

National Update – Orkney Network Meeting

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2015 Venue: Voluntary Action Orkney



In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Fraser Devine (VAO) & Linsey Drever (VAO), Jessica Jones (NHS Orkney), Steve Miller (Orkney Islands Council) & Kasha Jarosz (Connecting Communities)

Apologies: Gary Amos, Janette Mackie, Karyn Tait & Ross Groundwater

GWT national update:

The GWT Conference held on 4th March at the Lighthouse in Glasgow saw 141 delegates participate in a full days programme. Presentations from our speakers, facilitators and films are being collated and will be uploaded to GWT website over the next few days. At the end of the day GWT announced the winners 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.

External Evaluation of Generations Working Together – copies distributed and available for download from the GWT website

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).

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.

Social impact training opportunity for Local Network Coordinators on Tuesday 28th April 12 noon till 5pm – Alison is happy to open this out to projects if there is no local network coordinator for your area.

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

Conference – Wednesday 29th April 2015 – Eden Court, Inverness. Booking line now open.

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 – Heritage Lottery Fund and one other (TBC)

Alison is looking for intergenerational projects to host a few information stalls which will provide projects with a great opportunity to showcase their work. There is also a couple of spaces for speakers to showcase best practice. If you know of anyone please get in touch with Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org as soon as possible.

National Intergenerational Quiz Toolkit – toolkit is now drafted and with the 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. More details to follow at conference.

Round the table/presentations

- Steve is currently the Acting Head for North Ronaldsay Primary School and is keen to identify intergenerational projects which could work on the island. Steve would like to attend conference.
- Linsey, Fraser, Brian (Voluntary Action Orkney) - Reminiscence work with Stromness Academy still running. Lynn Barbour is applying for a three year project from Creative Scotland in which Lindsey hopes to get some of her youths involved.
- Jessica would really like to develop intergenerational walks however is struggling to recruit enough volunteers. Would like to attend conference.
- CROWD funding – available for transport

Action: Alison to contact Anna Wheelan re Community Plan which has been redrafted focusing on three key priorities. Fraser to email further details to Alison. Linsey and Julia to book flights for conference and send details to Alison. Linsey will also attend the social impact training session.

Next meeting: September/October 2015 - Date TBC

Fraser will listen out for any big events which we could attach our next visit too. Possibly around the 1st October – GWT could host an information stall and increase membership.