

GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER Highlands & Islands Conference 2014



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Together

Tuesday 29th April, Eden Court, Inverness

Synopsis of seminars

Seminars will be allocated at registration.

Learning through intergenerational practice seminar

Yvonne Coull (Generations Working Together) explains the history behind the development of the education resource pack, and describes the contents of the booklet and education seminars.

As the training resources are currently under trial, Yvonne would like to hear about the experiences of those who are starting out on the intergenerational education journey so that resources can be added and adapted as necessary. Those attending will also hear from two case studies from Shetland.

Case study 1 – Kate Coutts, Headteacher, Nesting Primary School, Shetland

Nesting Primary School recognised the need to actively link older and younger people together, and with the help of Northaven Care Centre set up an intergenerational project. There have always been strong intergenerational links in traditional Shetland communities, however due to the new Nesting Primary School being built outside their village rather than in the heart, care workers in the community and at Northaven Daycare recognised that the older people were isolated from younger people and vice-versa.

Case study 2 – Sheriene Rennie & Denise Nicolson, Shetland Islands Council

Come hae a grain o maet wi me was an intergenerational cookery project, which was a partnership between Adult Learning, Environmental Health and Supported Living. Six Supported Living clients were paired up, an older person with a younger person, to share their skills and knowledge and learn together.

Priorities of the project included encouraging the group to interact and work together, improving cooking skills and increasing confidence working with food, raising awareness of healthy eating and promoting literacy skills.

Funding surgery

Finding suitable funding to run intergenerational (IG) projects can often prove difficult and challenging. Here is an opportunity to hear from funders that are keen to fund IG work.

Young Start Funding – Colm McBriarty

Hear all about the Young Start Funding opportunity under the CONNECTED outcome together with information on the Min-Max amounts you can apply for, turnaround times and other useful hints and tips including:

- Types of projects Young Start want to see
- Case study from successful application
- What will make a stronger application?
- Details of how to apply

The session will conclude with an open discussion addressing any perceived issues with the programme, which may be preventing organisations from applying?

Climate Challenge Fund -Tim Mullens

This workshop, delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful staff will explore opportunities for intergenerational working within Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) and Junior Climate Challenge Fund (JCCF) projects. Previously funded project ‘themes’ have included energy efficiency improvements in community owned halls, provision of energy efficiency advice, lower carbon transport schemes, community growing projects and initiatives to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Workshop structure:

- Short presentation introducing the CCF & JCCF, project themes and case studies of intergenerational working
- Chance for attendees to split into groups based on their project ‘theme’ interest and discuss opportunities for intergenerational working

www.climatechallengefund.org
www.climatechallengefund.org/junior



Foundation Scotland – Nick Addington

Foundation Scotland is one of the largest independent funders in Scotland, making hundreds of awards each year to charities and community groups across Scotland. The Foundation distributes funding on behalf of philanthropists and organisations, including Comic Relief, ScotRail and windfarm community benefit funds and operates a range of grants programmes. Nick will describe the current funding opportunities available and talk about the Foundation’s interest in intergenerational projects. www.foundationscotland.org.uk @FoundationScot

RCOP Highland – Marion Smith & Gregor Neil

The Community Initiative Fund (CIF) is designed for third sector and community groups to test and/or kick-start new ideas and concepts for providing services, activities or care for older people which will help to keep them active, socially engaged and prevent avoidable admission to institutional care. We recognise that there is a benefit to intergenerational working but it would be important to be clear about the explicit and implicit benefit to the 65+ age group and to ensure that at least 50% of the activity is expressly for them.

Intergenerational approaches to improving health & wellbeing seminar

GWT and NHS Health Scotland are delighted to present this new paper on intergenerational approaches to health. Alison Clyde, National Development Officer, Generations Working Together will provide an overview of the paper and how it came about. Delegates will also hear from two intergenerational projects currently taking place in Argyll & Bute and Ullapool.

Case study 1 – Walk in Our Shoes – the next step; Building Community Bridges, Gwen Harrison

Across Argyll & Bute together with NHS Highland, Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA), rolled out an intergenerational project using an existing Age Scotland toolkit but developing it for intergenerational work. It successfully challenged young and old to work together at highlighting issues in their environment. From this work AVA then successfully developed and accessed funding for work specifically looking at intergenerational practice starting with a focus on young folk teaching older people to use social media. This has led to intergenerational fashion shows and even referendum debates. There has been a great deal of work completed to develop better understanding as well as improve a variety of skills across the age groups.

Case study 2 – Yvonne Boa, Ullapool's 20 chances project

This project was in partnership with Ullapool and district youth group, Highlife Highland youth work, Macphail Centre and funding by Highlife Highland adult services.

The project was a continuation of Get to know your Techno, but involved intergenerational crafts, cooking, video diaries and get to know your techno sessions. All sessions had a mix of younger and older people learning and sharing experiences together and went on to have an intergenerational day with a combination of all the sessions which was very successful.

It is now evolving to include intergenerational gardening, drama and community craft group.