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**In attendance:** Sean O’Toole (CLD), Idris Dean (Employability Link Worker) & Fiona Marshall (Neighbourhood Link Worker), Murdo Macleod (Building Healthy Communities). Alan Sidaway (Unite retired members), Anne Matley (Community Safety Enforcement Officer), Liz Forsyth (Safe Health Action Partnership), Scott McGill (Food train Friends), Brian Jones, Barry Dixon, Simon Davidson & Barry Farley (Catstrand), Anne McLaughlan & Taylor McFarlane (Youth Alive), Chris Woodburn (CLD), Melita Loaring (Social Work), Anne Errington (Storyteller), Simon Kennedy (Police Scotland), Morag Curtis (Building Healthy Communities & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Shona MacKinnon, (Loreburn Housing), Peter Ross, Iain Howie (CVS Stewartry)

**National update:**

- **National conference** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling.  
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2014-19-03-2014>
- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** will be launched at the conference.
- **Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Course** will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Future courses include Edinburgh, Balloch, Elgin & Galashiels.  
**Action:** Alison will organise another training course for Castle Douglas at the beginning of May
- **Photo & video competition** – thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. Winners details on website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/photo-video-competition/>

**Round the table**

- **Catstrand** – Brian & Simon provided an overview of ‘A Ghost Story for Christmas’ project which involved older and younger people working together to film and edit ghost stories. The younger folk filmed areas where the stories were told and the older people helped them edit the films. An evening was held in December to recall the tradition of telling ghost stories round the fireplace at Christmas, drawing on local lore and legend to spook and chill through storytelling, performed sketches, and the short film.  
<https://www.facebook.com/thecatstrand>
- **Youth Alive** – Funded by Young Start under the CONNECTED strand  
The Growing Together project is about growing young people and supporting them to learn new transferable skills in growing and harvesting fruit and vegetables. Through this they will gain confidence, make new friends, learn to work in teams and work alongside older experienced generations in the Poly Tunnell and allotments. Ann & Taylor are keen to work with other partners and older people. Contact: 01387 259257/07808652747 or email [youthalive@btinternet.com](mailto:youthalive@btinternet.com)
- **Memory Stick**  
Older people in Dumfries and Galloway were given USB memory sticks full of information aimed at helping their health and welfare. The pilot project saw 1,000 data devices given away in the Stewartry area of the region. School pupils were enlisted to provide instructions for anybody struggling with the technology.

Simon explained that the sticks included information from a number of different organisations split into three categories - safety, health and wealth. The information provided covers everything from crime prevention to health. Kirkgunzeon Primary was one of the schools where pupils worked with older relatives on how to use the data devices. An updated version is coming soon.

- Murdo reported on a new IG life stories project in Stranraer which started in November last year and is expected to last twelve months. They are bringing generations together to look at the past & present & old/modern music. There are eight partners involved including the drama society. It is hoped there will be different forms of celebrations throughout the project.
- Liz started up a new respiratory group which due to low numbers was opened up to people with long term conditions. Unexpectedly the group has turned intergenerational with two youths and their support workers now attending. Liz is now interested in promoting the class to younger people.
- An open night was held on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb in Lockerbie to discuss the benefits of having a Man's Shed in the area. Also potential shed in Annan.
- Scott mentioned P5's were involved in the food train and were delivering fruit parcels to older people

#### **Education resource pack**

- The GWT Education resource pack was launched last year and is now available for download: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/education-resource-pack/>

#### **A.O.B.**

- **SCRAN – [www.scran.ac.uk](http://www.scran.ac.uk)**

SCRAN is a valuable resource which can be used for reminiscence work. The website contains over 360,000 images, videos and sounds from museums, galleries, archives and the media. These include sounds, still pictures, people (faces), places, maps, aerial photographs, events & artefacts. SCRAN covers many themes including the recent past, oral history, holidays, childhoods, community archives, schooldays, work (factories), leisure time, fashion, home, transport (places), family history and timeframes (WW1, 60's, 70's etc.). SCRAN also holds private materials which may not be available in museums and libraries. There is a cost of £15 per year however many libraries and schools are already subscribed so it is worth checking with your partners before subscribing. Helen provided forms for members to apply for one month's free membership. For more details contact [helen.foster@rcahms.gov.uk](mailto:helen.foster@rcahms.gov.uk)

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#### **Hot topics** for IG work during 2014:

- Commonwealth Games – Go for Gold - Ryder Cup
- World War 1 Centenary (Heritage Lottery Funding available)
- 700<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Battle of Bannockburn & 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day

#### **Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1-3.30pm, Castle Douglas Community Centre, Cotton St, Castle Douglas, DG7 1AJ