

**Edinburgh & Lothian's
Network Meeting**

20 March 2014

**Leith Community Centre
Edinburgh**



Generations Working Together

Attendees: Anne Munro; Margaret Campbell; Lorraine Mckilligan; Caroline McLeod; Sarah Bryson; Liz Hare; Laure Paterson

Apologies: Chris Piley ; Lorraine Sudlow; Glenda Watt ; Garry Forbes; Bernie Hasswell; Faye Gray; Janice Laxton

1. Yvonne welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Liz Hare for assisting with finding a venue for the meeting. Yvonne apologised as 14 were due to attend and that it was disappointing that numbers from that list were so low.
2. Liz Hare, Citadel Arts Group (<http://www.citadelartsgroup.co.uk/>) Liz Hare introduced the work of this group based in Leith. She described a number of projects which had intergenerational elements and the current project Leith at War. The group mainly undertake reminiscence work and collect local stories and history from older people. They also undertake a number of productions based around this reminiscence work and this is where the intergenerational element becomes important as children play the younger generation. They meet the people who provided the story and are able to discuss with them the play and what life was like at that time. This breaks down stereotypes and old fashioned ideas, tackling ageing and ageism. There are great opportunities to influence thinking and for integration in the community. It is also very relevant to the curriculum.

The current work is based around Leith in WW2. Stories were collected and a play in the process of being written and produced. Recently, the first act of the play was enacted at Trinity Academy before an audience of 50 secondary one pupils and 30 senior citizens from Jameson Place, Hermitage Court and St Nicholas Court sheltered housing complexes and members of Pilmeny Development project. After the play the older people and children formed small mixed groups and their thoughts on the play and what life was like at that time in Leith was sought. The feedback was superb! The feedback on the play was that it was suitable for all ages and that it informed the young and revived memories in older people and brought the generations together. Yvonne (GWT) attended and recounted the story of her group where a gentleman was talking about the blackout and how difficult it was to walk around at night. He mentioned the street lamps which everyone carried at that time and how the light within was a thin shaft directed downwards. He then proceeded to draw a detailed diagram of the light and the children were fascinated. Also, the children were very interested in some of the stories the older people told such as having to hide in doorways when there was a dog fight in the sky above, dodging bullets! The children were also very knowledgeable having studied the war in class and been on visits to war museums. The play can be seen in full in the summer, see the web site for details.

3. Yvonne Coull then outlined the new education resources which were developed by GWT . These can be found at the following link:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/education-resource-pack/>

The resources were developed as a result of input from a large team of educationalists covering all areas of education, from schools to colleges, universities, NHS Education and Education Scotland. There is a written resource for teachers and educational case studies to go along with this. There is a Guide called Amazing Things from Youth Scotland on awards which young people can receive. GWT has begun the collection of awards for adults and the first brochure is also available from the above link. Yvonne asked that if anyone knew of any other awards to please let her know so that this list could be expanded.

- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** was launched at the GWT 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: Skye, Wick and Castle Douglas dates are on the web site.
<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>
- **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

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>

Funding info

- **The Women's Fund for Scotland** is making small grants to projects across Scotland that support women's development, self sufficiency, and social and economic equality.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to constituted, not for profit groups with an annual income under £250K, run by and for women working in four key areas:

- building skills and confidence
- improving health and well-being
- building social networks
- moving on from violence

See <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/grants-of-up-to-2000-available>

- **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>
- **Online Find A Funder Database**
If you're looking for funding this database will tell you what's available. Just go to www.community-toolkit.org.uk/Funding/find-funders.htm and select Older People and you will get a full list of potential funders.
- **Bank of Scotland Foundation**
Small grants between £1,000 - £10,000 can be applied. For more information go to www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/guidelines

ClydesdaleBankSpiritofCommunityAwards2014: Celebrateit: OrchardWindfalls;
CostalCommunitiesfund are also available – see the GWT web site for details.

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&temid=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/>