

## National Update – Skye & Lochalsh Network

**Date:** Tuesday 30th September 2014    **Venue:** Portree

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**In attendance:** Helen Hunter (Assistant Literacies Tutor), Jessie Donaldson (involved in various voluntary groups), Sarah Pentland & Meg Gillis (SLCVO) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Rebecca McKay (Raasay Heritage Trust) & Joey Graham (Portree High 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 Fort William and Lochaber network. Alison will now return and look after the Highland networks. GWT welcomes 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.
- **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 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, Inverness. 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 the Highlands and Islands.
- **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** – Seven members attended the training for trainers course in Kyleakin back on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Meg and Helen attended and really enjoyed the course).

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**

- Jessie works with lots of voluntary groups who work with older people including CAB and is keen to promote intergenerational work
- The members were keen to grow the network and get more projects up and running across the island as some areas are quite fragmented. The group discussed ways in how to increase the membership of the Skye & Lochalsh network providing Alison with a list of people and groups to invite to the next meeting.
- GWT is looking to recruit a Local Network Coordinator for the Skye & Lochalsh network. Helen Hunter showed interest in the position. Alison to email copy of the role descriptor.

### **Actions:**

- Alison to invite Joy Talbet (University of 3<sup>rd</sup> Age), Annie Davidson (Skye Youth Dev. Forum) Head Teachers (primary & secondary), Maggie McDonald (West Highland College), John Gordon (Church) and all private & public care homes/sheltered housing complexes to the next meeting – if anyone has contacts for the above people etc. can you please email them to [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)
- Alison to email Meg asking for contact details for churches and care homes
- Alison to email trainees who attended the training session held April 2014 before the next meeting to see how many are actively working across the generations or have plans to in the near future.

### **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/>

### **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/>

**Next meeting:** Due to the workload for our conferences being held in March & April the next meeting will take place in May, date and venue TBC.

We are very happy however to invite our members to keep the date free for the Inverness conference which will be held on:

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am – 3pm, Eden Court, Inverness – further details will follow Jan 2015**