

Meeting report – Orkney Network Meeting

Date: 20th September 2014 **Venue:** Voluntary Action Orkney

In attendance: Calum Swanson (2nd Orkney Scouts), Simon Gordon (Alcohol Counselling), Linsey Drever & Fraser Devine (Voluntary Action Orkney), Erika Copland (Home Start Orkney) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Janette Mackie (Get it Together), Renate Andrews (Youth Councillor, Alcohol Counselling), Eric Skea (CLD), Kerry Spence, Anna Wheelan, Maureen Herdman, & Ross Groundwater

GWT national update

- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** also making good progress,
- **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 till 18th October
Action: Linsey and Calum promised to submit an entry
- **GWT annual conference** – The GWT team are planning next years annual conference which will take place on 19th March 2014 in Stirling.
- **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>

Ideas included: funding workshops, stalls, networking, showcasing projects and have a notice board for people to bank their intergenerational ideas for future projects

- **Case studies** – 12 new case studies from across Scotland can now be viewed on our website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/case-studies/>

Action: Linsey/Erica/Fraser to check Orkney case studies on website emailing any amendments and updates to Alison

- **Luminate** took place across Scotland (for 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/luminate-application>

Round the table

- Calum reported that he was planning to train other scout leaders using the intergenerational training resources during the winter months. Calum's scout troop in partnership with the CONNECT project were involved in planting flowers at a sheltered housing complex. Calum is keen to develop an intergenerational project looking at the barriers to scouting now and in the past. This project would bring old scouts back in touch with the younger ones.
- Linsey reported on her Friday friend's project where young people go and do activities with older people living in a sheltered housing complex. Linsey mentioned that intergenerational work was embedded within everything they participated in.

Education resource pack

The GWT Education resource pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival in September. Alison met with Peter Diamond, Karen Greaves, Graham Bevan and Kerry Spence to discuss the resource pack and was very pleased with their very positive response.

- Alison has been invited to do a short presentation/workshop at the headteachers conference on 7th March and hopes to go to the evening dinner the night before to mingle and chat with members of the wider strategic community learning group

Action: Alison to liaise with Peter

- Peter and Karen also felt that this would be a good opportunity to run an event around the guidelines

Action: Alison to contact Karen

The pack consists of:

- a guide to learning through intergenerational practice
- 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.

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>

- Change fund yrs 3 & 4 – intergenerational element embedded, council tendering – starts November 2013

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/>

Case Studies – now 5 on website (generations Growing Together, IG cook book, Days Geen By, Home Start & get together for a Yarn)

Next meeting – Thursday 6th March, time and venue will be confirmed shortly. If the guidelines event takes place, members will be invited to attend, instead of the network meeting.