

## **Meeting Report:** Forth William & Lochaber

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Venue:** An Drochaid Centre, Claggan Road, Claggan, Fort William, PH33 6PH



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**In attendance:** Ann Marie Donoghue (High Life Highland); Marion Smith (RCOP Highland & VAL); Cheryl Ewing (GWT); Simon Nicholls (Buzz Project).

**Apologies:** Sonja McLachlan (West Highland Museum); Maureen Cameron (Lochaber Care & Repair).

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cheryl welcomed AMD & MS; SN arrived midway through meeting.

### **2. GWT National Update**

It has been a busy time for GWT over the past few weeks and April will also be filled with events.

**GWT National Conference:** on March 4<sup>th</sup> we had our National Conference where just over 140 members came together, to hear best practices, network and celebrate the successful Intergenerational approaches that are being taken across Scotland.

For our members in the north we are pleased to announce we will be holding a **Highlands & Islands Conference on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of April in Inverness**. Booking is now available through the GWT webpage.

#### **Recognition Awards:**

Was of great success, and we were able to *present 17 certificates of Merit, 7 Highly Commended and 2 of Outstanding Contribution. Our 6 trophy winners* from across the country highlight just some of the amazing approaches to IG practice.

**Impact Evaluation by Animate** consultancy has now been published and available electronically or as a hard copy

**Intergenerational Quiz Toolkit** – This is based on the highly successful model of practice built in East Renfrewshire & Renfrewshire, using successful partnership links between the council CLD, schools, community groups and sheltered housing. This has been sent for design and print and will be available in the coming weeks. We are holding a series of toolkit seminars to introduce our members to ways of best practice and how to engage in the first national final that should go ahead in 2016.

**Seminar Dates:** *Dumfries 23<sup>rd</sup>, Stirling 24<sup>th</sup> & Aberdeen 27<sup>th</sup> of April*

## **Training**

A 4 hour Teachers training toolkit has now been piloted contact Alison directly if interested in this 4 hour training opportunity. Also if any members are looking for the full day Training the Trainers course please register your interest so that we are able to plan our 2015 training in locations that best suit our members.

Some of our Network Co-ordinators have also come together to undertake a full day training on Impact Assessment. This new understanding of IMPACTS will now be filtered through our new training resources that are available online.

## **Dementia Awareness Schools Pack**

In January 2014 East Dunbartonshire Council launched a schools dementia resource, in partnership with The Dementia Network and supported by Alzheimer's Scotland. It also supports the councils ongoing intergenerational activities; and compliments the responsible citizen element of the Curriculum for Excellence Framework (complete with Experiences and Outcomes).

## **The Big Lunch**

Only 10 weeks to go until The Big Lunch event, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Resources are available to download to help promote your lunch (these resources are undated so that you may have your lunch on another date if needed).

## **Outside The Box – We're Here Too**

In late 2014 Outside The Box and Scottish Care, held a series of events looking at ways to ensure older people are able to have their say and be part of their communities. A short report has been put together to showcase findings.

## **Walking Football Festival**

Takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> of June in Edinburgh, for more information and to register your team please see:

## **Funding**

### **Big Lottery – Investing in Communities**

As of mid-day on June 30<sup>th</sup> Stage 1 applications of Investing in Communities Fund will close. This includes: Life Transitions, Supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Living and Growing Community Assets.

### **YOUNG START funding- Connected Strand**

This is the intergenerational Strand, which so far has had poor uptake, it should involve young people 98-240 and older people. This can be for up to the value of 50k over a 2 year period.

### **BIG LOTTERY FUND – Small Grants Master Class**

In December Big Lottery Fund ran and recorded webinars to help those new to funding, or those needing a refresher. The webinar covers the Community & Families Fund, awards for all and investing in ideas. The webinars have been recorded and are available to view online.

### **3. Round Table Project Updates**

#### **Ann – High Life Highland**

\*Matters arising from previous minutes: The stated IG letter writing project is still in development stages and has not been carried out as December minutes would suggest. Ann provided updates as to the development and hopes the project should start within the coming months dependant on each groups availability.

#### **Marion – RCOP & VAL**

It is hoped that VAL will be stopping their annual fee for membership in order to increase members. There has been work undertaken in Invernevis House Care home, redesigning their garden space. The local primary school, Montrose Centre and the criminal justice system have been involved in the project.

#### **Simon – The Buzz Project / Men’s Shed**

The Buzz Project’s mission is to enable young people in the Lochaber area of the Highlands of Scotland identify and fulfil their potential.

The Buzz Project enables young people to express their needs, wants and ideas with confidence, develop increased self-awareness and learn skills which will benefit them in education and the workplace.

With its own refurbished bus, The Buzz Project provides a mobile music studio and teaching area using music as a medium for communication, expression, learning skills for the future and building relationships.

The local Men’s Shed group now have a finalised constitution in place.

### **4. New Resources**

New training resources are now available

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training-materials/>

### **5. Network Growth**

The following suggestions were made in order to grow the network and attract new members:

- Advertising of Co-ordinators role
- Training opportunities in area
- Meeting theme
- Location – Try Kinlochleven
- Invite:
  - Hugh Wright : Community Health Coordinator, NHS
  - Margaret Boyd, VAL
  - Invernevis Centre
  - Montrose Centre

### **6. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September TBC**