National Update – Perth & Kinross Network Meeting  
Date: 30th October 2014  
Venue: Balhousie Care Group

In attendance: Shona Fowler (PKAVS), Carolyn Wilson (NHS Tayside), Fiona Matthews (Alzheimer Scotland), Elizabeth Inglis (Balhousie Ruthven Towers), Lorraine Slabbert (Crieff Primary), Colleen Houston (St Stephen’s Primary), Lynne Crow (Cedar Perth), Astrid Leeson (Living Communities), Hilary Kennedy (PKC), Denise Fagg (Balhousie Care), Cecilia Broadfoot (Perth Academy), Emma Hepburn (Muthill Primary) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Julie Menzies (Glendelvine Primary), Roseanne Gray (CLD), Cllr Ann Cowan (Perth & Kinross Council), Louise Fyfe (Remake Scotland), Robin Falconer (PKAVS) & Christine A Couser (Crieff High School)

GWT national update:

- Yvonne Coull our Regional Development Officer who supported the Perth & Kinross Network has resigned due to being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. (It is with a very heavy heart that I have to report the passing of Yvonne on the 9th November.)

- During the summer GWT recruited another Regional Development Officer, Cheryl Ewing who will cover the central belt networks whilst Alison will support the East Coast (North) networks.

- Delay in letters being sent to Director and Heads of Education re training (originally planned for end of Aug) due to the passing of Yvonne Coull our Local Development Network Officer and Trainer. Alison will keep everyone posted. Alison is happy for schools to contact her direct 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 big thank you to those who took part in the survey monkey questionnaire and focus groups.

- 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 mid December.

- Another date for your diary - 29th April 2015 – Highlands & Islands Conference

- National Youth Worker of the Year Awards 2015 – YouthLink Scotland Youthlink have launched their 2015 awards which includes a Youth Worker of the Year award for intergenerational work. Closing date 18th December 2014. More info on the GWT website and at www.youthlinkscotland.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 for trainer courses planned for Wishaw (18\(^{\text{th}}\) Nov) & Eyemouth (20\(^{\text{th}}\) Nov)

**Round the table/presentations**

• Astrid from Living Communities would be very happy to link up for some intergenerational work.

• Shona – had attended a ‘Learning where we Live’ workshop session at the Edinburgh Storytelling centre. There was a session on storymapping which is an excellent tool for intergenerational work. This could be a good workshop for the GWT conference.

• Shona & Fiona are working in partnership with Community School of Auchterarder to deliver Dementia Awareness training to 6\(^{\text{th}}\) year pupils. This will give them the ‘tools’ for future IG groups.

• Kinloch Rannoch School working with the Walk in our shoes pack from Age Scotland

• Cheryl Banks is having difficulty linking projects with schools – advised by members to request schools include IG work in improvement plans

**Action**

• Alison & Shona to meet to discuss a workshop for Perth & Kinross at next year’s conference. Looking at the journey of the network and education work. It was felt there is a need to raise awareness within the authority ensuring IG work is embedded within every schools improvement plan which will then provide resources and designated staff resource to lead and support projects (needs actioned).

**Next meeting:** Thursday 22\(^{\text{nd}}\) January 2015, 10am – 12.30pm, Balhousie Care Group Head Office: Earn House, Broxden Business Park, Lamberkine Drive, Perth, PH1 1RA