

Meeting Report – Scottish Borders Network

Date: 5th November 2013 **Venue:** Newtown St Boswells

In attendance: Rob Nicholson (The Bridge), Bill Muir (Trash Arts), Catriona Cameron (Vol Centre, Borders), Jim Fraser (Scottish Borders Council) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Stuart Robertson, Lynne Marshall, Lynn Gallacher, Diana Findley, Eileen Clark, Niccy Kershaw, Annie Watt, & Johnny Johnston

GWT national update

- **Photo & video competition** – deadline closed winners will be announced next month
- **GWT annual conference** – Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling. Ideas and suggestions will be very welcome for speaker and workshop topics. What would you like to hear about next year? What would make you attend? Do you have a project you'd like to showcase?
- **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 also 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/>
- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** is making good progress.
- **Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Course** to be organised for January 2014 possibly in Hamilton. The course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Further information will be available soon on the website at <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. Does anyone know of any elected members who we could push this to?

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

- **Luminate** took place across Scotland during the whole month of October and featured creative activities with, by and for older people, as well as events for audiences and participants across the generations, and intergenerational projects.
<http://www.luminatescotland.org>

Alison would like to hear from anyone who was involved in the festival showcasing intergenerational work.

Resilient Communities Initiative – Jim Fraser

Jim is the emergency planning officer with Scottish Borders Council. Resilient communities is an initiative supported by local, Scottish and UK governments, the principals of which are, communities and individuals harnessing and developing local response and expertise to help themselves during an emergency, in a way that complements the response of the emergency services.

The ethos of the plan is to formulate and co-ordinate voluntary support and assistance and direct those that require it with a community, in a non- mechanised manner of response. The vehicle by which this is achieved is a resilient community plan.

Each Community Council in Scottish Borders has been invited to create such a plan in order to

- Raise awareness and understanding of the local risk and emergency response capability in order to motivate and support self-resilience
- Increase individual, family and community resilience against all threats and hazards
- Support and encourage effective dialogue between the community and the practitioners supporting them
- Provide a framework and support to enable the creation and delivery of a resilient community plan
- Access and develop communication systems to ensure communities are given appropriate warnings of hazards
- Evaluate the outcome and success of the plan following operation.

Jim spoke about work currently underway with Volunteer Centre Borders in Secondary Schools to involve younger people in the resilient communities programme.

Round the table

- Stuart Robertson from Seton Care hopes to attend next meeting to tell members about their IT project
- Lynne Marshall hopes also to attend next meeting to talk about their schools project

Education resource pack

- The GWT Education resource pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival last month and is now available for download from <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/education-resource-pack/>

The pack consists of :

- a guide to learning through intergenerational practice (hopefully you'll have received some hard copies)
- exemplar case studies (available on the website)
- a guide to the awards, children and young people can achieve – Amazing Things

We also have a new supplement to go along with the Amazing Things booklet detailing awards for older people which is still with our designer. We hope to have this available for download from our website soon.

Over the next three months we are piloting an intergenerational learning seminar (4 hours) (in Shetland, Perth & Kinross and Edinburgh) for teachers and other educational practitioners. After the sessions we plan to tweak the training materials then offer each local authority the opportunity to hold the seminar as a four hour block or two, two hour twilight sessions within their in service

training planned for 2014. We hope this will raise the awareness of the benefits of getting involved in intergenerational work. If anyone wishes to discuss further please get in touch with Alison on 07769629988 or Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Action: Rob and Tina to email information regarding future intergenerational awards, which Alison can add to the award supplement on the GWT website

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#.UZSRNKLvtqy>
- **Climate Challenge Fund** – interested in funding intergenerational work
<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund>

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th May, 10.30-1pm, Eyemouth Harbour Trust, Harbour Office, Gunsreen Basin, Eyemouth, TD14 5SD

Action: Agenda item for next meeting – Scottish Borders mini conference (Autumn 2014)