

Meeting Report
Skye, Lochalsh and Ross-shire Network Meeting
Date: Wednesday 15th January 2014
Venue: Skye & Lochalsh CVO, Tigh Lisigarry, Bridge Road,
Portree, Isle of Skye, IV51 9ER



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Apologies:

Cllr. Ian Renwick

In Attendance:

Meg Gillies, Karen MacRae, Joey Graham, Marion Smith

Marion welcomed all to the meeting and 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 . 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)

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

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>

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:

Meg is the recently appointed Chief Development Manager of SLCVO (Skye and Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations), based in Portree. <http://www.slcvo.org.uk>

Karen is the RCOP Highland Community Networker for Skye, one of 11 across Highland who will work to roll out the Reshaping Care for Older people agenda. <http://www.rcophighland.org>

Joey is the Adult Learning Co-ordinator (Literacies) for High Life Highland, she is working with a number of projects including You Time for older people, the Buddy System based in the Library and the Archive Centre. Joey also updated on the future events to be arranged through the WEA, Women at Work programme details at <http://www.weawomenatwork.org.uk/>

Date of next meeting

As there were not many attending this meeting, Joey suggested that Marion could attend a 'Link up Lunch' to be held on Monday 24th February in Portree at 1pm, this would be a good opportunity to network and highlight the work of GWT.