

Meeting report – Western Isles Network

Date: 17th April 2014 Venue: Balivanich & Stornoway

In attendance (Balivanich) – Amanda MacDonald (Volunteer Centre), Marybell McIntyre (Sgoil Lioncleit), Mary Clare Ferguson (Sgoile Bhaile a 'Mhanaich), Catriona Morrison (Community Education), Paul Steele (South Uist Youth Development Group), Sheila MacDonald (Tagsa Uibhist) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies (Balivanich): Cllr Donne Steele, Cllr David Blaney & Morag Ferguson

Apologies (Stornoway): Dr Gayle Cunningham (GAIN), Gayle Findley (Community Planning), Mary Sinclair (Living it UP), Jane Gray (Young Musicians Herbrides) & Marisa MacDonald (Proiseact nan Ealan)

Unfortunately the meeting planned for the evening in Stornoway was cancelled.

1. GWT Update:

- **GWT annual conference** – Wednesday 19th March, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling. Presentations are now available to view from the GWT website
- **Intergenerational Training – Training the Trainers Course** will be of interest to those who are keen to embed intergenerational approaches within their programme of work. It was agreed that Alison would run another training course in Balivanich on Wednesday 1st October, 10am – 3pm in the Volunteer Centre. Members in attendance agreed to help circulate details of the training course. <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? Alison sent invites to councillors inviting them to join the network meetings. This led to a few apologies and some new faces around the table. Alison will try and arrange a meeting with councillors on her next visit to discuss the guidelines in more detail.
- The GWT Education resource pack is now available for download from <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/education-resource-pack/>
A letter will be sent to every Director/Head of Education after the school summer holidays offering local authorities the opportunity to run training courses in intergenerational practice within their in-service training programme or as a twilight session.
- **European Map of Intergenerational Learning (EMIL)** - Annual Intergenerational Learning Awards report is now available to download online at: <http://www.emil-network.eu/about/emil-awards>
- **SCRAN** – www.scran.ac.uk - SCRAN is a resource that can be used for reminiscence work. The website contains over 360,000 images, videos and sounds from museums, galleries, archives and the media. These include sounds, still pictures, people (faces), places, maps, aerial photographs, events & artefacts. SCRAN covers many themes including the recent past, oral history, holidays, childhoods, community archives, schooldays, work (factories), leisure time, fashion, home, transport (places), family history and timeframes (WW1, 60's, 70's etc.). For more details contact helen.foster@rcahms.gov.uk

- **The Big Lunch** is the UK's annual get-together for neighbours. The big lunch provides you with the perfect recipe to have fun with your neighbours, feed community spirit and help build stronger neighbourhoods. Doesn't have to be held in 1st Sunday in June. Team are flexible with date. <http://www.thebiglunch.com/>
- **Hot topics for IG work during 2014:**
 - Commonwealth Games – Go for Gold
 - Ryder Cup
 - World War 1 Centenary (Heritage Lottery Funding available)
 - 700th Celebration of Battle of Bannockburn
 - Men's sheds

2. Highlands & islands Conference Tuesday 29th April 2014 – Alison ran over the conference programme and invited members to attend. It is hoped that this will become an annual event. Presentations will be available online after the event at

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/past-events/>

3. Intergenerational Approaches to improving Health and Wellbeing launched at the conference can be downloaded at: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/intergenerational-approaches-to-improving-health-wellbeing>

- **Care... about physical activity**

The resource offers support for everyone in a care home to get involved and become physically active in different ways and not just through formal exercise sessions.

<http://www.bhfactive.org.uk/resources-and-publications-item/479/index.html>

http://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8429&Itemid=100214

4. Round the table/networking

- Three ideas drafted at the previous intergenerational training day have been developed into a big project. The Generations Working Together project has so far held three events bringing together Sgoil Lioncleit pupils and members of the community, who have experienced a very different childhood to that of the youth of today, to talk about life through the medium of traditional photographs.

The project allows pupils to develop a range of skills, including how to create websites, utilise recording technology and interview skills. Full article on website at:

www.generationworkingtogether.org/news/generations-working-together-western-isles-23-05-2014

- Paul is working on a multi media intergenerational project where the youths are working towards a youth achievement award.
- **Celebrate funding (BIG)** – Paul is currently completing an application for the Highland Games South Uist

5. A.O.B.

Alison reported that GWT is looking to recruit volunteer network coordinators to help support the local networks in Stornoway and Balivanich. For further details and a copy of the role descriptor please contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

6. Next visit will include:

Training the Trainers Course - Wednesday 1st October 2014, 10am – 3pm at the Volunteer Centre Western Isles, 41 Airport Road, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula, HS7 5LA

To register click the link below:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training-the-trainer-course-isle-of-benbecula-01-10-2014>

Network Meeting - Wednesday 1st October 2014, 3pm – 4.30pm at the Volunteer Centre Western Isles, 41 Airport Road, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula, HS7 5LA

To register click the link below:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/local-network-meeting-01-10-2014>

Network meeting - Thursday 2nd October 2014, 1pm – 3pm at the Bridge Community Centre, Bayhead Embankment, Bayhead, Stornoway, Western Isles, HS1 2DU

To register click the link below:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/local-network-meeting-stornoway-02-10-2014>