

## **National Update – Aberdeenshire Network Meeting**

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015     **Venue:** Wyness Hall, Inverurie

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**In attendance:** Angela Allan (CLD), Flick Ibbotson (Museums), Kirsteen Heneghan (Alzheimer Scotland), Janet Hoper (Gordon Forum for the Arts), Mary Arnold (CLD), Dawn Brown (The Garioch Partnership), Sheila Waterhouse (Arts Officer) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Cllr Katrina Farquhar (Aberdeenshire Council) & Chris Dunhill

### **GWT national update:**

#### **GWT Recognition Awards 2015**

The awards celebrate and recognise the commitment and inspirational involvement of practitioners, volunteers and groups who are involved in intergenerational work across Scotland.

Nominations were invited for the following awards:

- New Intergenerational Project Award (Less than 12 months)
- Established Intergenerational Project Award (Greater than 1 Year)
- The Yvonne Coull Local Network Coordinators Award
- Young Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award
- Older Person who has Contributed to Intergenerational Work Award
- Intergenerational Volunteer Award

Winners can be viewed from <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-recognition-awards/>

#### **GWT National Conference – Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - Glasgow.**

##### **Workshops include:**

- Intergenerational Befriending
- Make every move count in care...
- Planning IG work for a long term approach
- 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

Presentations from speakers, facilitators and films are now viewable from the GWT website.

**Highlands & Islands Conference, Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April, Eden Court, Inverness** - Presentations and pictures will be uploaded to the website shortly.

Copies of our **External Evaluation, 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](http://www.generationsworkingtogether.org)

**Evaluation pilot** opportunity available with Learning Link Scotland – Mary is interested

The **Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA)** exists to give a strong voice to older people about their concerns and experience of life in Scotland. The process of visiting local groups around Scotland continues in 2015 with a number of locations identified: 5 February, Turriff: 10 February, Kirkwall: 18 February, Kilmarnock: 25 February & Falkirk: 6 March

**Intergenerational Training** – Alison agreed to set up a training course in the Spring for Aberdeenshire

**Transforming lives through partnerships award** is a new category in this year's Scottish Education Awards responding to requests that the Awards should reflect the wider field of learning.

The Awards recognise schools and centres that have developed a vibrant and progressive culture and climate of continuous innovation. The culture and ethos should promote respect, ambition and achievement while improving outcomes for all learners in ways, which eliminate inequity.

Nominations should include practical activities and projects that the school or centre has undertaken, detailing the impact these strategies have had on pupils, staff, parents and the community.

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

### **Round the table/presentations**

- Mary provided an insight into why she is keen on IG work and updated everyone regarding her new and current projects including the 'Crafty Group who are looking at traditional crafts – all ages sharing different things (showing to reduce isolation)' and the 'Make do and mend project (young girls learning how to use sewing machines)'
- The Garioch Partnership still has funds available of up to £750  
<http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/guidance-for-applicants/>
- Flick provided an insight into the work of the museums including a music project in Banchory

### **Actions:**

- Alison/Mary to invite representatives from the surrounding men's sheds to the next meeting including Jason Schroeder (Westhill, Westermains, Inverurie, Turiff, Huntly, Ellen, Portlethen, Peterhead & Fraserburgh)
- Invitation to be sent for the next meeting to the Inclusion Inverurie Project, Jill Sowden and Diane Miller/Marshall from Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action

Funding opportunities can be found on the GWT website:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/intergenerational-funding/>

**Next meeting:** GWT is recruiting a P/T Local Network Development Officer for the North and will confirm the next meeting date when the person is in post.