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**In Attendance:** Shona Fowler (Perth & Kinross); Scott Lafferty (East Dunbartonshire); Anne Horn (Argyll & Bute); Annie Brown (Ayrshire); Susan McDonald (Renfrewshire); Yvonne Coull (Edinburgh & Lothian); Kay Robertson (Angus); Geri Sinclair (Inverclyde); Mary Arnold (Aberdeenshire); Alison Clyde & Betty Matheson (GWT)

**Apologies:** Fraser Devine (Orkney), Liz Forsyth (Dumfries & Galloway), Linda McKenna (left post 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014) - Scott Lafferty taking over), Glenda Watt (Edinburgh & Lothians), Marion Smith (Fort William), Martin Brickley (East Dunbartonshire), Aiveen Ryan (Fife), Kate McLean (Inverness) & Iain Yuill (South Lanarkshire) & Denise Nicolson (Shetland); Gail Cassidy (Ayrshire).

### **GWT National Update:**

**1. GWT are recruiting a (Freelance) Local Network Development Officer**– to cover the Central Belt and Southern Scotland – closing date extended to 26<sup>th</sup> June

The Local Network Development Officer will be responsible for managing, programming and supporting around 7 local intergenerational networks across Scotland which each meet 2-4 times per year.

Appointment: Until 31st March 2015 but could be longer depending on funding availability  
Location: Home (however travel throughout Scotland is required and meetings as required in Glasgow office)

Salary: Circa £13 per hour (This post is offered on a freelance basis)  
Hours of work: 7 hours per week

**2. GWT conferences** (March & April) held in Stirling and Inverness were a great success.

- Check out the presentations and photos on the website/facebook page.  
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/past-events/>

Alison reported that it was the first time that GWT had held a Conference for the Highlands & Islands. The response was excellent, with 100% attendance. She hoped there would be another mini Conference in the Highlands on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Alison asked if there were any ideas on topics for either the National Conference (Venue possibly in Glasgow, March 2015) or for the Inverness Conference 2015. Topics suggested: IRISS, Co-production, networking. If you have a topic/theme you'd like to hear more about or have a project to showcase please contact [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

**3. Training Courses:** During 2013/14 GWT hosted 14 Training the Trainer courses. Three have been held so far this year with many more in the pipeline: Fife, Isle of Benbecula; Renfrewshire; Forth Valley; East Renfrewshire; and Balloch. A training course will be held in East Dunbartonshire next year. Any other areas you would like to see a training course held, please contact Alison.

**GWT Website:** After the summer there will be a new section on the website where members and coordinators can download training materials. The section must be accessed via password and will only be available to those who have completed the training course delivered by Yvonne and Alison.

The Beth Johnson Foundation (BJF) are involved in pulling together an online European training course with EMIL. It is hoped the online resource will be available after September 2014. Alison has been involved in the pilot of the training materials.

#### **4. 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 Head of Education after the school holidays offering local authorities the opportunity to run training courses in intergenerational practice within their in-service training programme or as a twilight session.

If opportunities arise coordinators are encouraged to speak with local teachers about IP and the education resource pack.

#### **5. Amazing Things (Supplement) - A guide to awards for adults in Scotland**

This publication is a supplement of Youth Scotland's Amazing Things, a guide to the Youth Awards in Scotland for young people aged 12 to 25. The purpose of this guide is to highlight the awards available for adults and older people participating in intergenerational projects across Scotland.

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/amazing-things-supplement-a-guide-to-awards-for-adults-in-scotland>

**6. GWT Recognition Awards:** Alison explained that the new Awards launched by Iain at our conference in Stirling would be presented at next year's Annual Conference. We hope it will raise the profile of intergenerational work and recognise good practice. Thoughts for themes for the awards included:

- A project that makes a difference in your community
  - Or solved an issue
  - Or helped
- A first timer award
- Established project award
- Co-ordinator's award
- Innovative ideas/solutions
- Followed case studies lines

Any other thoughts, email [Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

**7. European Map of Intergenerational Learning (EMIL)** is pleased to announce the winners of the Annual Intergenerational Learning Awards 2013:

- 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

A full report on the winning projects can be viewed at

<http://www.emil-network.eu/about/emil-awards>

The **Evaluation Research Repository on Intergenerational Programs**, a new resource from Generations United and EMIL, is an open access digital collection of research outputs to assist researchers and evaluators, practitioners, and policy makers in assessing intergenerational

programs. The goals of the repository are to expand the intergenerational knowledge base, assist practitioners in their work, stimulate legislative development, and encourage collaboration and dialogue between authors, institutions and information users.

[www.gu.org/RESOURCES/Research/EvaluationResearchRepository.aspx](http://www.gu.org/RESOURCES/Research/EvaluationResearchRepository.aspx)

**8. 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/>

#### 9. Funding:

- Foundation Scotland; administers funds on behalf of other groups/people. If you don't see specific funding on their website, you can contact Foundation Scotland to see if they have funding to suit.
- Young Start - please encourage projects to apply for this funding. At present GWT is trying to raise awareness with the Big Lottery on the definition of IP. The funding is also available to Faith groups – as it comes from dormant bank accounts.
- Climate Challenge Fund: is keen on intergenerational work.

More information available on the GWT website.

#### 10. Luminate, Scotland's Creative Ageing Festival:

If you are planning arts activities or events in Scotland this October that are aimed at older people, or that have a theme related to ageing, Luminate would like to invite you to submit a proposal to have your event included in the Luminate programme. Deadline 27<sup>th</sup> June.

<http://www.luminatescotland.org/>

#### **Guidelines: Bringing together local authorities and intergenerational practice in a Scottish Policy Context –**

- Renfrewshire Council – IG embedded in SOA/Community Plan
- Orkney – IG embedded as a marker in Community Plan. The council are planning to develop further in the next draft
- Shetland – hope to embed in next draft of SOA
- Edinburgh – IG embedded in report for older people strategy
- Highlands – meeting in August to discuss guidelines
- Dumfries & Galloway – meeting with councillor in June
- East Ayrshire/ South Ayrshire meetings held with councillors, waiting to hear back
  
- Family Learning report – IG embedded
- Active and healthy Ageing: An Action Plan for Scotland – IG is a main theme in report

There then followed a speed networking session providing everyone with the opportunity to talk briefly with each coordinator. If you attended, we'd like to hear from anyone who has managed to work out our wee hiccup at the end. Alison, Betty and Susan would love to solve the puzzle. 😊

## Co-ordinator Updates:

**Ayrshire:** Network meeting scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> of June; 19<sup>th</sup> June, Gail will deliver intergenerational training. There has been a meeting with stakeholders (South & East Ayrshire) to discuss Local Authority (LA) Guidelines – looking at holding a seminar in the area. Building on some new IG work with local College and The Princes Trust. The network is going well – however we need to discover what IG work is taking place in other areas of Ayrshire.

**Argyll & Bute:** Lots of intergenerational work taking place in the area – e.g. one of the projects included young people, parents and grandparents – they built an outdoor pond; outdoor classroom; and a community garden; WW1 Lochgilphead High School project, Argyll & Bute Council supported special needs young people in training, car washing project and a gardening project. Hopefully some of the young people involved will gain employment from these projects.

**East Renfrewshire:** Rouken Glen Park is interested in using an intergenerational approach – an intergenerational garden and classroom. Would like to get more schools involved.

**East Dunbartonshire:** Alison welcomed Scott who has taken over the coordinator post from Linda McKenna. Scott reported that through work he was organising an all-day intergenerational event in Kirkintilloch on 19<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a number of workshops including technological/knitting/reminiscence boxes/looking at the change over the years of holiday destinations. All 8 secondary schools in East Dunbartonshire, Senior Forums, and older people from Care Homes will be taking part.

**Inverclyde:** Geri has given a contact to Alison of the person to discuss embedding the Guidelines in the area. Lots of intergenerational work taking place, however some groups don't realise they are working intergenerationally. There is now a Co-production Officer within the Council, who will build on capacity. CVS Inverclyde is in the process of looking at Lottery funding bid, and there could be scope within the bid to carry out intergenerational work.

**Perth & Kinross:** At a recent presentation to the Corporate Management Group, Peter McAvoy (Education) suggested the idea of a 'Campion', who would liaise with Perth & Kinross co-ordinator. With the support of Balhousie Care Group, who has provided free meeting rooms (free parking and lots of it), the local network is growing. There are many different projects throughout the area; a couple of examples include a Community Café and a dementia project. Shona is working in partnership with Alzheimer Scotland and the Head Teacher of the local High School, to make Auchterarder a Dementia Aware Town.

**Renfrewshire:** would like to do an Intergenerational Dancing project – working with a Dance Worker to that end. The main projects are around the Commonwealth Games. Renfrewshire are taking part in the 'Annual' Intergenerational Quiz with East Renfrewshire; Zero Waste Dinner Stories project around – fingers crossed there will be a Cookery Book produced. The Network works on three meetings per year and is continuing to grow.

**Edinburgh & Lothian:** usually have 4 meetings per year – one of which is at the end of June, at which one of the speakers will be Kinship Care – grandparents who adopt their grandchildren, but don't have the same rights as foster parents. There seems to be problems applying for funding – as there is no over-arching funding.

**Angus:** Lots of intergenerational activities going on; e.g. an NHS Pilot – Looking at Brechin 'Past & Present' – includes the local community, and is a History project with the local High School; there's a transition project between the local schools and Care Homes. Angus Council will take Guidelines to Community Councils. The Care Inspectorate have just launched the new Go for gold resource called "Care..... about physical activity" aimed at Care Homes & Sheltered Housing Complexes, however that can be used in a wider context. If anyone wants the resource pack, then it can be

downloaded from the GWT website. Angus Council run with this project twining primary schools with care homes/ complexes.

**Aberdeenshire:** Project work going on, but again there's work-taking place that we don't know about. Just started a Conversation Café – Social Work, Health, and Family Learning Departments of Angus Council came on board as well. Another project is Life Through The Lens (in Elgin); Motor fest, bringing together Fire and Police Services, car drivers/clubs, and biker clubs (this is in relation to problems on the A947). There was an Aberdeenshire Council 'Challenge Management' Day, so Mary attended and asked about IP strategies within Council Policy – and IP is now embedded within policies.

Alison thanked the co-ordinators for their updates, hard work and time given to GWT.

Alison highlighted that GWT will be undertaking an impact evaluation over the next 4-5 months and would really appreciate coordinators input, good and bad. This piece of work will help direct the next few years of work for GWT.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 – 15:00 in the Training Room, Brunswick House, 51 Wilson Street, Glasgow G1 1UZ.

Register your place at:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/local-network-coordinators-meeting-09-10-2014>