



**In attendance:** Liz Highet (Home School Partnership Worker), Iain Yuill (CLD), Alison Galbraith (Story Teller), Luca Notini (Volunteer), Margaret Ann Prentice (COVEY), Sharon Boyle (South Lanarkshire College) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Joyce Brown (Museums), Andrea Boyce (Chalmers Parish Church),

### GWT update

**GWT's new website** launched earlier this year - [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

**GWT now** supports 29 local networks covering all of Scotland

**GWT annual conference** – all powerpoints and handouts available to download from the website. Photos now up on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether](http://www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether)

**GWT Education working group** – A short life expert working group was brought together (approx 50 members) consisting of a variety of partners (including Education Scotland) to help guide and support GWT to develop a strategic approach with the aim of raising awareness of the benefits of intergenerational work and how it fits with Curriculum for Excellence.

The group has met twice and has tasked four sub groups (strategy, education resources, mapping & marketing) with the following tasks:

- A strategic document detailing GWT's education strategy
- A resources pack for teachers and practitioners and opportunities for professional development through training.
- Map 12 – 15 case studies

**GWT health** briefing paper (intergenerational approaches to health & well-being) is being written in partnership with NHS Health Scotland highlighting why people with a health remit should consider creating intergenerational opportunities within health. The paper has been drafted and we hope to have a final draft including 12-15 case studies by end of August 2013. Health Scotland will assist GWT in the dissemination of the paper.

IRSS (Institute for research and innovation in social services) has agreed to programme an Insights booklet (4000 words) for Intergenerational Practice later in the year with GWT guiding IRSS on the direction of evidence.

### Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers

This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Bookings and further details available online via the website. May be able to hold a training course in South Lanarkshire later in the year (further details to follow).

**Guidelines - Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – How can we encourage your local authority to adopt the Guidelines document and promote intergenerational working? GWT has sent a letter to the Chief Executive in each local authority.

**Photo & video competition** – online application form now available on website, deadline 27<sup>th</sup> Sep 13.

## What is Intergenerational Practice?

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 generations have to offer and those around them.

(Beth Johnson Foundation 2001)

## Group discussion

- Local examples of Intergenerational work within South Lanarkshire (Iain Yuill) – handout attached
- Link to the Scotland Reads initiative in St Vincent's Primary  
<http://youtu.be/RG-ZUcDeL48>
- Alison to contact local MSP Linda Fabiani to introduce Generations Working Together. Contact details: 01355 232800, e-mail [linda.fabiani.msp@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:linda.fabiani.msp@scottish.parliament.uk)
- North Lanarkshire perceptions event (held by North Lanarkshire partnership including Police Scotland) – if evaluated as a success the event may be repeated in other localities within North and South Lanarkshire (for more info contact Area Inspector Stewart Hurry)
- Chalmers Parish Church considering setting up a community garden

## Opportunities to join other IG projects

**Walk in our Shoes** – act on our issues. GWT are in partnership with Age Scotland. The pack is part of Age Scotland's campaign to end isolation for older people. Act on our issues is an activity that community groups can do to tackle barriers such as uneven pavements, public toilets closures, poor street lighting, unsafe road crossings and inaccessible shops – leaflets attached for anyone who is interested.

### **Go for Gold 2013 Challenge week**

In 2013 the Go for Gold team are planning to continue implementing the 5 physical activity challenges with partners across the care sector in Scotland, (the Games Challenge, the Dance with me Challenge, the Walk with me Challenge, the Try-athlon Challenge and Creating your own Challenge. They are also looking to enhance the Go for Gold 2013 programme through developing the themes of intergenerational activity and community engagement.

For more information contact: Bob Laventure – [bob.laventure@ntlworld.com](mailto:bob.laventure@ntlworld.com) or Edith Macintosh - [edith.macintosh@careinspectorate.com](mailto:edith.macintosh@careinspectorate.com)

**Generations@schools** – focuses on bringing students and the elderly together at schools to talk about experiences and different topics that are important to every generation. Old and young are encouraged to share knowledge and skills, and at the same time to learn about each other.

Lots of resources available online – Deadline end of July 2013

## Funding opportunities

**Young Start Funding** (Big Lottery) has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years. [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund)

**Heritage Lottery Fund** Scotland will fund intergenerational work and will consider applications from areas other than the priority areas mentioned on their website. Groups planning to apply for funding including start up funding should contact their Dev. Team first.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/ourproject/Pages/LifeisforLivingston.aspx#.UZSRNKLVtqy>

## Other information

**Amazing Things** – A guide to the Youth Awards in Scotland – Awards can be used as drivers for people to get together. Download from [www.youthscotland.org.uk/amazingthings](http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/amazingthings)

**Older people's day** – [www.olderpeoplesday.co.uk](http://www.olderpeoplesday.co.uk)

People are living longer and 23% of the UK will be aged 65 and over by 2035. The aim of the above website is to celebrate the achievements and contributions that older people make to society and tackle negative attitudes and outdated stereotypes.

### Treasures

Scottish Book Trust is collecting your stories about your most treasured objects. Stories submitted by the deadline of July 31st 2013 will be considered for inclusion in the Treasures book, thousands of copies of which will be distributed during Book Week Scotland.

There are resource packs for schools and adult learning tutors, which can be found in the resources section of the "website at <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading/treasures/resources>

There is also an additional pack for secondary schools providing a structured way in which the Treasures project can be developed to support transition between primary and secondary schools. More details at: <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/treasures>

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Association of Local Voluntary organisations (ALVO), 40 Bloomgate, Town Centre, Lanark, ML11 9ET

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