



Meeting Report – Orkney Isles Network Meeting

Date: 26th April 2013 **Venue:** King Street Halls, Kirkwall

In attendance: Fraser Devine (Voluntary Action Orkney), Alison Clyde (GWT), Kerry Spence (Community Learning Team leader), Gary Amos, (Libraries & Archive Manager), Linsey Drever (Adult Befriending) & Anne Gallacher

Apologies: Calum Swanson, Janette Mackie

GWT Update:

- **GWT's new website** was launched Jan 2013 – www.generationsworkingtogether.org
- **GWT** continues to develop the new local networks with another nine being created over the next couple of months giving a total of 29 local networks across Scotland
- **GWT annual conference** went extremely well and evaluated very positively – all powerpoints and handouts now available to download from the website. Photos can be viewed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether
- **Education working group** – There has been an expert group set up to produce an Intergenerational Education strategy, a resource pack, and a guidelines document. The Train the Trainers course will be adapted for teachers and practitioners.

Action: Alison to contact Peter Diamond, Head of Schools on 01856 873535 or email peter.diamond@orkney.gov.uk

Kerry will also investigate education route and try to set up meeting for Friday 20th September am.

- **Health** – There has been a Health paper drafted which the NHS will help disseminate. Case studies have been collated to help capture hard evidence to demonstrate the benefits of Intergenerational Practice.

Action: Alison to forward draft paper to Gary Amos who will pass on to the health Communities Group.

- Six new members took part in our **Orkney intergenerational training course on 25th April**. The next course planned for the islands/highlands will be held in Inverness in August and Shetland in September. These courses will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. More details can be found on the website.
- **Guidelines - Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – How can we encourage our local authority to adopt the Guidelines document and promote intergenerational working. A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive in each local authority. So far we have only received 6 responses excluding Orkney.

Action: Alison to email a copy of the CEO letter to Sally Inkster, Chair of Planning Liaison Group (PLG) that feeds into the CPP.

- **Photo & video competition** – deadline September 2013 – more details online
- **Young Start Funding** from the Big Lottery has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years. www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund

Opportunities to join other IG projects

1. Walk in our Shoes – act on our issues. 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.

2. Intergenerational Quiz – piloting in East Renfrewshire – more details at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/east-renfrewshire>

3. 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 2014 programme through developing the themes of intergenerational activity and community engagement.

For more information contact:

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4. 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.

Local project updates

- Family learning group in Hoy
- Allotment garden project at hostel
- Knitting fishing nets
- An award from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) of £78,500 is enabling The Orkney Library & Archive to purchase the archive of the Swedish photographer, painter and designer Gunnie Moberg. The 2 year funded project will see the cataloguing, conservation and digitization of the archive, which includes Moberg's works, notebooks and other materials.

Actions:

- Alison to remove the following members from network database as they have moved posts: Kara Leslie, Tina Gilby, Sue Struthers & Joyce Slater.
- Fraser to email contact details for Sally Inkster, Kay Hume (Skills Development Scotland), Ruth and Anna Wheelan
- Alison & Kerry to investigate the possibility of organising a morning meeting for Cllrs, council staff and education.
- Alison to email tool shed presentation to Linsey and circulate round members

Next meeting: Friday 20th October 2013, 1.30 – 3.30pm