

## Meeting Report – Moray Network

**Date:** Thursday 4th September

**Venue:** New Elgin & Ashgrove Hall



**In attendance:** Ann Hay (Moray Council), Jennie Shade (Aberlour YouthPoint), Lorna Maclachlan (Moray Council), Anne Grant (Aberlour YouthPoint), Edna Cameron (Elgin Museum) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Margaret Cowie (Moray Council), Kira Weir (Living it UP Moray), Gill Bird (Moray Arts Centre) & James MacPherson (Keith Grammar School)

### GWT national update:

- **GWT staff changes** - Marion Smith (Local Network Development Officer) has resigned from looking after the Moray & Highland networks as her other post has gone 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 and look after the Moray & 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 the 4 hour training course.
- **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 is also two focus groups being held for network coordinators and 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 December time.
- **Highlands & Islands Conference 2014** held in Eden Court, Inverness was a great success. GWT hope to repeat on 29<sup>th</sup> 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@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto: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](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

- **Intergenerational Training**

A training course is planned for Dingwall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 10am – 3pm which is open to all the highland and moray networks.

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**

- Jennie & Anne are planning to train 14 new volunteers to lead new projects next year
- Ann/Lorna (Older People's Development Team) are planning to bring older/younger people together to share skills in technology and possibly some other areas
- IT Buddy Project taking place at Keith Grammar School with Taylor Court.
- Ann mentioned a few different pieces of work she was involved in including PEEPS (Parents early education participation) where she was working with young mums, Ann is also linking into Step by Step project (2yr olds link in with ball groups), cookery groups (older people's pilot in Lossie then take wider) and IPADS through the Older Peoples Development Team and the Living It Up Project
- Due to weather and rural locations Alison explained that GWT would hold two instead of three meetings each year for the rural highlands and island networks including Moray however a winter meeting would be held in Inverness in December which will be open to all who wish to attend.

### **Actions:**

- Alison to invite Councillors Anne Skene, Lorna Cresswell, Tracey Wills and Steve McCluskey to the next meeting
- Alison to look at planning a training course in Elgin next Spring (Please note date of training course in Dingwall)

### **Funding Opportunities**

**YOUNG START** funding – <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/young-start>

Other funding opportunities can be found on the GWT website:

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

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, 11.30am – 2pm, The Spectrum, 1 Margaret Street, Inverness, IV1 1LS (a working lunch will be provided) – open to all networks in the Highlands and Moray.

**Intergenerational Train the Trainer Course,** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 10am – 3pm, The Community Centre, Tulloch St, Dingwall, IV15 9JZ – open to the Moray & Highland networks

**Next Moray Meeting:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 09.30 – 11.30am, New Elgin & Ashgrove Public Hall (Annexe), Land Street, Elgin, IV30 6BN