



Generations Working Together

FIFE LOCAL NETWORK MEETING 4 OCTOBER 2013 FEAT Glenrothes

Attending: Sue Milne, Gateway Levenmouth; Wayne Mathieson, Fife Elderly Forum; Ann Donaldson, Medieval Methil; Lynn Ogilvie, FSSS & CCC, Duncan Mitchell, FEAT; Aiveen Ryan, FEAT.

Apologies: Gordon Forbes, Fife Council; Jo Hobbett, The Ecology Centre, Naturally Changing Lives; Douglas P Macnaughtan, Age Scotland; Karen Staig, West Wemyss Community Trust.

1. The Collydean Project – Lyne Ogilvie wears two hats, one for Fife Shopping and Support Services and the other for the Collydean Project. She explained about each of the projects in her presentation and then discussed with the group the intergenerational projects they are planning. Her presentation will be attached to the Meeting Event (shortly). For each of the areas discussed participants provided their thoughts on funding and the groups who could be involved. Yvonne provided examples of like minded projects that were available under the case studies on the GWT web site.
2. Medieval Methil. This is a Living History Group founded in Levenmouth, but now stretching across Fife, and with a few other members in the rest of Scotland, England, and also one in the US! Aiveen Ryan at FEAT is coordinating the Silverburn Regeneration project in which this Group is involved, and Ann is heading up the Heritage and another project within Silverburn Park. Again, it will encompass all ages, and all backgrounds. Ann explained about the intergenerational work she undertakes with schools and community groups and discussed the importance of knowledge about the past which will be lost if not recreated. The past events covered by the group can be very far back or fairly recent depending upon the requirement. The group is run by volunteers and is hoping to spread its wings wider in the longer term.

The following information is the **update** for October.

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 place 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.
- **ARE YOU ONE OF THE MANY OLDER PEOPLE PAYING TOO MUCH TAX?**
Are you possibly one of the many older people paying too much tax but are unsure what to do? - Don't worry, as the charity **Tax Help for Older People (Tax Help)** who specialise in providing **free tax advice** to individuals aged 60 and over whose household income including that of a partner is 17,000 or less after tax can provide whatever help or guidance you require. To decide whether or not you need their help please consider the following questions to test how much you know about tax:
 1. What does a K Code mean?
 2. What is a dividend credit?
 3. What are your personal allowances at aged 67?
 4. Can you get interest paid gross on a joint interest account?
 5. What is an allowance restriction?
 6. How is your state pension taxed?
 7. How do you claim a refund?

8. Can you transfer allowances to a spouse?
9. What are the different rates of tax?
10. Should you be completing a self-assessment form?

If you achieved 10 out of 10 then you have no problems. However 9 or under then why not **phone Tax Help for Older People on their low call number 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066 and ask for a call back** for a tax health check to ensure peace of mind or to sort out a tax problem, have your PAYE coding checked, or get help with form filling, reclaiming an overpayment of tax or replying to a letter from the tax office. You can also visit their **website on www.taxvol.org.uk**

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.

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

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/>