

National Update – Inverness Network Meeting

Date: Tuesday 24th March 2015 Venue: The Spectrum Centre, Inverness

In attendance: Alison Clyde (GWT), Kate Mclean (NHS), Julie Simmons, Iona Finlayson & Roisin Irvine (High Life Highland) & Julie Wild (Care & Learning Alliance)

Apologies: Judy Holliday (Digital Zone), Susan Brown (Headway highland), Ro Pengelly (Scotsector Link), Fraser Thomson & Wanda MacKay (High Life Highland), Hannah Lind (Safe strong and free project), Stephen Wiseman (Scottish Waterways Trust) & Wilma West

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 viewable from the website. At the end of the day GWT announced the winner of our first **Recognition Awards**. We were delighted to receive 47 application, 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).

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.

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 – Funders tbc

Presentations and photos will be uploaded to the GWT website shortly.

Intergenerational training course taking place on Wed 25th March in Dingwall (Full)

National Intergenerational Quiz Toolkit – developed and with designer, will have copies at the Inverness conference.

GWT would like to encourage members to hold their own regional quiz. GWT plan to apply for funding for a P/T coordinator to roll out the programme and run the first national quiz late 2016.

Round the table/presentations

- Julie Simmons provided an update and agreed to host a stall at the Inverness Conference showcasing their intergenerational projects, which they had funded. Julie mentioned that there may be an opportunity to run a workshop at the Adult Learning Conference
- Julie Wild mentioned that she was keen to develop IG work and would take the information and circulate to her parent and early years network
- Stephen Wiseman couldn't attend today however hopes to participate in future meetings providing information on the Caledonian Canal Work (Muirtown Primary Pupils and Inverness Men's Shed helped launch the Grow Wild on the Canal Project recently). Stephen hopes to organise more IG work when the weather warms up and may include John Muir Awards after Easter with two primary schools.
- Beauly Men's shed have been exchanging skills with younger members (working with engines)

Action:

- Alison to book places and provide further details re social impact training to Julie & Kate

Next meeting: The next meeting will take place in September. Date to follow shortly.