
In Attendance: Jen Paton, Inverclyde Youth For Christ; Willie Stewart, Inverclyde Radio; Isobel Kerr, Your Voice; Susan Robinson, CVS Inverclyde; Geri Sinclair, CVS Inverclyde; Alison Clyde, GWT.

Apologies: Emma Maxwell, West Scotland College

National update:

- **Photo & video competition** – thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. Winners details on website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/photo-video-competition/>
Photograph – 1st Changing perceptions from Orkney and 2nd Angus go for Gold
Video – Aberdeenshire Libraries
- **GWT annual conference** – Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling. I've attached the workshop list for more details however members will have to book a place on the website <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/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.
- **Health paper – Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing** will be launched at the conference.
- **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.

Closest course being Balloch:

20th February 2014, 10:00am–4:00pm at The Robert Grieve Suite, Carrochan, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, Carrochan Road, Balloch, G83 8EG (Free)

Book at: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training>

- **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 would like 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. Does anyone know of any elected members who we could push this to?

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/guidelines-bringing-together-local-authorities-and-intergenerational-practice-in-a-scottish-policy-context>

Education resource pack

- The GWT Education resource pack was launched at the Scottish Learning Festival and is now available for download from <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/education-resource-pack/>

The pack consists of:

- a guide to learning through intergenerational practice (hopefully you'll have received some hard copies)
- exemplar case studies (available on the website)
 - a guide to the awards, children and young people can achieve – Amazing Things
 - a guide to awards for adults

Over the next three months we are piloting an intergenerational learning seminar (4 hours) (in Shetland, Perth & Kinross and Edinburgh) for teachers and other educational practitioners. After the sessions we plan to tweak the training materials then offer each local authority the opportunity to hold the seminar as a four hour block or two, two hour twilight sessions within their in service training planned for 2014. We hope this will raise the awareness of the benefits of getting involved in intergenerational work.

If anyone wishes to discuss further please get in touch with Alison on 07769629988 or

Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

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 – interested in funding intergenerational work

<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund>

Other info

EMIL is pleased to announce the winners its Annual Intergenerational Learning Awards Programme:

- Communities - "From 7 to 77" Solidarity between generations & Generations for Peace
- Housing/Environment - Intergenerational Apartments
- Culture & the Arts - mix@ges – Intergenerational Bonding via Creative New Media
- Working Environment/Employment - Young and Old in School
- Other - Have your Say

We would like to thank everyone who participated - all nominees and members who voted! If you are interested in reading more about the Awards process and the projects who have been highlighted - go the EMIL website (<http://www.emil-network.eu/about/emil-awards>).

Hot topics that an IG project could link into for 2014:

- Commonwealth Games – Go for Gold
- Ryder Cup
- World War 1 Centenary (Heritage Lottery Funding available)
- 700th Celebration of Battle of Bannockburn

Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland Annual Conference:

Scotland. Small Country. Big Ideas.

19TH May 2014 Pollock Halls. Edinburgh.

Join the Alliance to explore and debate the future of health and social care in Scotland and how it can create new opportunities for people who are disabled, have long term conditions or are older. Coinciding with a constitutional debate on the future of Scotland's key health and social care legislation passing through the Scottish Parliament and publication of Scotland's first National Action Plan for Human Rights the conference aims to promote better outcomes for people who use or provide support services in Scotland.

To Book: Contact event@alliance-scotland.org.uk or 01414040231.

For Sponsorship Opportunities: Contact Justine Duncan, Justine.duncan@alliance-scotland.org.uk or 01414040231.

If you are not signed up to the Alliance regular newsletter it is worth doing to keep up to date with the changes that may affect your organisation.

CVS Inverclyde Conference, The Beacon Greenock, 21st May 2014

Keep the date.

John Swinney the Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth will be speaking at it.

Details here: <http://www.cvsinverclyde.org.uk/news/205-inverclyde-community-conference>

Booking: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inverclyde-community-conference-springsummer-2014-tickets-10167209397>

Nuts N Bolts

CVS are looking to run a series of Governance workshops later in the year and details will be sent out through the e bulletin. If you are interested then please register your interest with us.

SCVO Equality Partnership Programme

SCVO programme of paid internship supported by leading equality organisations are creating 150 paid internships within third sector organisations. Unemployed disabled graduates and ethnic minorities at risk of long term unemployment allowing 150 people to learn new skills and earn a wage. 35 hours for 13 weeks. If you want more info contact equalityinterns@scvo.org.uk

Audit Scotland RCOP Review

Audit Scotland has assessed progress three years into a ten year programme. Improving care for Older People and joining up services has been a policy focus for several years. They find progress is slow and monitoring of its implementation and impact needs to improve. They suggest Scottish Government needs to work with its partners to clearly plan how resources move from institutions into the community. Also that Scottish Government needs to better understand why activity and spending on services varies across Scotland. The change fund has brought different sectors together to develop and agree joint local plans to improve care and a number of local initiatives are underway. The report makes recommendations aimed at speeding up change and particularly given the growing pressure on services and health and social care integration. They are looking to see better information for making decisions and assessing impact and the government and partners to be clearer how to move resources to community.

Men's Sheds

A men's shed is a larger version of the typical man's shed in the garden. A place where he feels at home and pursues practical interests. Tools and resources are shared to work on projects of their choosing at their own pace and in a friendly and inclusive venue. A place of skill sharing and informal learning and individual and community projects. Although sheds' attract mainly older men this is not exclusive as some have young men and women. If you are interested in creating a shed register your interest with <http://www.menssheds.org.uk> Hugely popular in Australia and Ireland, there are now a budding sheds and potential sheds across Scotland and a desire to share experience, ideas and enthusiasm.

There followed a general discussion around intergenerational work in Inverclyde and possible projects and links:

- Jen at IYFC has run some family fun evenings to encourage a sense of family. Costs are kept low and per family and can link in with other groups to promote family and community.
- General discussion about lack of transport preventing people going out in the evening and lack of social activities.
- Nowhere locally to hire a bike so could be an opportunity for a project to set up and it would involve repairing and learning skills, and possible recycling of bikes.
- The recovery café has moved into new premises. Run by volunteers with support it is hoping to grow and attract more people.
- Inverclyde Radio always keen to hear what you are doing so they can promote it.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26th August, 10:30am – 12:30pm at CVS, Greenock – Please register your place at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/inverclyde> and join the network at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/join/>