

Meeting report – Western Isles Network Meeting

Date: 2 & 3rd October 2013 **Venue:** Benbecula & Stornoway

In attendance: Amanda MacDonald, Sheila MacDonald, Marybell MacIntyre, Dr Gail Cunningham, Eilidh MacLeod, Marisa MacDonald, Jane Martin, Jo Cowan, Marina MacLeod & Alison Clyde

Apologies: Flora Matheson, Maggie Smith, Mary Sinclair

The two meetings held in Benbecula and Stornoway incorporated a network meeting within an intergenerational training course.

- **Health paper – Intergenerational (IG) Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** is making good progress, hope to be able to share at next meeting.
- **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>
- **Photo & video competition** – deadline extended to 18th October 2013
- **GWT annual conference** – The GWT team are starting to plan next years annual conference scheduled to take place on 19th March 2014 in Stirling.
- **A showcase event** is 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/>
- **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>

Education resource pack

- Education resource pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival and is available to download at: <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.

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** 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>

Other IG opportunities

- **Go for Gold Challenge** – physical activity challenge for older frailer people in sheltered housing and care home <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/>

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- Primary schools in Balivanich are interested in working with older people
- Alison to invite a rep from the befriending project to the next meeting of Benbecula network
- Alison to contact the riding school to see if they have managed to set up their IG project
- Marissa (Stornoway) is planning a WW1 intergenerational project with schools
- Alison to email case study template to Marina, Gail & Jane
- Gail Cunningham has submitted a bid to Young Start

Next meetings - Tuesday 17th April 2014

- 10am – 12.30pm, Volunteer Centre, Western Isles, 41 Airport Road, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula, HS7 5LA
- 7pm – 9pm, Bridge Community Centre, Bayhead Embankment, Bayhead, Stornoway, Western Isles, HS1 2DU