
In attendance: Iona Finlayson Adult learning HLH, Val Moffat Strathpeffer Residents Association, Wilma Kelt HLH Area Youth Services Officer, Jamie McJimpsey Ross-Shire Voluntary Action, Maggie Wallace NHS Speech and Language Therapist, Yvonne Boa HLH YDO & GWT Volunteer Coordinator Ross-Shire

Apologies: Lesley Hellon GWT Local Network Development Officer, Highland & Islands, Elinor Niven HLH Network Librarian, Christine Crook West Highland College, Helen Avenell Ullapool Museum, Alice Mikietyan Ullapool museum, Siobhan Osborne HLH Youth worker

- **General Update**

- The GWT Conference took place on Wednesday 2nd 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 29th April 2016 - Centre for Health Science, Old Perth Road; Inverness IV2 3JH

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 14th March – Sorina Oprea, Finance and Administrative Officer

- Accelerating Ideas Project - Big Lottery (6 months development funding secured – 1st 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 - 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

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

- **Round the table**

Discussion around how to get this network promoted to the wider Ross-Shire area as still mainly Dingwall and Ullapool as main group attending meetings. Need to get word out to local community groups. Yvonne emailed all the other Youth Development Officers across Ross-Shire (Gairloch, Dingwall, Alness, Invergordon, and Tain). Ross-Shire Voluntary Action circulated this meeting around their network and on Facebook. Discussion around parent Councils to put GWT on agendas. Set up a Ross-Shire GWT Facebook page- **Action point- Check with Lesley if allowed**

From discussing the conference all agreed would be good to have Carol come and talk more about Urban past: more info below on the project

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 or on +44 (0)131 651 6870.

If an area has over 3,000 residents, then would become eligible.

Action point- Jamie will be in contact with Carol and will try and get a date when she can come up and we will set at our next network day.

Discussion around all who have done Intergenerational Training to come back to the group and share experiences: **Action point- Lesley can admin get list of all who have done the training in Ross-Shire and email out to everyone?**

Local Updates

Youth Highland in Dingwall has recently done a project around photos and places in Dingwall which involved different age groups within the community.

Val discussed 'Remembering Strathpeffer' event which was looking at the buildings around the area.

Jamie from Ross-Shire Voluntary Action, been busy with working with Ross County football Club and men's shed project plans. Also delivering walking football sessions

Also in Dingwall the bookshop running a book festival and looking at intergenerational work.

Iona discussed doing the intergenerational training had been useful for her for thinking about intergenerational projects. Balintore growing project is mainly families, but looking to get older people to come and use their expertise to younger people. They had 16 people at their last session Digital champion training is through Citizens online and looking at how to make sure all are included in digital learning.

ESOL group looking at area they live in and what it means to them- could be intergenerational.

Yvonne mentioned the walking football in Ullapool which is 2 15 year old girls taking the lead. Partnership with the High school doing a social enterprise craft and gardening project with S3 pupils and Serve Our Seniors group.

Had a health and wellbeing day, which although was not intergenerational in itself, it did bring different ages together to try new things together. Get to know your techno is now happening in care home in Ullapool and hopefully also end up in both care homes when have enough to do both.

Other areas across Highland: Kinlochbervie starting to do intergenerational work called fisherman's tales.

Iona mentioned a project similar in Cromarty around the sea.

Wick –Tartan project which is designing a new tartan which pupils will receive a tie in the new tartan and will sell purses etc. made with it

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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.

Next meeting: Date TBC for August/ September. Likely to be in Dingwall and hoping to have Urban past info on the day.

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/>