

Aberdeen Local Network Meeting
Date: 12 February 2014
Venue: Town House, Aberdeen



Generations Working Together

Attending: Sarah Bonnamy, North East Sensory Services; Irene Reid, Sacro Mediation Services; Lesley Dunbar, Averil Ferries, Baldeep McGarry, Aberdeen City Council; Hayley Buchan, Sandra Bruce, Shona Omand-Smith, Aberdeenshire Council; Christine Dunhill, Silver City Surfers, Alison Taylor, Pat Lawrence, Donna Sim, Archie Weir, Cumming Park Community Flat; Kam L. Wozniak, Shopmobility Aberdeen; Gina Brown, Alzheimer Scotland; Mike Jamieson, Bride of Don Academy.

Apologies: Aileen McGowan, Tullos Primary School; Jo Martin, St Peter's School, Suzy Gentle, Age Scotland

1. Yvonne Coull opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She explained a little about the background of GWT for those who had not attended before. She explained the format of the meeting and informed the group that there would be time at the end to have a short discussion and introductions around the room.
2. Helen Foster, Royal Commission on the Ancient Monuments of Scotland introduced SCRAN, a digital database of photos and videos. See SCRAN web site. <http://www.scran.ac.uk/> Helen explained the different facets of SCRAN through a power point presentation which we hope to be able to post on the network page shortly. Scran is a charity & online learning resource base with over 370,000 images & media from museums, galleries, and archives. It is possible to search the whole resource base for free and buy downloadable images at publishing quality. Free access is available in Aberdeen through the libraries for education and community projects and this can also be accessed through the library web site online (if you are a library member). Helen described how the images could be used in intergenerational projects such as reminiscence or to provide background information or talking points. The images could also be used as posters and post cards (as long as these were not sold). If you are interested in use for a project and are not sure then please contact Helen direct through the SCRAN web site – she will be happy to help.
3. GWT Education Resources: Yvonne Coull then explained the content of all the education resources which are available on the GWT Website (see below) and copies were handed out to those who were interested. Yvonne said that to accompany the resources 12 education case studies were added to the GWT web site along with Amazing Things which lists awards which young people can work towards. GWT has added awards for older people to the web site and Yvonne asked that if those attending heard of an award that was not listed could they let her know where to find the information to add to the GWT list.
4. GWT Update – Yvonne provided the GWT update as noted below.
5. Round Table Discussion – introductions were provided round the table and those attending joined in a general discussion on how to make school community connections and various aspects of intergenerational practice. Many members continued the discussion afterwards into the lunch time!

GWT Update

- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** also making good progress, it will be launched at the conference 2014.
- **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 future courses are available on the website: Edinburgh (limited places), Borders: Hamilton; Balloch and Elgin dates available. More dates coming up next year.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training>

- **Guidelines: Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – Please remember to promote these within your local authority and let us know of their use if you hear of anything interesting.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/guidelines-bringing-together-local-authorities-and-intergenerational-practice-in-a-scottish-policy-context>
- **GWT annual conference** – The 2014 annual conference is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19th March 2014, 10:00am - 4:00pm at MacRobert Arts Centre, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA. Synopsis of workshops and seminars is now available.
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/gwt-national-conference-2014-19-03-2014>
- **A showcase event is** being 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>

Other Info

Education resource pack

- The GWT Education resource pack is published and was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival in September. The teachers seminar is being trialed in three areas Shetland (completed), Edinburgh and Perth & Kinross (in March). A new resource which is a supplement to Amazing things – the youth awards – has been produced by GWT and is available online at:
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/amazing-things-supplement-a-guide-to-awards-for-adults-in-scotland>

European map of Intergenerational Learning

- In 2013 EMIL launched an Annual Awards programme for its membership with the aim of highlighting and showcasing existing examples throughout Europe where intergenerational work adds value. Through a nomination process, award winners in each of the following themes have demonstrated they have developed innovative and sustainable projects that have made a real impact:

Housing/Environment
Culture and the Arts
Workplace/Working environment
Communities
'Other'

For further information go to: <http://www.emil-network.eu/about/emil-awards>

- **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. 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**

The Scottish Education Awards

- The Scottish Education Awards celebrate the hard work and success which takes place in Scottish education. They recognise the achievements of people who dedicate their lives to children and young people and showcase the valuable work and innovation in Scottish classrooms. Nominations for this year's awards are now open.
<http://www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk/nominate/categories/index.asp>

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**
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**
There is funding for garden projects through this funding and they are interested in hearing from those involved in IG practice. Substantial funding available for 2015. 2013 and 2014 funding close to full allocation.
<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund>

Other IG opportunities

- **Go for Gold Challenge**
New Newsletter available on the SCSWIS web site.
http://www.scswis.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=283&Itemid=695&limitstart=10
- **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/>