



**Meeting Report** – Aberdeenshire Local Network

**Date:** Tuesday 18 June 2013

**Venue:** Gateway Community Centre, Turriff, Aberdeenshire

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**In Attendance:** Yvonne Coull, GWT Local Network Development Officer; Jackie Coroon, Aberdeenshire Libraries; Angela Allan, Aberdeenshire Council; Mark Mitchell, Aberdeenshire Council; Kate Rigby, Aberdeenshire Council; Reena Thom, Home Start Deveron; Carolyn Lamb, NHS Grampian; John McCrank, NE Scot Credit Union; Mary Arnold, Aberdeenshire Council.

**Apologies:** Diane Marshall; Sheila Waterhouse, CLD Aberdeenshire.

1. Yvonne Coull, Local Development Network Officer, Generations Working Together (GWT) opened this first meeting of the Aberdeenshire Local Network and welcomed everyone. She then introduced the Generations Working Together organisation and history (presentation slides 1-5).
2. The members then undertook a task in groups entitled 'Is it or Isn't It?' They were given a small number of cards with outlines of projects and activities on them and were asked by Yvonne as a group to discuss them and decide whether or not they were, or were not, an intergenerational activity. When this was completed there was a discussion around each table about those that were easy and those that were more difficult and why they were difficult. The group moved on to discuss what constitutes intergenerational practice and the main principles. From this a common understanding of what intergenerational practice actually is was discussed.
3. Yvonne presented slides 6-9 which show the definitions and principles which GWT use (there are others).
4. Jackie Coroon from Aberdeenshire Libraries gave a presentation on her intergenerational project which involved senior pupils at local schools taking on the role of tutor for computing classes for older adults in the local communities. Jackie explained the content of the 4 training sessions the pupils undertook before being allowed to begin the tuition and showed some of the comments from the evaluation which were very positive. Jackie's presentation will be available on the web site next to these notes shortly.

Yvonne Coull, GWT Local Development Network Officer provided the following **Generations Working Together Update**.

- **GWT's new website** was launched end of Jan 2013 – please check out the network section your area at [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

Members have the opportunity to place details of their IG work on the local news section. Please email to Yvonne any pictures, news, requests etc. [yvonne@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:yvonne@generationsworkingtogether.org)

- **GWT** continues to develop the new local networks with another nine being created over the next couple of months giving a total of 29 local networks across Scotland
- **GWT annual conference** went extremely well and evaluated very positively – all powerpoints and handouts now available to download from the website. Photos are on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether](http://www.facebook.com/GenerationsWorkingTogether)

- **Objective - Education** working group – if anyone is interested in joining one of the sub groups – strategy, education, mapping case studies or marketing please contact Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org.  
Jackie offered to assist with the marketing if this could be done by email or phone. YC to forward details to Alison Clyde. We also need more case studies, and Alison would be keen to write these up. For more details contact Alison alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
- **Objective – Health** research paper on benefits of IG practice to health drafted – NHS Health Scotland will help disseminate once paper is finished
- **Training the Trainers** courses organised for Orkney, Inverness & Fort William, and Dundee to follow in the autumn. 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. Members will be sent information when details are available.
- **Guidelines - Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context** – How can we encourage local councils to become interested in IG work and adopt the Guidelines document? Copies available on the web site.
- **Photo & video competition** – deadline September 2013 –leaflets distributed – online application form now available on website
- **GWT is 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 – leaflets distributed for anyone who is interested.
- **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)  
They have made clear that the Connected strand has to have two elements: \* only connecting young and older people (and not age groups in between). If it connects everyone it is seen as 'Community' \* the two groups should share expertise/knowledge rather than learn together side by side. Although the latter approach can be taken, it carries far less weight with them.
- **Celebrate?** - Celebrate will support new and existing events and activities that mark the 2014 Commonwealth Games through arts, heritage, sports and local community celebrations. It will fund local celebration events and activities which stimulate greater involvement in community activity and develop our understanding as citizens of the Commonwealth. Celebrations can be a single one-off event or activities which end with a celebration event. To achieve our aim we want to fund projects that meet one or more of the following outcomes:
- **Communities come together through arts, heritage, sports and local celebrations of the Commonwealth Games.**
- **Communities celebrate the people, places and culture of the commonwealth.**  
Follow the link to application form and guidance <http://www.celebrateit.org.uk/> The programme will be administered by Big Lottery Fund

- **Go for Gold 2013 Challenge week** - In 2013 the Go for Gold team are planning to continue implementing the 5 physical activity challenges with partners across the care sector in Scotland, (the Games Challenge, the Dance With Me Challenge, the Walk With Me Challenge, the Try-athlon Challenge and Creating Your Own Challenge and we will also look to enhance the Go for Gold 2013 programme through developing the themes of intergenerational activity and community engagement.

To provide some consistency with 2012, and help your planning, they have agreed that July should continue to be the focussed week for Go for Gold 2013 and the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July as this year's Go for Gold 2013 Challenge Week.

For more information (handout on display) contact either:

Bob Laventure – bob.laventure@ntlworld.com

Edith Macintosh - edith.macintosh@careinspectorate.com

- **Older people's day 1 October – [www.olderpeoplesday.co.uk/](http://www.olderpeoplesday.co.uk/)** - People are living longer and 23% of the UK will be aged 65 and over by 2035. The aim of the above website is to celebrate the achievements and contributions that older people make to society and tackle negative attitudes and outdated stereotypes.

The website includes a news section: the opportunities to post news, stories and add your own comments, and promotes your event by featuring your brochures, posters or links to your own website.

- **Treasures** - This year's annual campaign is Treasures, which is currently running on the

Scottish Book Trust website <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/treasures>.

Stories submitted by the deadline of July 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 will be considered for inclusion in the Treasures book, thousands of copies of which will be distributed during Book Week Scotland.

Is there an object you will always treasure? Scottish Book Trust is collecting your stories about your most treasured objects. Is there a special something that has touched or shaped your

life? It could be from your past or your present, but you'll never forget it. Whether it is cheap or expensive, it is priceless to you. Whatever or wherever it is, whether it is yours or lives in a museum, has passed down through your family, was found on a beach, a gift, a souvenir or an everyday object, your Treasure holds a story, the story of what it means to you.

There is a resource packs for schools and adult learning tutors (which can be found in the resources section of the website

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading/treasures/resources>) and we would very much appreciate it if you could publicise the campaign and the resources to your networks. We have also made an additional pack for secondary schools providing a structured way in which the Treasures project can be developed to support transition between primary and secondary schools. Where schools do take part before the end of the summer term, we are asking that teachers work with their pupils to select three stories that best represent a class's work to be uploaded to the Treasures webpage.

☒ Climate Challenge Fund – Yvonne provided detail of this funding stream and details

can be found at [www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org](http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org) They will consider intergenerational projects and if in doubt please contact them.

☒ If members are speaking to funders about programmes could they ask if they fund

intergenerational projects and pass on that information to Yvonne Coull. Often funders have not thought about IG projects and this is a good way to encourage them to have an IG strand.

5. Yvonne then outlined how other local network groups organised themselves and asked for a volunteer coordinator for the network. Mary Arnold volunteered to try. Yvonne will attend meetings on behalf of GWT and update members with information from the main office of GWT and information gathered nationally. Two people offered to host meetings and Mary will follow up with a meeting in Inverurie at the end of Sept/beginning October.

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