

Brief History and background of GWT

GWT national update:

GWT successfully recruited a freelance P/T Local Network Development Officer, Lesley Hellon to support up to 11 networks across the Highlands & Islands.

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

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.

(section 4) 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.

(section 9) The structure of GWT consists of:-

- the 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;
- the 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;
- the 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.

(section 11) Qualifications for membership

Organisations involved in any aspect of intergenerational practice may apply for general membership. An individual, aged 16 and over, who has an interest in improving relationships across generations by using an intergenerational approach, may also apply for general membership.

(section 13) Application for membership

- Any organisation/person who wishes to become a general member can sign up on line.
- Generations Working Together will maintain a list of all current general members by Local network Area and only the registered members in an area can vote in the election for Local Network representatives to serve as voting members.

(section 16) Register of voting members

- The general members of each Local Network shall 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).
- 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.

**Date for your diary** - GWT Conference, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 – University of Strathclyde, Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George St, Glasgow G1 1RD

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

**IG Training-** Generations Working Together are excited to be visiting Livingston to deliver our newly updated intergenerational training course which is open to anyone who would like to learn more about intergenerational work and how to use an intergenerational approach. Many thanks to Almonbank Centre for hosting this event.

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.

Livingston 2 October 2015  
Lochgilphead 21 October 2015  
Stornoway 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
Arbroath 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015  
Inverurie 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
Elgin 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
Greenock 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**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.

A project can be:

- a **short-term**, one-off event such as a talk, workshop or another small-scale result involving just your group members
- a **medium-term** piece of work involving others' contributions, such as a small publication, short performance or Doors Open Day event
- a **longer-term** (anything up to a year) endeavour that involves more planning, time and commitment from others, such as a festival, multimedia creation or larger-scale publication.

Does your community group or society have a project idea, or do you need inspiration? Let us know by contacting the SUP team at [sup@rcahms.gov.uk](mailto:sup@rcahms.gov.uk) or on +44 (0)131 651 6870.

**Get Set for Community Action is a new programme from the Get Set family whose goals are to:**

- Strengthen relationships between young people and their communities
- Make those communities healthier, more active and more cohesive places
- Promote the Olympic Values (friendship, excellence and respect) and the Paralympic Values (courage, determination, equality and inspiration)
- Get Set for Community Action uses the power of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and their assets, to engage, inspire and motivate young people.
- Programme will be driven by 100 Champion schools supporting and engaging with 500 secondary schools across the 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.

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

## **Round the Table**

### **Anna MacBride / Rebecca Machin**

A new social enterprise has been established to benefit all the young people of the Kinlochleven catchment area.

Called Kinlochlovin', the social enterprise is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to ensure that, faced with a range of challenges including rural isolation, the young people of Kinlochleven have access to the same opportunities as young people elsewhere.

Kinlochlovin' will act as an umbrella for a range of different companies allowing both the pupils and the community to generate income themselves to pay for projects such as Rock Challenge, a performing arts competition which promotes healthy lifestyles, or making Duke of Edinburgh free at the point of entry so that every youngster can take part, regardless of their background. Increasing participation in these types of events and awards has been identified as a major aim because of their recognised value to future employment prospects. Anna McBride, Chairperson of Kinlochlovin', said 'The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is a good example of a project that was designed with equity in mind but too few young people have had the opportunity to participate. Our aim is to robustly address the barriers which have traditionally stood in their way.'

The social enterprise has already brought several businesses under its umbrella. Buzz Buzz, a reference to the Kinlochleven Midge, makes textile crafts such as cushions, hats and felt accessories, while Scents has started by making soaps and candles and Turtle, an eco-craft upcycling company, is focusing on Eco crafts and jewellery. These projects already have a number of youngsters taking part, gaining greater engagement in the community as well as valuable life and entrepreneurial skills. The young people plan to showcase their contributions and are already planning a Christmas Fayre. We applied to the Rotary Club of Lochaber for a start-up fund and they very kindly gave us £500.

### **Angela Kemp**

Enabled technology care project outlined and training offered all over highlands, looking for people with in local communities to support older frail to stay independent longer in their own homes

### **Ann Marie Donoghue**

Learning for Life gives you the chance to continue or come back to learning. It could be for a qualification, to help your children with homework, to learn for work or just for fun.

They provide free, flexible support for adults who want to improve their skills and can help with:

- Increasing confidence in learning
- Reading, writing and spelling
- Using numbers
- Learning English as a Second or Other Language
- Gain SQA Core Skills qualification

### **Funding Opportunities**

YOUNG START funding <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/young-start>

Other funding opportunities can be found on the GWT website:

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

### **Next meeting:**

Fort William @ WHC UHI

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