

## **National Update –Ross shire Network**

**Date:** Monday **03/09/15** **Venue:** Macphail Centre

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**In attendance:** NSW & BDMRL, Iona Finlayson Adult learning HH, Siobhan Osborne, Ass youth worker, Aime Henderson Ritchie, ass youth worker, Yvonne Boa HLH YDO, Alice Makiety, Ullapool museum, Christine crook West Highland College, Lesley Hellon (GWT)

Apologies:

Brief History and background of GWT

GWT national update:

GWT intro to 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.

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:-

- 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.

### **We are looking for 2 voting members in each network**

- 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.

Update Lesley has contacted them and had the discussion if an area has over 3,000 residents, then we would become eligible.

**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://scgf.org.uk/adult-achievement-awards-launched/>

## **Round the Table**

### **Noel Hawkins**

Explained about the community beach clean was a great success even though numbers were low, due to the bad weather

British Divers Marine Life Rescue BDMLR is an organisation dedicated to the rescue and well-being of all marine animals in distress around the UK. Noel went onto give brief overview and about training opportunities happening in Highlands.

Also presented the challenges to the group regarding H&S issues for new projects wanting to go ahead, but this has stopped them moving forward.

### **Iona Finlayson**

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

### **Siobhan Osborne & Aime Henderson Ritchie**

Gave a presentation about the IG work of 'get to know your techno'

### **Yvonne Boa**

Explained about new youth club project of board games nights, just started

## **Alice Mikiety**

Gave an overview of the museum was interested in the project set up in Wick area to do with reminiscence box, might take this idea forward.

## **Christine Crook**

Gave Information about lifelong learning courses available to all the west highland college.

## **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:**

Early 2016 Jan /Feb