

# EDINBURGH LOCAL NETWORK MEETING

18 November 2013 RCAHMS, Edinburgh



**Attending:** Lorraine Sudlow, Places for People; Faye Gray, City of Edinburgh Council; Ian Clement, ALFAA/SEHF/MCC/PPN; Janice Laxton, South Edinburgh Arts Fair Association; Glenda Watt, City of Edinburgh Council; Helena Gillis, Volunteer; Tejshvi Jain, Student; Helen Foster, RCAMHS; Philip Clooth, Edinburgh Council

**Apologies:** Ann Munro, Pilmeny Development Project; Laura Dunkel, Age Scotland; Melissa Byrne, Citadel Youth Centre.

1. **Yvonne Coull** welcomed everyone on behalf of Generations Working Together and thanked RCAHMS for hosting this meeting. There were then the usual round table introductions.
2. **Helen Foster**, RCAHMS, presented SCRAN (see <http://www.scran.ac.uk/>). SCRAN is a charity and online learning resource base with over 370,000 images & media from museums, galleries, and archives. Use is free, thumbnail access only, but full access is available through GLOW, Schools and libraries in most areas. Helen explained the content of the images and how they are also themed to help people with their searches for material. There are not only buildings and landscapes, but people and activities too. Images may be very old or relatively recent, right through to modern day photographs. The collection comes principally from museums and galleries but photographers and individuals can also contribute and indeed are encouraged to contribute. Helen discussed ways in which SCRAN could be used for IG projects.
3. **Helena Gillis**, volunteer, works for museums and galleries but undertook this project as a volunteer. She had assisted several IG projects but never undertaken one herself and this was her opportunity to do so. Helena described the beginnings of her project entitled 'Exploring the Papermaking Industry in Linlithgow'; how she had got the Heritage Lottery grant; how she had made the first steps to making the project happen and the difficulties she had encountered. She then went on to explain the first meeting between the school and the older people and how the project then developed. It took nearly a year to get off the ground but has since been a roaring success. Older people are still going into the school to see the Primary 6 pupils that took part and the project finishes in December.

It is hoped to have both presentations available on the GWT website to accompany this note.

**Yvonne Coull** then provided the update from GWT below briefly as there was little time to undertake a round table discussion.

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- **GWT Annual Conference 2014** - Wednesday 19th March 2014, 10:00am - 4:00pm at Macrobert Arts Centre, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA. Programme being devised and booking is now open. See: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/gwt-national-conference-2014-19-03-2014>
  - **Education resource pack** - The GWT Education resource pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival (25th & 26th September). See: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/learning-through-intergenerational-practice>

- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** also making good progress, should be launched in the new year.
- **Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Course** will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Further information on courses coming up in the new year 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>
- **A showcase event is** being planned for the Highland & Island networks in Inverness on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

- **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](http://www.taxvol.org.uk)**

### 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>

**Info:** Janette reported that their initial award of £31,000 had been increased to £43,000

- **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>

### 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/>