

National Update – Angus Network Meeting

Date: Tuesday 31st March 2015 **Venue:** Montrose Academy

In attendance: Kay Robertson, Jill Boni, Caitlin McIlroy, Jessie Rennie, Graeme Nicoll, Sara Hunter, Mhairi Dickson, Marie Fenton, Lorraine Kennedy

Apologies: Liz Begg (Communities Officer), Richard Toley (Lathallan School) + Councillors, Fiona Wathall (Monifieth High School), Kirsten Auld (Brechin High School), Sarah Kettles (CLD), Sandra Livingston (CLD)

GWT national update:

The GWT Conference held last month in Glasgow saw 141 delegates participate. Presentations from speakers, facilitators and films are now viewable from the GWT website. At the end of the day GWT announced the winner of our **first Recognition Awards**. We were delighted to receive 47 applications, an excellent response for our first year.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- New Intergenerational Project Award (Less than 12 months) – **“Big” Club Nairn, Beginners Internet Group**
- Established Intergenerational Project Award (Greater than 1 Year) – **Intergenerational Quiz, East Renfrewshire & Renfrewshire Council**
- The Yvonne Coull Local Network Coordinators Award – **Susan McDonald, Renfrewshire Network**
- Young Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award – **Julia Thain, Connect Project, Orkney Befriending**
- Older Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award – **William Richardson, Old School Graffiti Project & It’s the people that make the place**
- Intergenerational Volunteer Award – **Avril Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator**

Men’s Sheds Report – Joint Improvement Team

Mark McGeachie from the Joint Improvement Team shared research and best practice from their recent report at this year’s GWT Conference. The report now published can be accessed on the Joint Health Improvement Team’s (JIT) website.

<http://www.jitscotland.org.uk/resource/report-mens-sheds-scotland/>

The document reports on a piece of investigative research undertaken to find out why the community based initiative Men’s Sheds has spread across Scotland and whether there is any learning to be drawn from this which might be shared and applied to other community based initiatives. (Myra Duncan who wrote the report shall be speaking at the Inverness Conference).

External Evaluation of Generations Working Together – copies available for download from <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/external-evaluation-of-generations-working-together>

Learning Link Scotland - Evidencing the Impact Toolkit being refreshed. Four GWT members are taking part in the review including Lisa Hemphill (Fife), Denise Nicholson (Shetland), Mary Arnold (Aberdeenshire). (Learning Link Scotland will be delivering an evaluation workshop at the Inverness conference providing copies of the new evaluation toolkit which can be used wider than just adult learning)

New materials designed for Intergenerational Training course – members who have attended the one day intergenerational training the training course can now download resources and activities

from a special section on the website under training. The evaluation section of the training has been changed.

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

Highlands and Islands Conference, Wednesday 29th April 2015, 10.30 – 3pm, Eden Court, Inverness.

Workshops include:

- Intergenerational Befriending
- Speed networking for Intergenerational practice
- Intergenerational partnerships through Youth Voice, Youth Action & Youth Philanthropy
- An introduction to the protection of vulnerable groups
- Evidencing the impact
- Funding Surgery

National Intergenerational Quiz Toolkit – developed and with designer, will have copies at the Inverness conference. The plan is to roll out to local areas encouraging them to hold their own regional quiz. GWT plan to identify appropriate funding and apply for a P/T coordinator to roll out the programme and run the first national quiz late in 2016.

Round the table/presentations

- **Angus gold** - used to do creative writing with Andover Primary School a couple of years ago with the Primary 7's. Would be keen to start something again.
- **Montrose Academy** - working with YM Montrose to get a gardening project started. Hoping to be an after school project to give everyone an opportunity to be involved. Involving people from the local community with gardening experience. Also working with the local Bridge Club.
- **Jill Boni (CLD)** - Reinstating old school games (Hopscotch, Cats Cradle/ Marbles) Older and younger people. Possibly involving the local LadyBird Group.
- **Voluntary Action Angus** - Civic Health Project. Looking at the History, Present and Future of Brechin involving all ages in the community. The youngest member was 2 and the oldest was 99.
- **Arbroath Academy** - People come in from the local community to do paired reading. Build relationships with the person. Volunteers come from local community; receive informal training at their request. Also have poly tunnels where they receive help from local gardeners. Pupil council is also working with parent forum.
- **St Margaret's School** - Bridge Club come in and help teach maths through games. All ages come in to help- good for young people to see.
- **Mhairi Dickson (CLD)**- Looking at Assets Based - who has what skills and where can they be used within the community
- **Caitlin** - Use somewhere like GWT to umbrella all groups/ events going on in Brechin/ Montrose and Angus. A notice board in both towns for community to use.
- **Graeme Nicoll (Fire and Rescue)** - working with every group but not together involved in Big Lunch last year.

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- Montrose community cinema - ongoing
- Go for Gold- Try again? Maybe pilot in Brechin or Montrose?

Next meeting: 3rd September 2015 at 10.30am, Damacre Community Learning Development Centre, 26 Damacre Rd, Brechin, Angus, DD9 6DU