

**In attendance:** Gillian Holmes Learner Support Tutor, Aberdeenshire Libraries, Lesley Hellon GWT

### GWT national update:

- **The GWT Conference** took place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 in the University of Strathclyde (174 delegates). Presentations from the conference will shortly be available on the website to view along with information on our award winners. We had an amazing 50 applications for our recognitions and were able to award 8 Winners and 5 certificates of achievement. Please keep an eye out for information in our bi-monthly newsletter.
- **Highlands & Islands Conference – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - Centre for Health Science, Old Perth Road; Inverness IV2 3JH**  
Registration is now open  
**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... with Scotland's Urban Past
- **P/T Finance and Administrative Officer** – new member of staff started 14<sup>th</sup> March – Sorina Oprea, Finance and Administrative Officer
- **Accelerating Ideas Project - Big Lottery (6 months development funding secured – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 30 July)**  
Alison/Cheryl are working closely with colleagues from Linking Generations Northern Ireland (LGNI) on an action plan for a 3-4-year project bid to the Big Lottery which would continue on from the existing 6 months development funding. LGNI plan to use our network model to create 11 local networks across NI and GWT is looking to set up age friendly school projects and adapt existing LGNI intergenerational toolkits for Scottish cities & communities who are working towards the age friendly agenda. Year 1 is planned (if funding successful) to start in the new academic year August/September. GWT would like to invite schools in Glasgow and Perth & Kinross to show interest by emailing Alison or Cheryl. We are currently looking to set up planning groups in 2 primary & 2 secondary schools (one in each area).
- **Intergenerational training Course for Practitioners and Trainers **UPDATE 31/03/16**** - our current programme of training courses have now finished – new courses will be planned later in the year for the Autumn. If you would like to host or attend a course please get in touch with Cheryl.
- **European Certificate of Intergenerational Learning (ECIL)** – Agreement now signed – (6 month pilot in progress) Alison will be working closely with Mariano from the University of Granada in Spain to develop an English version of ECIL an online intergenerational training course that we hope will be ready late summer of 2016. The course will take 30-50 hours to complete
- **Creating a Healthier Scotland** – new report launched - Intergenerational connections made it into page 17. Please promote at your local network meetings. You can also request a hard copy if you go to their website at <http://healthier.scot/>

## **Funding**

- The R S Macdonald Charitable Trust aims to distribute up to £2million annually to charities in Scotland through their grants programmes. They are also able to assist beneficiary charities with non-financial support.

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.

For further details on the Trust's funding themes, and how to apply, please visit

[www.rsmacdonald.com](http://www.rsmacdonald.com)

- The Challenge Funding – digital inclusion funding should open in the Spring  
<http://digital.scvo.org.uk/resources/challenge-fund/>

## **GWT Constitution – copies available on request – Lesley/Cheryl**

Please continue to seek your two voting members per network (cannot be a member of staff however one place could be the volunteer coordinator).

The normal term of office for a voting member will be 2 years however people may stand for re-election at the end of each term of office.

## **Round the table updates**

### **Mary Arnold**

Due to her role change within her job, is notable to attend this meeting

### **Gillian Holmes**

Jackie Caroon used to attend and passed on details of meeting to Gillian.

Gillian has just joined the network for Aberdeenshire.

Opportunity to use all community Libraries and has offered to use rooms in various locations getting out and about – as some people will not travel out with their area.

*Although projects mentioned below aren't intergenerational, the opportunity to engage with and share IG knowledge in the future meetings maybe able to develop some of these towards IG projects.*

### **Alford Craft Group**

A weekly craft group will be starting in Alford Library. Anyone interested in craft, knitting, crocheting etc. should come along to this informal group. Beginners welcome to attend as the aim of this social group is for members to share crafting ideas, knowledge and experience with one another.

### **Philosophy Cafe**

Ethics and social media. Controversial Conversations are a series of events, organised by the Philosophy Cafe in Aberdeenshire, designed to bring people together in a venue in their own local area, to share their thoughts, openly explore and discuss ideas and encourage philosophical debate and critical thinking about society's challenges in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

### **Knit and Natter**

The Cairnbulg Knit and Natter Group meets every Monday from 2.30pm - 4.00pm

### **U3A Creative Writing Group**

U3A Creative Writing Group will meet in Turriff Library at 10:15am.

### **Pop Up Museum: Baking Artefacts**

See a display of kitchen gadgets from years gone by at Westhill Library during opening hours.

### **Read, Write, Count Activity**

Drop-in activity throughout the Easter Holiday during usual library opening hours.

Join in this fun family learning activity and develop reading, writing and counting skills together.

No booking is required , just come along, take part and have fun.

### **Easter Bunny Challenge**

The annual Easter Bunny Challenge in Inverurie.

Collect a form from Inverurie Library and find as many Bunnies as you can in shop windows during the Easter holidays.

### **The benefits of joining your local network.**

Becoming a member of Generations Working Together allows you to:

- Share best practice & information
- Create new partnerships
- Strengthen community links
- Access support
- Access networking opportunities – members come from the public, private and third sector
- Receive information and guidance regarding funding for local & national project activity and development
- Receive monthly e-bulletins
- Training opportunities
- Access to password protected local network area of new GWT website
- Access intergenerational case studies
- Opportunities to have a say on future GWT plans and strategies

**Next meeting: pending**