

## Generations Working Together

### Network Meeting

12/03/15

Helen welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Present:** Meg Gillies SLCVO: Jess Donaldson Friends of Portree Hospital, CAB; Irene Curren M.C.H; Jenny Duffil M.C.H. ; Joey Graham HLH Literacies; Ellen Reid Shirlie Project ; Moira Scobbie LSHA; Lesley Hellon OK Skate, Skye Youth Drop-In, West Highland College; Nicholas Kelly HLH Youth Development ; George Baker RCOP; Jean Macrae NHS; Meara O'Donnell Skyedance; Helen Scott- Danter Skyedance, Home Farm Portree; Helen Hunter GWT.

**Apologies:** Cath MacDonald Portree High; Sue Lumley Portree ASG; Paul Burden HLH Youth Dev D of E; YMCA; Alan Howson, Tigh na Drochaid ; John Gordon Councillor; Gill Houlsby WHC; Lorayne McLucas; Susan Galloway Plockton; Localsh Community Trust; Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre; Clare Stark; Highand Council Tenants Officer; Sarah Nicolson Active Schools Coordinator & Alison Clyde GWT.

#### **GWT background**

Helen gave a brief back ground to Generations Working Together, a partnership between Education Scotland and NHS and other government agencies. It came under the Scottish Mentoring Service and was based in Glasgow. The National Development Officer was Alison Clyde who travelled extensively to support networks throughout most of Scotland including Highlands and Islands. GWT encourages intergenerational projects where community groups with an age gap of roughly 20 years learn new skills with or from each other. Projects include Community Choirs, Craft Cafes, Intergenerational Quiz, Boat building, Local History Museum, Paired walking, Techno Dropins etc. The website at [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org) has lots of information on funding, case studies, training etc. There are awards for volunteers taking part including Saltire Awards, D of E, John Muir and from Education Scotland for primary and secondary schools and pupils. Projects can involve all agencies, voluntary organisations, schools, clubs and business and all are eligible for funding, we are a priority area. Training can be organised in the area and could include teacher training.



Jean Macrae is the Public Health Practitioner based in Kyle. Jean first heard about GWT at the networking day in Portree and was keen to encourage and promote GWT throughout Skye and Lochalsh. She had spoken to Susan Galloway at Plockton who had joined the network and hoped to train with members of her staff.

George Baker works with RCOP and is based at the SLCVO. He is interested in befriending in the outlying areas, a music project in Portree to allow all ages to learn and play traditional music together. He has held meetings to set up Men's Sheds in North and South Skye.

Meg Gillies SLCVO is keen to support all projects. Meg can help with funding either through the CVO website which has a search engine to find sources for particular projects or by appointment at Tigh Lisigarry.

Everyone present introduced themselves and gave details of their organisation and their interest in intergenerational projects.

- The craft group from Minginish are working on a local history project including making a digital record with Carbost and Struan Primary Schools. They have had difficulty with funding and Meg offered to help.
- Lesley Hellon is responsible for the Skye Drop-in and they are supported by volunteers and are waiting for some new volunteers to start.
- Moira Scobbie works with the LSHA and visits the elderly to advise on making their homes more energy efficient.
- Nick Kelly is a YDO and works with secondary pupils. He is interested in volunteering opportunities for D of E etc.
- Elle Reid is a job coach with the Shirlie Project which has programmes to support those looking for employment in their chosen field e.g Try It Out, The Big Picture, The Work Programme and Activity Agreements.
- Joey Graham is the Literacies Officer with High Life Highland. Joey has organised a project with senior pupils helping people with the i-pads, i- phones, tablets similar to the Ullapool project 'Know Your Techno'. Joey has a team of literacy tutors who work with all ages and has a particular interest in Dyslexia.
- Jess Donaldson outlined her plans for a project 'Happy Feet' which has funding and support. Minginish have also started Indoor Bowling and a small singing group which is open to all ages.
- Meara O'Donnell works with Skyedance and is keen to organise intergenerational projects such as a tea dance.
- Helen Scott-Danter is the activities coordinator at Home Farm. Helen is planning a Playlist for Life project and is also keen to have links with the local primary schools.



- Alan Howson Tigh na Drochaid would like to set up a Gaelic Conversation project with the school.

**Future GWT events:**

The Highlands and Islands Conference is on the 29th April at Eden Court from 10am. Details will be on the GWT website [www.generationsworkingtogether.org](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

**Date of next meeting:** Portree ASG has asked if it would be possible for the planned network meeting with Alison Clyde to be changed from the planned week in May as it is the Primary 7 trip. It is now on the 27th April at Kyleakin Community Hall.