



In attendance: Lynn Gallacher (Borders Carers Centre), Bill Muir (Trash Arts), Rob Nicolson (The Bridge), Cllr George Turnbull (Scottish Borders Council) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Cllr Graham Garvie (Scottish Borders Council), Annie Watt (UpBeet CIC), Fiona Morrison (Princess Royal Trust), Derek Pervis (Borders Aspergers & Autism Group), Johnny Johnstone (Eyemouth Community Rowing), Barbara Jessop, Eileen Clark, Norrie Tait, Chris Sawers, Laura Lawson (New Horizons), Stuart Robertson (Seton Care), Oonagh McGarry, Bridie Ashrowan, Ceri Hunter & Margaret Smail

GWT update

GWT's new website launched earlier this year - 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

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 meet 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

Action: Alison to email educational case study template to Oonagh McGarry who may be able to submit a Scottish Borders case study.

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 Scottish Borders 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.

Action: Alison to email Cllr Graham Garvie requesting the opportunity to present GWT and the Guidelines document at a full council meeting. George to email Alison key contacts.

Photo & video competition – online application form now available on website, deadline 27th Sep 13.

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

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>

Local Project Updates

- Chris Sawers (Museum & Gallery Service) – Blethering about Peebles, Burgh hall, Peebles on Saturday 29th June from 10am – 4pm - more info at 07763035740
- Seton Care – Funding has been secured from a local Wind Farm fund (£3500) to fund a project in Berwickshire. The funding will buy 6 iPads, which will be used across 3 sheltered housing schemes. Seton Care has commissioned Connect Berwickshire, the local youth service to prepare a training programme, which the young people will deliver to the tenants of the schemes. This will be an opportunity for the young people to teach the older residents how to use iPads. They are thinking of doing local history as the theme for the project which will enable the older person to share their experiences with the young therefore making this a 2 way process.

They are aware that many older people avoid being in the town centres at lunchtime when the schools are out and hope that by getting to know more local young people the older person will be more confident if and when they meet a younger person in the town, vice versa hopefully the young people will start to see the older person in a different light. The project is planned to start late August when the schools go back.

Action: Stuart hopes to be able to attend the next network meeting to give an update on this project.

- The Bridge will be sponsoring an Intergenerational Prize each year during Adult Learners Week.
- Duns exhibition

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 or Edith Macintosh - 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

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

Older people's day – 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>

Action: Could fit in with the Book Festival in Moffat

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th November 2013, 10.30am – 1pm, Venue TBC shortly

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