



**Generations
Working
Together**

**ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL
NETWORK MEETING
1 OCT 2013
Garioch Community Centre
Inverurie**

Attending: Carolyn Lamb, NHS Grampian; Mary Arnold, Aberdeenshire Council; Jack Hendry; Garioch Development Group

Apologies: Jackie Coroon, Aberdeenshire Council; Liz Mackay, Kemnay CLD.

1. Yvonne Coull, Local Development Network Officer, Generations Working Together (GWT) opened the second meeting of the Aberdeenshire Local Network and welcomed everyone. She then gave a brief overview of Generations Working Together and the role that it plays as an organisation.

2. Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice in a Scottish Policy Context. The members then undertook a group task entitled "National Strategic Objectives". They were given a problem solving scenario based around an intergenerational project and were asked to choose a Scottish National Strategic Objectives that the project contributes towards and to discuss whether the project enhances social cohesion. The members discussed these questions and the various outcomes that might be achieved. This was very positive with many different ideas and opinions being discussed. The guidelines (which are useful for making grant applications) are available here: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/about/local-authority-guidelines/>

3. Yvonne Coull reviewed a variety of case studies on the GWT website that were of interest to those attending and the group discussed the many ways in which IG practice can contribute to a variety of services and interests in the local community.

Yvonne Coull then updated the group with the following information.

- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** making good progress, should be launched in October/November time.
- **Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Course** will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Dates in Glasgow and Dundee. Further information on future courses are available on the website.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training>
- **Guidelines: Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – How can we encourage your Council to become interested in IG work and adopt the Guidelines document? GWT would like to work with all Scottish Local Authorities to develop a framework for the effective use of intergenerational practice within Local Authority policies and procedures to the benefit of local communities and all age groups.

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/guidelines-bringing-together-local-authorities-and-intergenerational-practice-in-a-scottish-policy-context>

- **Photo & video competition** – deadline extended to 18th October 2013 – online application form now available on website
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/photo-video-competition/>
- **GWT annual conference** – The GWT team are starting to plan next years annual conference scheduled to take place in March 2014. A survey monkey questionnaire was sent to members asking for their comments on city, venue, workshops and speakers etc. We hope to confirm city, venue and date very soon.
- **A showcase event is** being planned for the Highland & Island networks in inverness on Tuesday 29th April marking European day of Solidarity between Generations. The GWT team are looking to collate ideas/suggestions and projects to showcase on the day. For further information contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
<http://www.age-platform.eu/age-policy-work/solidarity-between-generations/campaign>
- **Case studies** – 12 new case studies from across Scotland can now be viewed on our website at
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/case-studies/>

Other info

- **Luminate** takes place across Scotland and features creative activities with, by and for older people, as well as events for audiences and participants across the generations, and intergenerational projects. The festival takes places from 1-31 October <http://www.luminatescotland.org/luminate-application>

Alison would like to hear from anyone who is planning to be involved in the festival showcasing their intergenerational work.

Education resource pack

- The pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival (25th & 26th September) and will be available online shortly at the GWT web site.

Funding info

- **Young Start Funding** from the Big Lottery has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years.
<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund>
- **Heritage Lottery Fund**
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 Development Team first. Thanks Marion for the tip and the link to the following successful project recently funded...
<http://www.hlf.org.uk/ourproject/Pages/LifeisforLivingston.aspx#.UZSRNKLvtg>

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Other IG opportunities

- **Go for Gold Challenge**
<http://www.scottishcare.org/news/go-for-gold-challenge-newsletter/>
- **Walk in our shoes** – act on our issues is an activity that community groups and different generations can do together to tackle barriers such as uneven pavements, public toilets closures, poor street lighting, unsafe road crossings and inaccessible shops.
<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/get-involved/campaign/end-isolation-campaign/walk-in-our-shoes-act-on-our-issues/>