

Meeting Report – Aberdeen

Date: 20th November 2014 **Venue:** Bucksburn Academy, Aberdeen



In attendance: Simon A Jackson (ACVO TSI); Sarah Schmid & Roseleen Shanley (Aberdeen City Council); Catriona McGrath & Julie Simpson (Bucksburn Academy); Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Cllr Ramsay Milne, Cllr Sandy Stuart, Cllr Steve Delaney, Cllr Neil Cooney, Cllr Graeme Lawrence, Cllr Marie Boulton, Cllr Jenny Laing, Leader, Alice Brooks, Sandra Bruce, (Aberdeen City Council), Chris Dunhill (Sliver Surfers) & Freda Hasler (Pushing the Boat Out);

GWT national update:

- It was with a heavy heart that Alison had to report that Yvonne Coull, GWT Local Network Development Officer had passed away on the 9th November from Pancreatic Cancer. Yvonne had been diagnosed during the summer and had very bravely fought the dreadful disease. Everyone who knew her will sorely miss her.
- During the summer months GWT recruited Cheryl Ewing who has taken over the coordination of 16 local networks covering the central belt and South of Scotland. Alison will continue to cover the Highlands & Islands and will now cover Yvonne's North East Networks including Aberdeen.
- Delay in letters being sent to Director and Heads of Education re training (planned for end of Aug) due to the illness and passing of Yvonne. Alison will keep everyone posted and is happy for schools to contact her direct to request the training.
- **Equality Internship (SCVO)** – GWT is shortly to recruit a Development & Communications Internship Post to work on developing a toolkit for a national intergenerational quiz, based on the very successful pilot run in East Renfrewshire. The intern will also develop recognition awards which will be presented at our national conference in March next year.
- **GWT impact assessment** – has been carried out by ANIMATE Consultancy and the final report has just been received. We hope to be able to share this with members in the near future.
- **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.
- GWT will be hosting a second conference for the Highlands & Islands on the 29th April 2015. Again Alison is looking for projects who would like to showcase their work at the conference.
- National Youth Worker of the Year Awards 2015 – YouthLink Scotland
Youthlink have launched their 2015 awards this week 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 the Trainers course – It was agreed that Alison would look to setting up a training course for 2015 which will take place on Thursday 5th February, 10am – 3.30pm, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen. More details available on the website.

Funding Opportunities

YOUNG START funding will be making an exciting announcement in Oct 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/>

Round the table

- Unfortunately Chris Dunhill (Silver Surfers) was unable to attend due to running their final session of their Schools Squad Intergenerational project at Bramble Brae primary school.
- Simon offered to circulate details of future meetings round their community e-bulletin. As Simon is leaving his post we should contact their communications Officer.
- Roseleen mentioned that she had been working in an Intergenerational way with the local community in the schools herb garden. Students and older people are together working towards their John Muir Award.
- Catriona & Julie reported back on the intergenerational projects the school had been involved in looking at IT skills and mobile phones.

Actions

- Roseleen suggested GWT contact local community councils, inviting them to join the network
- Alison to invite Joyce Duncan (ACVO Board) and councillors to the next meeting, who may be able to help get IG embedded in the next Single Outcome Agreement
- The next meeting could be hosted in the Townhouse (ACVO building)

As GWT is holding a training course in Aberdeen in February 2015 and two conferences in Glasgow (4th March) & Inverness (29th April) it will not be possible to hold our next local network meeting for Aberdeen till:

Next meeting: Wednesday 20th May 2015, 1.30-3.30pm, ACVO, 38 Castle Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5YU (Venue TBC)

Members can however feed into the Aberdeenshire network meeting on Wed 4th February from 1.30pm – 3.30pm in the Wyness Hall, Inverurie.