

## Meeting Report

Moray Intergenerational Network Meeting,

Date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Venue: New Elgin & Ashgrove Public Hall, Elgin



**Apologies:** Irena Paterson, Moray Disability Forum; Anne Grant, Aberlour Youthpoint, Moray; and Kresanna Aigner, Findhorn Bay Arts.

**In Attendance:** Irene Weeden, Ann Hay, Kate Chandler, David Wilcox, Helen Foster and Marion Smith.

**Helen Foster** from the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland gave a presentation on SCRAN which is a charity and on-line learning resource base with over 370,000 images & media from museums, galleries, and archives. You can search the whole resource base for free and buy downloadable images at publishing quality. A subscription is required for full online text, large images and tools. Helen took questions from the floor and gave out information before leaving to catch her train.

**Marion** welcomed all to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves, she then gave the GWT update:

### **GWT Update:**

[The GWT National Conference 2014 will be held on the 19th March 2014](#), 10:00am–4:00pm at the MacRobert Arts Centre, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA. The programme will be announced in January 2014

**GWT Showcase Event – Inverness** - is planned for the **29th of April 2014**, to celebrate the European Day of Solidarity between Generations, members are asked to let Marion know of any projects that they would like to showcase at the event, venue to be confirmed.

**Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers** courses have been organised for a number of areas– keep an eye on website for further details. This course will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. Book online on the website, [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org) . Those in attendance would be very interested in Training the Trainers course on Skye, Marion agreed to follow this up with the GWT trainers.

**Education resource pack** – case studies and booklet now published, was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival in September 2013. Alison is meeting Education Scotland and Youth Scotland to discuss the possibility of jointly producing an awards supplement for older people which will complement Amazing Things (awards for young people – copies available from [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org))

**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 want 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.

**Working in partnership with Age Scotland to publish another round of walk in our shoes – act on our issues.** The pack is part of Age Scotland’s campaign to end isolation for older people. Act on our

issues is an activity that community groups can do to tackle barriers such as uneven pavements, public toilets closures, poor street lighting, unsafe road crossings and inaccessible shops. For further information, check out the Age Scotland website <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/>

### **Funding updates:**

**Young Start Funding** from the Big Lottery has an intergenerational strand available for up to £50,000 for two years. [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund](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#UZRNLvtqy>

### **Go for Gold**

The Go for Gold Challenge was established in 2012 to involve professionals and residents in the care sector in the legacy celebrations offered by the London Olympic Games and the World Congress on Active Ageing in Glasgow, both staged in the summer of 2012 and the 2014 Commonwealth Games also in Glasgow. The Go for Gold Challenge is part of the British Heart Foundation National Centre for Physical Activity and Health at Loughborough University (BHFNC) programme of Active Ageing Events. The aims of the Go for Gold Challenge are to:

- Promote and celebrate participation in physical activity amongst older people supported by the care sector.
- Build capacity in the workforce in the care sector to promote physical activity with older people on a day to day basis.
- Develop links between the care sector in Scotland and physical activity organisations.
- Contribute towards the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Legacy.

Go for Gold in Scotland is supported by a stakeholder network group made up of interested and motivated people from different backgrounds and a strategic reference group which includes national organisations across Scotland.

### **Local Project Updates:**

**Irene** works for the Moray Community Health and Social Care Partnership as a Development Officer for older people. See below for the projects that Irene and Ann, who is part of her team are working on (with corrections to the spelling of Moray).

**Ann** is part of the Moray Council's Older Peoples Development Team, working with sustainable groups throughout Moray. She is involved with 13 groups through the Be Active Life Long (BALL) project, groups meet in venues across the Moray area for activities, refreshments, friendship and chat. Ann has links with schools and is working on an IT buddies project. In addition to this, the Development Team are very excited about a project working with 6 students from Keith Grammar School's supported learning unit who are helping residents from Taylor Court sheltered housing with computing skills. They have developed a step by step guide for the residents and will be filming the results of the project. Marion suggested that they should look to enter the GWT Photo and Film competition later this year.

**David** has been involved in volunteering for a number of years for projects including the Moray Men's Sheds, however he is no longer with this project. He has been doing research into the possibility of developing two historic properties in Elgin which are in need of renovation and would like to look at an apprenticeship scheme to benefit the young people of the town and make both buildings sustainable.

**Kate** works for Elgin Youth Café, they have a group of fifteen young people who are involved in community work and are known as the Delta Force, this is an award winning initiative which is run from the Youth Café in conjunction with the local community. It provides a team of young people to carry out services in the local area, including graffiti removal, garden tidying, helping the elderly, disadvantaged and disabled. They also organise and run other events such as coffee mornings, sponsored walks and various other charity fundraisers both for other charities and for their own charity. The young people benefit from a number of awards including Saltire and Youth Development Awards.

**Next Meeting:** A date was not set for the next meeting, Marion will contact the group later in the year.