

National Update – Fife Network Meeting

Date: 24th November 2014 Venue: Playfield Institute, Cupar



In attendance: Sue Whisler (Active Fife/Fife Council/NHS Fife); Tom Bishop (Dunfermline Advocacy); Elaine Fox (ENeRGI); Wayne Mathieson (Fife Elderly Forum); Lisa Hemphill (Fife Council); Rose Duncan (Social Enterprise for 800 looked after children in Fife); Laurie Bell (Scottish Fisheries Museum); Aiveen Ryan (GWT Network Co-ordinator); Alison Clyde (GWT National Development Officer).

Apologies: Mike McCourt (Scottish & Overseas Welfare Officer)

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. She will be sorely missed by everyone who knew 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 Fife.
- 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 has recruited a Development & Communications Intern to work on developing a national toolkit for the intergenerational quiz. Our successful candidate Derek Cheyne will start on Thursday 27th November and 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
- **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.
- GWT will be hosting a second conference for the Highlands & Islands on the 29th April 2015
- 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'** - www.generationsworkingtogether.org
- **Intergenerational Training** – A GWT Training the Trainers course was held in Glenrothes in September 2014 with 14 in attendance. Lisa and Tom are supporting two further intergenerational courses being run by Laura Henderson, health promotion on the 11th December and 4th March. <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/fife>

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

- Rose Duncan supports a programme which looks after 800 looked after children and is keen to work in partnership with some of the network members. (see attached sheet for additional info)
- Fife for Community Funding: www.fifedirect.org.uk/grantsandfunding
- Sue Whistler – are u dancing projects showing experiences of dance between the generations
- The Scottish Fisheries Museum Trust has a number of projects that involve intergenerational practice. One of the most successful examples is Local Studies, where Waid Academy pupils are invited to take part in activities, where the content, delivery and research exchange involves a range of ages from their own community. The participants learn about each other, their own shared history and community in a way that benefits the young and old alike. The opportunity for respectful relationships to develop, whilst discovering about local history and current life in the area improves the well-being of all parties.
- The museum applies intergenerational practice during school visits, specifically targeted packages for young people and through outreach. The key aim is to raise the intellectual / knowledge capital in the older generation and improve understanding in the young and middle generations, through good communication and tolerant, respectful relationship building, often involving fun as a facilitator.
- Laura Henderson and Sue have delivered a short presentation on Unit 1 of the GWT training course.

Actions

- Alison to email a copy of the GWT case study template for members to complete. Projects will then be showcased on the GWT website (Lisa/Sue/Elaine/Laurie)
- Alison to email a copy of the British Museums manifesto to Laura.
- Alison to contact Lisa Hemphill in January with regards piloting the evaluation toolkit for Learning Link Scotland
- Aiveen will host the next network meeting looking at mapping IG work across Fife and addressing how to encourage education to get involved in the network
- Alison/Aiveen to invite Colin Wilson, Manager for Fife Voluntary Sector and Ann Aberdeen, Health & Wellbeing remit to the next meeting
- Alison should contact Tim Kendrick regarding the guidelines and S.O.A

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/>

Next meeting: Monday 23rd February, 11am – 1pm, Scottish Fisheries Museum, Saint Ayles, Harbourhead, Anstruther, Fife KY10 3AB