Meeting Report – Orkney Intergenerational Network

Date: 27th September 2012     Venue: Voluntary Action Orkney

Attending: Fraser Devin (GWT Local Coordinator), Alison Clyde (GWT), Ruth Ross (Kirkwall Police Station), Mark Colston (Stromness Academy), Simon Gordon (Orkney Alcohol Counselling & Advisory Services), Peter Colburn (Kirkwall Bowling Club), Gary Amos (Library & Archive Orkney Council) & Anne Whelan (Orkney Island Council)

Apologies: Kerry Spence, Katie Spence, Ernie Skea, Sue Ward, Sue Baird, Helen Moss, Alma Balfour, Ingrid Ross, Karen Rendall, Carol Dunbar, John Clancy, Linsey Drever & Rebecca Marr

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

GWT update

Intergenerational photograph and video competition - There are two categories: Photo and Video, each with a first prize of £150 and a second prize of £75. Deadline for entries has been extended to 31st October. More details on our website www.generationsworkingtogether.org

New GWT website to be launched in October/November. Each network to have their own page which will be password protected for members of that network.

GWT annual conference - 13th March 2013, St Paul’s & St George’s Church, Edinburgh. We are collating feedback from members as to what they’d like to hear and see at the conference. Investigating video conferencing for rural areas to link in with Edinburgh.

Intergenerational Course - Training the Trainers - April 2013?

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work.

Action: Alison can organise and bring another training course to Orkney on Thursday 25th April 2013 if there is enough interest. Alison to email information to members and Anna will distribute information to staff within the council.

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.

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.

Local Project Updates

- Karen Rendall - We have 2 projects at Kalisgarth at the moment that we would be delighted to do as intergenerational projects if this was possible. One is a mural on one wall in daycare and the other is landscaping around the centre, which we plan to start early next year once current building extension work is finished. Karen is looking for people and organisations to help out and partner with. Contact Karen at karen.rendall@orkney.gov.uk if you can assist in any way.
• Voluntary action – Befriending services continue to do IG projects at Euanson Close
• Stromness Academy carry out memories projects recording history etc.

Guidelines
An evening reception was held at Scottish Parliament on the 28th June raising awareness of the 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 in local areas.
Alison met Cllr Gwenda Shearer from Orkney Council to discuss the Guideline document and hopes to hear from Gwenda soon.

AOB
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. 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

**Funding Opportunities – leaflets for hand out**
**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:** Friday 26th April 2013 at 10am – 12noon, venue TBC