

National Update – Skye & Lochalsh Network Meeting

Date: Monday 27th April 2015 Venue: Kyleakin



In attendance: Alison Clyde & Helen Hunter (GWT), Mandy Macleman (Highland Council), Nicholas Kelly (High Life Highland), David Ashford (Lochalsh Youth Community trust), Ruraidh Stewart (Youth Parliament), Jryna Batters (Viewfield Garden Collective), Jean Macrae (NHS), George Baker (RCOP) & Angus Beaton (NHS)

Apologies: Annie Donaldson (Youth Development Officer), Susan Lumley (Portree ASG), Lorrain McLucas (Performing Arts) & Joey Graham (High Life Highland), Helen Scott-Danter (Portree Home Farm), Audrey Sinclair (Lochalsh Councillor), Allan Howson (Tigh na Drochaid), Cath MacDonald (Portree High), Kevin Lawley (Alzheimer Scotland), Willie MacKinnon (Area Ward Manager), Paul Burdon (High Life Scotland YDO), Gill Houlby (WHC), Irene Curren (MHC), Jess Donaldson (MHC Friends of Portree Hospital), Fiona Gordon (Dyslexia Scotland) & Meg Gillies (S&L CVO)

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 (to be awarded at the Inverness Conference on 29th April)**
- 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 (to be awarded at the Inverness Conference on 29th April)**
- 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**

Copies of our External Evaluation Report, 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

Men’s Sheds Report – Joint Improvement Team

A new report on Men’s Sheds has recently been published by the Joint Improvement Team which 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.

National Intergenerational Quiz Toolkit – Copies distributed and also available online

GWT will provide support via the toolkit to local areas encouraging practitioners to hold their own regional quiz. GWT will in the next few months be applying for funding for a P/T coordinator to roll out the programme and hold the first national quiz late 2016.

Round the table/presentations

- Nicolas Kelly mentioned that 5th & 6th year students had been working with older people to draft up CV's
- David Ashford reported that he'd like to see more youths learning about nature and felt this would be a good IG project
- George Baker reported on various strands of his work which included elements of intergenerational work including men's sheds and a new music project
- Ruraidh Stewart SYP spoke about the stereotyping of young people by older generations.
- Angus Beaton spoke about the under use of Tigh na Drochaid. It is planned to revamp the activities and include IG projects.
- Jean Macrae is keen to support IG projects involving the Youth Forum and schools and to make contact with the Ross-shire coordinator.
- Mandy was concerned about the young people who are given their own tenancies but are unable to live independently and need support on managing money, cooking and keeping control of the use of their flats by others.

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- Paths for All recently announced that they had secured £300,000 from the Life Changes Trust to develop a dementia friendly walking community
- **GWT is recruiting a freelance Local Network Development Officer to support roughly 11 networks across the Highlands & Islands for up to 14 hours per week. Further details and a job description can be found at:**

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-vacancy-04-05-2015>

Next GWT meeting will be September although a 'funding forum' organised with S&L CVO and RCOP is being planned for June. More details to follow shortly