland (Wood Family Trust)
- GWT local network leaflet
- GWT National Network leaflet

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Date of next meeting: Monday 18th June, 1.30-4pm in Elgin Museum (venue TBC)