

Meeting Report – Scottish Borders Network

Date: Tuesday 10th February 2015

Venue: The Bunker, Scottish Borders Council, Melrose,
TD6 0SA



**Generations
Working
Together**

In Attendance: Lorraine Crawford, Lynne Marshall, Kevin Sewell, Rita Docherty, Oonagh McGarry (Scottish Borders Council); Shirley Jefferson (Connect Berwickshire Youth Project); Cheryl Ewing (GWT); Diana Findlay (Scottish Borders Elder Voice).

Apologies: Michelle Davitt (UPDATE Disability); Lizzie MacLeish (SB NHS).

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting and prior to round-table introductions provided context to the network giving the following definition of IP

Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building more cohesive Communities.

Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the young and old have to offer each other and those around them (BJF: 2001)

2. Generations Working Together Update

Conference – Wednesday 4th March 2015 - Lighthouse, Mitchell Street, Glasgow. Booking line now open.

Workshops include:

- Intergenerational Befriending
- Make every move count in care...
- Planning IG work for a long term approach
- A tale of two projects
- The journey of Perth & Kinross network and its partnership with education
- Speed networking for IP
- An introduction to the protection of vulnerable groups
- What happens next?

GWT impact assessment – final report received – GWT hope to share shortly

Programme for the Highlands & Islands Conference taking place on 29th April currently being planned

Intergenerational Training – Courses organised for Aberdeen, Ross-shire and Glasgow – see website for further details – *Glasgow 25th March 10am – 4pm @ Brunswick House, filling up quickly*

Funding Opportunities

YOUNG START funding - Connected strand

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/young-start>

Recorded Webinar – Small Grants Master Class

Covering our Communities and Families Fund, Awards for All and Investing in Ideas programmes.

<http://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2014/12/20/small-grants-masterclass/>

Education Awards Scotland

A new category responding to requests that the Awards should reflect the wider field of learning has been launched *Transforming lives through partnerships award*

The Scottish Education Awards recognise schools and centres that have developed a vibrant and progressive culture wish to celebrate these successes

Deadline Monday 16th Feb

<http://www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk/>

Age Friendly Museums

Intergen - From Generation to Generation is looking to work with one or two museums to develop and pilot an intergenerational museum visiting service. If you are interested, please contact Intergen 's Executive Director, Professor Norma Raynes at norma.raynes@intergen.org.uk. Intergen brings older and younger people together in their neighbourhood schools to strengthen communities, tap into older citizens' skills and raise pupils' aspirations.

[http://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/54b78f4f4a8d1-](http://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/54b78f4f4a8d1-Age%20Collective%20Jan%2015.pdf)

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Intergenerational Learning & Tutoring Seminar

A half-day seminar to introduce topics of intergenerational learning and tutoring, is to be held on February 24, 2015, 12:30–16:00

Speakers will include

Mike Osborne, Professor Adult and Life long learning University of Glasgow

Jane Watts, Senior Research Fellow, National Institute of Life long and Continuing learning

Alison Clyde – National Development Officer - GWT

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/teaching-your-grandmother-to-suck-eggs-27-01-2015>

3. Member Updates

Kevin – SBC, Resilient Communities

A power point presentation with film clip was presented to the group, enabling a better understand of what Resilient Communities is doing across Scottish Borders and its effects on the community. Since the last meeting in September 30 of the 69 community councils have become live with the programme with the hope of this number increasing to 50 within the coming weeks.

Benefits to the community include; training, resources, equipment and area specific emergency plans. Continuing to enhance community spirit this is an opportunity for all Generations, with the youngest Community Co-ordinator being 19 when he started in position, and volunteers up to the ages of 100.

Kevin has been working with partners such as Police, Fire, Rescue and Ambulance services as well as the Red Cross, Voluntary Centre and most recently the Scottish Women's Rural Institute. It was suggest by the group that more avenues could include Scouts, Ranger Services etc.

For more information please visit <http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/resilientcommunities>
And for Alert Services <http://www.sbalert.co.uk/pages/2633/1/Home.html>

Oonagh – SBC, CLD

Pebbles Community Centre has been holding open doors sessions where the community can meet, socialise, learn, enjoy some hospitality and also meet service providers in the area (eg. Citizens Advice)

Some IG planning has been taking place in Selkirk, looking at creating learning partnerships within the community. Working within the 9 local High Schools, CLD have been assisting partners to look at single outcome agreements and how partnerships can tackle inequalities. During this process partners have been creating 3 year plans (through the Community Learning and Development Plan for the Scottish Borders); self evaluation has also been, and will be, key on understanding the services offered. Learning and Development have been consulting local communities in order to identify local issues, in order to develop the correct partnerships and services.

Lynn - SBC, Community Capacity building

Lynn has been working with 3 Local High School as part of the Walking football groups in Kelso, Jedburgh and Pebbles; 7th June Spartans Football Club in Edinburgh will be holding a walking football tournament.

There has also been a bike recycling project going on within the area, there is scope for an IG project to be created, please get in contact with Lynn for more details. Outdoor Education have been running Bike-ability classes to allow older people to gain back confidence on bike and learn maintenance. Cheryl informed the group that SQA offer a (push) bike maintenance certificate, which may tie in with Personal Achievements awards; this may encourage local schools to get involved in an IG aspect.

There has also been interest in Rugby memories. Cheryl informed the group of Sporting Memories <http://sportingmemoriesnetwork.com/> and any group interested in more information should get in touch via the website form.

Diana – SB Elder Voice

The next SBEV Roadshow event will take place in Coldstream on 24th of March, for more information please contact Diana.

Cheviot Youth and The Kelso Youth Project are hosting a Meal for Commonwealth Day, Monday 9th of March. 30 lucky diners from the community (aged 65+) will have the chance to enjoy a free 3 course meal. After the meal there will be a chance to socialise and share memories and links to the commonwealth with refreshments and local entertainment. Please contact ianrendallreid@cheviotyouth.co.uk

Cheryl to invite these groups to the next meeting.

Rita – SBC CLD

Based at Burnfoot Community School, Rita has recently embarked on a project bringing parents and P6/P7 pupils together. This reconnecting project enabled the generations to ask questions and find out more about one another in a safe environment.

“My Main Man” programme has also been running, aiming to improve men’s relationships with their children (grandchildren).

Lorraine – SBC

Lorraine updated the group with her links with Galasheils Walking football group, Cornerstone Day centre members and knowledge of a possible Men Sheds in Eyemouth.

Shirley – Connect, Berwickshire Youth Project

Not long in post, Shirley gave update that there is 3 years worth of funding in place. Currently Shirley is mapping out the community and understanding the needs, in order to develop person/community centre projects. Any information or ideas of IG projects and concerns can be passed to Shirley.

4. AOB

Cheryl to invite along groups mentioned by Diana (See above), Gala Radio, Cllr Michael Cook, Vision for Eyemouth contacts possibly Sandra Miller.

Cheryl to look at the possibility on a morning and afternoon meeting set up for the Borders.

5. Date of next meeting: 10am – 12 noon @ Eyemouth Harbour Trust, Harbour Office, Gunsgreen Basin, Eyemouth, TD14 5SD