

In attendance: Linsey Drever & Fraser Devine (Voluntary Action Orkney), Lynn Bartlett (CLD), Gerd Peters (Scottish Health Council), Helen Wuilou (Stromness Academy) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Chrissie Matthews, Maureen Herdman (CLD), Jessica Jones, Rob Crichton, Dave McCallum (SDS), Alastair Forsyth (Dounby Community School) & Anna Whelan

GWT national update:

- **The GWT Conference** took place on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 in the University of Strathclyde (174 delegates). Presentations are now available on the website. GWT received an amazing 50 applications for our recognitions and were able to award 8 winners and 5 certificates of achievement. Further details on website and on Facebook.
- **Highlands & Islands Conference** – Friday 29th April 2016 - Centre for Health Science, Old Perth Road; Inverness. **Speakers include** Dr Paul Monaghan MP and Angus Hardy, Director of the recent report called Local People Leading, A vision for a stronger community sector – Scottish Community Alliance. **Workshops** – Age Awareness, Digital Participation, Higher Education goes Intergenerational, Highland Youth Arts Hub, Become an Urban Detective & Living Life well in Care Homes

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/highlands-islands-conference-29-04-2016>

- **GWT have recruited a P/T Finance and Administrative Officer** – Sorina Oprea,
- Alison attended a **European Conference on Intergenerational Practice** aimed at bringing together people with a demonstrated interest in intergenerational issues (e.g. learning, relationships, policies, practices) in order to exchange ideas and develop collaboration so that a group of ‘critical friends’ could be initiated. Academics and professionals were involved from UK, Spain, Netherlands, Poland, Germany, Belgium & Australia. It was a great experience being able to learn and share ideas with a wide range of people who were interested in IG work. There is some exceptional IG training, research and projects taking place across Europe especially in Spain, Germany, Poland and Belgium.
- **International Certificate of Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** - Alison will be working closely with the University of Granada in Spain to develop an English version of ECIL, a European online IG training course (50 hrs).
- **Accelerating Ideas Project - Big Lottery**
In partnership with Linking Generations Northern Ireland (LGNI), GWT have secured 6 months development funding to develop a 4-year project to share good practice between Scotland and Northern Ireland. If successful LGNI would be using our **network model to create 11 local networks** across Northern Ireland and GWT would be looking to set up age friendly school projects and adapt existing NI intergenerational toolkits for Scottish cities & communities who are working towards the age friendly agenda.
- **Intergenerational training Course for Practitioners and Trainers** - unfortunately we didn't have enough people to run a course this time however Alison agreed to organise another training session for her return visit in October.

Round the table

- Alastair Forstyth, Headteacher, Dounby Community School couldn't attend however emailed to say that their Primary 7 pupils have worked with the residents and staff of Smiddybrae House over an eight week period earlier this year / end of last. Here's a link to one of their activities

<http://dounbycommunityschool.blogspot.co.uk/2015/12/carol-singing-at-smiddybrae.html>

- Fraser and Linsey – Voluntary Action Orkney
Fraser and Linsey updated the group with recent activity and news from VAO. Fraser informed the group that Intergenerational Work and promotion is included in VAO's annual plan. (FD to forward to Alison)
Linsey informed the group about a new photo competition being run by Kasha at VAO/Orkney Voices. The competition is split into 2 age categories- under 12's and over 12's. It's called Unexpected Aging, and is looking for creative and interesting photographs showing interactions between older and young people. Closing date April 20th
<https://www.facebook.com/VoluntaryActionOrkney/photos/a.190900694271639.50015.190033734358335/1262887210406310/?type=3&theater>
Linsey updated the group that they have received 5yrs funding secured from the BIG Lottery, which will fund 2 new P/T workers, one being responsible for Group Befriending, Michelle Manzie, and another Arlene Montgomery for Intergenerational work.
Fraser updated that they had also received 4 years from BIG's new Improving lives stream to fund their Young Person's Befriending project. Securing the service.
- Lynn mentioned that she was keen to run an IT digital project in Stromness and was looking for funding. Alison suggested Young Start. Lynn also mentioned that there had been an IG knitting project at St Andrews Primary School.
- Helen provided details on their memoires project which involved 9 pupils from 3rd Year who worked with the West Mainland Daycare Centre
- Gerd provided an insight into the work of their building a voice network and mentioned that they were hoping to do some work around obesity which could lend itself to using an intergenerational approach.

Funding Opportunities

- The R S Macdonald Charitable Trust
The Trust's charitable objects enable them to make awards in four general themes:
 - Neurological conditions
 - Sight loss and visual impairment
 - Child welfare
 - Animal welfare

Applications can be made for research as well as for direct delivery of services. The trust is keen to fund intergenerational projects working with people with dementia.

www.rsmacdonald.com

Next meeting: Monday 3rd October 2016, 5.15pm – 7.15 Voluntary Action Orkney – an evening meeting is being held to allow volunteers who work daytime to be able to attend.

Fraser suggested we try and do a short piece on Radio Orkney before coming up in October including VAO IG elements in their Big Lottery funding successes.