

In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Kate Maclean (NHS), Judie Holliday (Citizens Online), Susanne Brown (Headway Highland), Brigitte Vallance (Citizens Online), Hannah Lind (Safe and Strong and Free Project), Christine Matheson (High Life Highland), Elsie Normington (Merkinch Community Centre), Iain Donald (RCOP Highland), Julie Simmons (High Life Highland), & Wilma West (Highland Council).

Apologies: Shaun Finlayson (Youth Convener), Ollie Bray (Kingussie High), Jane Bentley (Resolis Primary School), Carrie Bates (Health & Happiness) & Anne McDonald.

GWT national update:

- **GWT staff changes** - Marion Smith (Local Network Development Officer) has resigned from looking after the Highland networks as her other post is now full-time. We are delighted that Marion is still supportive of GWT, and is continuing in her role as volunteer coordinator for the Forth William and Lochaber network. Alison will now return to look after the Highland networks. GWT welcome Cheryl Ewing (Local Network Development Officer), who started in July. Cheryl is taking over the coordination from Alison of 8 local networks across the central belt including Glasgow, Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, South & North Lanarkshire, East & West Dunbartonshire.
- **Education resource pack** - Slight delay in letters being sent to Director and Heads of Education re training (planned for end of Aug) due to Yvonne Coull our other Local Development Network Officer and Trainer being on long-term sick. Alison hopes to send letters later in the year. Alison will keep everyone posted and is happy for schools to contact her directly to request training.
- **Equality Internship (SCVO)** – GWT is shortly to recruit a Development & Communications Intern to work on developing a toolkit for the intergenerational quiz to go national. The intern will also develop recognition awards which will be presented at our national conference in March next year.
- **GWT impact assessment** – is being carried out by ANIMATE Consultancy – a survey has been sent to members and those who have taken part in our training courses. Alison asks if you could take 5 – 10 minutes to complete the survey being very honest and letting us know what ways we could improve the networks, training courses etc and if there is anything we could do extra to provide you with support. There are also two focus groups being held for network coordinators and GWT partners – a big thank you to those who have agreed to take part.
- **Date for your diary** - Our next national conference will take place on Wednesday 4th March in the Lighthouse, Mitchell Street, Glasgow. Alison is looking for projects and groups to showcase their intergenerational work at the conference. Please contact Alison if you have a project which you feel would be of interest to other groups and organisations from across Scotland. Alison hopes the programme will be confirmed by December.
- **Highlands & Islands Conference 2014** held in Eden Court, Inverness was a great success. GWT hopes to repeat on 29th April 2015 again possibly at Eden Court. Venue will be confirmed later this year however please hold the date in your diary. If anyone would like to be involved to showcase their IG work please get in touch with Alison at alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

- Copies of our Education Resource Pack and the publication known as ‘Intergenerational approaches to improving health and wellbeing’ can be found on the GWT website at www.generationsworkingtogether.org
- **Intergenerational Training** – Training was held in Wick and Skye back earlier in May 2014. Further training courses were discussed – Alison to organise a course in Dingwall for Ross-Shire however the course will be open to all Highland networks (Wednesday 25th March 2015). A second course to be held next year in Inverness or south of Inverness. GWT’s training materials are currently being updated and Alison is looking for new activities from local projects that have adapted and created their own activities on stereotyping and icebreakers. GWT currently use materials developed by the Beth Johnson Foundation however would now like to create a new selection of resources, which have been created throughout Scotland. These materials would then be offered to all our members however would be credited to the local project who created them.

Round the Table

- Hannah Lind plans to get older and younger people to swap skills with a new intergenerational project
- Kate McLean mentioned that there was a project looking to bring older people in to help out at play groups due to the new nursery hours being offered to parents
- Grantown Grammar school may be getting involved in a men’s shed
- Beaulie Bowling Club are looking to bring more younger people into the club and are introducing table tennis in the winter
Action: Alison to contact CEO Bowls Association for update (CEO came along last year to meet Alison to discuss how he could raise awareness of IG in bowling clubs across Scotland.)
- Culloden Academy is working with one of the older peoples lunch clubs near by.
Action: Alison to contact school to investigate further and invite to next meeting in December.
- Julie Simmons reported that High Life Highland provided funding of approx. £2,000 to 19 intergenerational and family learning projects
Action: Alison to send a case study template for Julie to complete, showcasing a few of the projects funded
- Wilma West reported that her two sheltered housing complexes were looking to build an IG project with Charleston Academy and Millburn Academy
- Brigitte Vallance reported the launch in May of a new beginners Internet IG project which came from ‘Get to know your Techno’ a project from Ullapool.
Action: Alison to send Brigitte a case study template to showcase her work on the GWT website.
- Christine Matheson is supporting an IG learning crafts project with Glen Urquhart High School and hopes to make an intergenerational Shinty Film. Christine is also involved in a WW1 project with the history department.
- Elsie Normington provided an updated on their ‘Golden Stories’ project which involved students from Ness High School and ‘Golden Gadgets’ a learning together project at Inverness High School
- It was noted that the SALTIRE award was not linked to an SVQ qualification.

Funding Opportunities

YOUNG START funding will be making an exciting announcement in October about a couple of changes to the fund (good news not bad). Keep an eye out on their website at <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/young-start>

Other funding opportunities can be found on the GWT website:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/intergenerational-funding/>

AOB

The Woodland Trust is offering 4,000 free tree packs for schools and community groups.

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>

Highland Third Sector Interface Awards

Deadline for nominations in the HTSI Third Sector Awards has been extended to Friday 12th September. This is a great opportunity to highlight the champions in our community and the great work of our local heroes. There are many categories including **Intergenerational initiative** - For groups or individuals who have taken part in successful cross-generational activity, particularly the under 26 and over 65 age groups, where they have been able to share skills, experience and/or knowledge bases.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd December 2014, 11.30am – 2pm, The Spectrum, 1 Margaret Street, Inverness, IV1 1LS (a working lunch will be provided)

Intergenerational Train the Trainer Course, Wednesday 25th March 2015, 10am – 3pm, The Community Centre, Tulloch St, Dingwall, IV15 9JZ