

**Date:** September 2012    **Venue:** Isleburgh Complex, Lerwick

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**Attending:** Alison Clyde (GWT), Maureen Stewart & June Porter (Community Work Officers), Marghie West (Adult Services librarian), Corinna Hoseason (Social care Worker), Elaine Mouat (60+ Development Worker), John Morris (Dance Specialist), John Cameron (Depute Head Teacher, Anderson High School), Mandy Henderson (Active Schools Coordinator), Arabelle Bentley (Service Manager, WRVS), Neil Pearson ((Youth Volunteer Dev Worker), Martin Summers (Youth Dev. Worker), Wendy Hand (Development Worker), Pat Christie (Community Work Officer), Sheriene Rennie & Wendy Lowe (Youth Development Worker)

**Apologies:** Jonathan Wills, Patricia Oldie, Andy Ross, Kirsty Clark, Emma Perring & Cllr Steven Coutts.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October. More details on our website [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

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

**GWT annual conference** - 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Contact Alison if interested in attending a future course.

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.

### **Presentations & local updates**

- Maureen Stewart, Community Work

Northmavine Development Trust is planning to build picnic benches with older people showing younger people how to build them. Project due to start after the October holidays. Young folk will help research where the benches will go. Maureen also talked about the Trust's very successful poly tunnel project that allows folk of all ages to work together and share their experiences and skills. It's an ideal way of younger folk learning from older,

experienced growers. A project such as this brings folk together and provides a common interest that everyone can benefit from. More info at <http://www.northmavine.com/node/1048>

Maureen is also very keen to talk to anyone who would be interested in partnering up to look at pulling together a similar project to the Eyemouth Rowing Project in the Scottish Borders For more details check out: [http://www.scotcip.org.uk/eyemouth\\_rowing.html](http://www.scotcip.org.uk/eyemouth_rowing.html)

This project has gone from strength to strength and they have now bought a 30ft boat, which they hope to restore. Younger and older people will work together to restore the boat and engine as well as making sails and hammocks. The project will link up with the local college where students can, through taking part, gain a SVQ.

- Corinna Hoseason – Intergenerational (IG) dance project  
With new funding from Sound Choices this project hopes to start after the October holidays. Involves different dance groups working with the bairns and older folk.
- Martin Summers submitted 2 funding bids to Young Scot for Truth about Youth projects.  
One shall fund flower baskets, which the young people will take to care homes and sheltered housing. Hoping this project will open dialogue and doors for the younger people to speak with older residents.
- Wendy & Pat are working together on a World War II project. Young people will collect memories.
- June mentioned that out of the 10 projects funded by sound choices 4 projects had intergenerational elements.
- Andy & John from Global Yell working with sheltered housing providing singing and movement. Hope to work with the IG dance project.

### **Guidelines**

An evening reception was held at Scottish Parliament on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Action:** Alison to pull together an invitation list and promised to email around network members asking for members to add to list. Alison is meeting Cllr Cecil Smith and other members of the Council to discuss the Guidelines. Inform Councillors of the great work already happening across Shetland. Hope to run an event on the guidelines during next visit in April 2013.

### **Activity - Barriers to IP working across the Shetland Isles**

- Transport - solutions: apply for funds to pay for transport and through partnership working share costs, use community minibuses.
- Getting helpers/volunteers (linked to times or working hours) – solutions:  
Attract retired members who have spare time & encourage youths to go for the Saltire Awards
- Funding – who applies (which group takes it on) – solutions:

Apply for funding via an existing group, deliver project as a sub group, need to embed project within the community, search for someone who has time to help with funding application.

- P.V.G. can sometimes put people off – solutions:  
Show people how easy it is to overcome this barrier, provide support, provide examples of other groups, which have successfully gone through the PVG process.
- Motivating both groups is challenging – solutions:  
Personal contact, encouragement and information sharing.
- Planning in advance, time, partnership working/linking together
- Feelings of ownership
- Making use of resources

### **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](mailto: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)

### **Notes for next meeting**

- Neal Pearson plans to report back on the volunteering awards to be held in March/April 2012 at the next meeting – hope some will have an intergenerational element
- Update from members who attended the intergenerational training Course in April 2012
- Local project updates

**Action:** Alison to email Sherienne & Wendy details of the Discovery Award (an award scheme for the over 50's) - <http://discoveryawardscotland.co.uk/>

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1.30-4pm in the Isleburgh Complex, King Harold Street, Lerwick