

Shetland Network Meeting

Date: Wed 23rd September 2015 **Venue:** Sandwick Junior High School

In attendance: Denise Nicolson (SIC Adult Learning & GWT Coordinator), Alison Clyde (GWT), Amanda Malcolmson (SIC), Wendy Lowe (SIC Youth Services), Melanie Smith (NHS Shetland), Sanna Aitken (Active Schools), Gary Sanford (SYCC), Maurice Mullay (Gulberwick Together), Neville Martin (Sandwick Social Club) & Isobel Arden (Sandwick Junior High School)

Apologies: Suzy Gentle (Age Scotland), Kate Coutts (Nesting Primary School), Martin Summers & Jim Leask (Shetland Islands Council), Michael Spence (Aith Junior High School) & Neil Pearson (VAS)

1. GWT national update:

GWT secured funding in March 2015 from the Scottish Governments, Equality Fund.

GWT's programme outcomes for 2015-16 include:

- Older people are acknowledged as assets to their communities increasing their participation and contribution
- Member organisations, including those working with protected characteristics, develop projects that use intergenerational approaches to challenge ageism
- More local authorities, national public agencies & organisations adopt intergenerational approaches to address the challenges of our ageing society and promote positive images of older people

We are hoping to set up a thematic network for groups and organisations who fall under protected characteristics to showcase what's happening intergenerationally across Scotland, help members formulate and build ideas and projects and provide the chance for them to network. The network will meet three times a year with the first meeting being planned for January 2016 (one meeting each year will be held in Inverness).

SCIO Status - We are delighted to announce that on the 29th July 2015, GWT were awarded charity status and are now a fully-fledged Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

GWT Constitution – copies available on request from alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Our charity purposes include:

- *The promotion of intergenerational relationships to further the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage.*
- *The promotion of equality and diversity*
- *The advancement of citizenship and community development*

These are our three primary purposes however we also intend to work to deliver the advancement of education and health and wellbeing.

The structure of GWT consists of:-

- GENERAL members - who are anyone who applies to join Generations Working Together. These individuals elect their local network representatives as voting members as described below in clause 16;
- VOTING MEMBERS - who have the right to attend voting members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the voting members can appoint general members to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself;
- BOARD - who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

Register of voting members - Alison explained that the general members of each Local Network can elect 2 representatives to be voting members (normally this would include the volunteer Local Network Coordinator but this is subject to the Local Network general members decision).

This is not an onerous role however it is important and gives each local network a say and voting rights at the annual AGM which will be held during the conference on 2nd March 2016.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a voting member please get in touch with Alison.

GWT Conference 2016 - Wednesday 2nd March 2016 – University of Strathclyde, Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George St, Glasgow G1 1RD

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/research/technologyandinnovationcentre/>

Intergenerational Training Course for practitioners and trainers

After discussion it was agreed that GWT would run a training course for Shetland which has been organised for **Wednesday 16th March 2016, 10:00am - 4:00pm at Adult Learning Huts, Lovers Loan, Lerwick, ZE1 0BA**

The training is split into three sections:

1. An introduction to Intergenerational Practice
2. Bringing generations together
3. Planning and evaluating Intergenerational Practice

Over the past four years training has been provided free of charge however unfortunately due to funding cutbacks this year we have had to introduce a modest fee of £30 per person to cover our costs.

To book a place please register here:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/intergenerational-training-course-for-trainers-and-practitioners-16-03-2016>

Scotland's Urban Past (SUP) is a five-year nationwide project with the communities of Scotland's towns and cities. Anyone can get involved and start investigating urban environments and how they have changed over time. SUP encourages groups and individuals of all ages to discover and share the fascinating stories of Scotland's towns and cities through community-led projects. As every project idea stems from a local community, the scale and subject of projects varies, ranging from a building, street or neighbourhood, to an entire town or city. To help you to develop your project ideas and bring them to fruition, SUP provides bespoke training, access to essential resources and continued project support. Carol Stobie is keen to speak with anyone who has an idea and hopes to attend the next meeting in January. Contact Carol at carol.stobie@rcahms.gov.uk

National Adult Achievement Award – were launched by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning back in May at Newbattle Abbey College and are now being piloted. These new awards, modelled on the Youth Achievement Awards, will accredit learning for adults in a wide range of contexts, including community settings, colleges, workplaces and volunteering. Newbattle Abbey College is the owner of the awards which were developed by a national steering group.

The Adult Achievement Awards have been credit-rated at SCQF levels 3, 4 and 6 by Napier University and will be piloted by adult groups from different sectors across Scotland in the coming months. GWT will keep you informed of any updates.

<http://scqf.org.uk/adult-achievement-awards-launched/>

2. Funding Opportunities

The following funders are very supportive and keen on projects using an intergenerational theme:

- <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund>
- <http://www.hlf.org.uk/>
- <http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/>
- The Big Lottery will be announcing their round of new programmes late Nov early Dec 2015

3. Round the table

- Kate Coutts, Nesting Primary is giving 3 presentations at the Scottish Learning festival. Two of Kate's slides has the GWT logo on them.
- Aith Junior High has ageism in their school improvement plan and is looking for GWT to visit the school and speak to some key staff. Alison hopes to arrange this for her next visit.
- P7 pupils working with old folks home on playlist for life project
- Sandwick School has started a Community Cafe, which is youth led, and overseen by Margaret Ramsay, Home Economics Teacher. They would like to get older people involved but transport is an issue.
- Mandy Malcolmson, Overtonlea, is involved with a project linking the Toddler Group and the Care Home. They meet twice a week. It is an 18 month project.
- Sanna has been working with her Chatterbox exercise group at Taing House, and would like to extend the project to other Care Homes.
- Denise Nicolson is due to start an intergenerational project in Yell shortly. The project will include dialect writing, craft and IT. The booklet advertising the next Adult Learning Class Programme (Jan – April) will be launched at the end of November. The booklet will include information about GWT, the local network and will advertise the forthcoming Intergenerational Training Course.
- Wendy Lowe hopes to build on the very successful Youth Arts Festival and establish an intergenerational knitting group in Sandwick.

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- Discussion around the table highlighted a will to develop intergenerational work in the area. Another exploration meeting to be held shortly to discuss a couple of potential projects
- Alison to send Amanda and Sanna a case study template to record past projects including Chatterbox where toddler group budded up with an older person for an hour each week?
- New Website - The Beth Johnson Foundation is a national charity dedicated to making a future for all ages. <https://www.bjf.org.uk/> Check out the link from our colleagues Linking Generations Northern Ireland and see what they are doing across the water.

Next meeting: Tuesday 15th March 2016, 1:30pm - 3:30pm at Adult Learning Huts, Lovers Loan, Lerwick, ZE1 0BA