

## Aberdeenshire Network Meeting Report

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014      Venue: Wyness Hall, Inverurie



**In attendance:** Angela Allan, (Aberdeenshire Council); Eleanor Morris (Udny Community Trust Co.); Lee Menzies (Inverurie Academy); Mary Arnold (Aberdeenshire Council/GWT Network Co-ordinator); Alison Clyde (GWT National Development Officer).

**Apologies:** Shona Omand-Smith (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllrs Geva Blackett, Steven Smith, Gillian Owen, Charles Ron McKail, Sheena Lonchay, Robert Merson, Bryan Stuart, Isobel Davidson, Alisan Norrie, Hamish Vernal & Martin Ford, Katrina Farquhar (Aberdeenshire Council); Carolyn Lamb (Aberdeenshire CHP); Jude Knox (CVSA); Elizabeth Irvine (Strathburn Primary); Steph Swales (Community Planning), Graeme Mollison (Kellands School), Liz Mackay Kemnay Academy

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Aberdeenshire.
- 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 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 by December.
- GWT will be hosting a second conference for the Highlands & Islands on the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014. More info on the GWT website and at [www.youthlinkscotland.org/](http://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](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

**Intergenerational Training the Trainers course** – It was agreed that Alison would set up a training course in the spring (May 2015) for Aberdeenshire, most likely held in Inverurie. However members are invited to come along to the Aberdeen training course, which takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 10am – 3.30pm, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen. More details available on the website.

### **Funding Opportunities**

YOUNG START funding - up to £50,000 over two years – CONNECTED strand

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/young-start>

### **Round the table**

- Shona sends her apologies as she is attending a dementia conference all day or would have talked about the Going for Gold event. Shona had planned a number of heats across the Shire with a final held in Inverurie. However, there was only one group who had sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile. They met up in a community hall in Stonehaven and had 5 teams taking part. Out of the 5 teams only 1 actively engaged with their local primary schools to practice the routines and help to come up with their costumes. The children came along in small groups to show the care home team the types of moves they could include in their dance and to practice with the older people.
- Lee Menzies has only recently started as a Depute at Inverurie Academy and although she is not sure of what’s happening intergenerationally around the school she is really interested in promoting the approach.
- Next in-service training days for Aberdeenshire is 17/18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 – too soon to include IG training in programme, possibly look at Nov 2015.
- Mary shared one of her activities, which she uses to encourage conversations between younger and older people. Mary agreed that Alison could share the activity with other members who have completed the GWT training course.
- Mary highlighted the work she was involved in re Cross Stitch and WWI and that one of the primary schools were making connections between generations with families who had issues in their family structure.
- Eleanor mentioned that she would be able to signpost people to the Aberdeenshire Network. Eleanor may incorporate an Intergenerational element in their next thematic event.

### **Actions:**

- Alison to contact Avril Nicol (Communities & Partnership Manager) & Julie Harding (Head of Service of Life Long Learning to discuss GWT’s guidelines and education resource pack.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 1.30pm – 3.30pm in the Wyness Hall, Inverurie.