

**Attending:** Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together (GWT)), Elaine Mouat (Shetland Befriending), Maggie Dunne (Shetland Council), June Porter (Shetland Council), Denise Nicholson (Adult Learning), Maureen Stewart (Community Work Officer), Alyson Halcrow (CAB Community Mediation Team), Marghie West (Shetland Library), Pat Christie (Community Work), Sheriene Rennie & Wendy Lowe (Youth Services), Ryan Jamieson SIC Youth Services Bridges)

**Apologies:** Kirsty Clark (Shetland Museum & Archive), Lesley Gray & Emma Perring.

**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 agreed to continue to fund GWT for the next three years (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. Fiona Adamson has agreed to be Shetland's local network coordinator.

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

## **Training for Trainers course – Tuesday 17th April, Isleburgh Complex, 10 – 4.30pm.**

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](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

### **Activity feedback**

#### **Projects already happening**

- 60+ Befriending
- Youth Hall Committee project (Pat, June & Maureen)
- Shetland Halls Association
- Wednesday Club @ Whalsay
- History groups recording memories/heritage – (Pat, June & Maureen)
- Eshaness craft group (+ others)
- Fiddlers groups/festival – folk festival
- Landrover Club & Trailing off road
- Model yacht/Sailing clubs
- Up Helly Aas – galley builders/torch makers/squads
- Whalsay rural skills project
- Sandwick School drop in
- Intergenerational Makkin & Yakkin (Denise Nicolson)
- ILP Comms group (Denise)
- Drama/writer/book/art/dance (Indya Bradley) groups
- WRVS
- Regenerations projects for example Skerries (Pat, June & Maureen)
- Sports groups e.g. rowing clubs
- Taing, ET (old Folks Homes) (John Yianni)
- Shetland Heritage Association (Pat Christie) for heritage history group
- Sandwick Social club – all ages music sessions
- Sound school/Taing house
- Active schools (Mandy Henderson)
- Library – IG reading groups (Maggie West)
- Book bug programme – Morag Nicolson

#### **Potential projects:**

- Allotments – Youth Group Sandwick
- Crofters IT Group
- Boat building project (look up eyemouth)
- Viking Bus Station (Something!! Pop up café)
- Shopping on a budget
- Crofting and traditional skills

#### **Others partners should include:**

- Adult learning – Rosalyn
- NHS – Health promotion/Social care
- Education – curriculum for excellence
- Voluntary Action Shetland
- LSDG's – training/share info

**What do we want from the network:**

- Share ideas/problem solving/contacts
- People prepared to work together
- Access to funding resources
- Analyse/ evaluation work for IG framework
- Share expertise/skills/legislation/health & safety information
- Members in attendance agreed to spread the word regarding the network and raise awareness of the benefits of intergenerational working in the community.
- Members agreed on three meetings a year all to be held in Lerwick
- It was agreed that Alison would visit Shetland twice a year for local network meetings and that the local coordinator would lead other meetings & events organised for/by the network.
- Address potential and existing barriers of intergenerational working in the islands and how to solve them at the next meeting.
- Organise a couple of presentations for the next meeting
- Alison to try and meet up with some councillors during her next visit to promote the Guidelines document.
- Interested in speed networking - what could we do together

**Funding information**

Sound Choices - £12,500 budget for projects in the Sound Area, which improve the environment, community or safety. For more details please contact Maggie Dunne or June Porter.

**Information on the following topics was circulated:**

Go for Gold Challenge, European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (2012), 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 24th September, 1.30-4pm** in the Isleburgh Complex, King Harold Street, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0EQ