

Meeting Report – Western Isles Intergenerational Network

Date: 21st May 2012 **Venue:** Bridge Centre, Stornoway/The Caliadh Trust, Balivanich

In attendance (Stornoway): Sophie Handley (Galsonn Estate Trust), Dr Gail Cunningham (GAIN), Christine Richings (Young Musicians Hebrides), Marisa MacDonald & Marina NicLeòid (Proiseact nan Ealan), Roseann MacLeod (Bridge Community Centre), & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Carl Hill, Jane Grey & Angie

In attendance (Balivanich): Amanda MacDonald (Volunteer Centre), Catherine Ross (Uist Community Riding School) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Sue MacDonald

National Update (covers both meetings)

GWT's new website launched earlier this year - www.generationsworkingtogether.org

GWT supports 29 local networks across 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

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

Action: - Alison to organise intergenerational training courses incorporating a network meeting in October for Stornoway & Balivanich – further details below

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 27th September 2013.

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)

Local project presentations (Stornoway)

- Bridge Community Centre – ‘A youth driven past’
- Na Mo Chuid Aodaich

Discussion

- Alison to email all members a copy of the Guidelines document
- A future meeting could cover funding streams/how to evaluate an IG project as one of the main focuses on the agenda.
- Connect Renfrewshire project (Susan McDonald with Marisa (Mod coming to Paisley later in year)

A.O.B. - 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

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>

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.

Date of next meeting/training:

Stornoway – Thursday 3rd October 2013, 10am – 4pm

Bridge Community Centre, Bayhead Embankment, Bayhead, Stornoway, Western Isles, HS1 2DU

Balivanich – Wednesday 2nd October 2013, 10am – 3pm

Volunteer Centre Western Isles, 41 Airport Road, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula, HS7 5LA

To book on to either of the above meeting/training sessions please go to GWT's website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org

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