

Skye & Lochalsh Network Meeting

Date: Monday 18th April 2016



In attendance: Donald MacDonald Aros, Joey Graham Adult literacies, Sammy Jo SLCVO & Skye Youth Drop In

Apologies: Helen Hunter, Annie Davidson, Lee Stevenson, Judith Moffat

GWT national 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**
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
- **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/>

Coordinators request

If anyone would like to become volunteer please email Lesley for volunteer job role description.

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 update

Joey Graham adult literacies

Youtime activities for various groups which is open to all ages, include:

- Social media for beginners
- Digital sessions using your Ipad
- Ipad for beginners
- Introductions to painting
- Book binding with Laura West
- Otago – a strength and balance exercise programme to reduce falls in frailer older people.

Discussion was about partnership working, not duplicating any projects but enhancing projects being developed.

HLH, also don't have the funding to deliver

Suggested that IT digital funds and projects that might be suitable for Aros – also that there could be sessions that could be funded for the general public. Also to make things sustainable target Tourists.

Crossroads is developing a buddy system, and there are three meetings

Archive Centre in Portree.

Reminiscence books could be developed

Donald MacDonald Aros

- Is about embark on a creative Scotland and HighLife Highland funded arts project for between 12 -15 months. In partnership with Atlas Art project.
- Which will be intergenerational projects.
- Donald is after consultation with the community about development of the projects that's being offered regarding what it is that they want, their needs where the gaps are.
- No direct overlap with Projects
- Looking to hiring someone to deliver this project, lunch clubs, weekly dance and movement sessions, will be developed , exercise sessions, music events, 10 poetry and literature events, 10 Tea dances, Aros is in talks with somebody to develop a festival musical group. Subsidised classes for young carers, film screenings for the elderly and young carers with food.
- Story telling events will be developed around Skye
- Pod casts making music for play lists for elderly
- Dementia, discussion with NHS and working with already established groups.
- 5 wings of Skye walks is being run by Atlas.
- There are rough terrain wheel chairs available on Skye so we are looking at guided walks, to get disabled person
- Music digital project in Aros engage with high school students, for various reasons such as exams
- Craft group runs within Aros, is ongoing
- Tried to develop a youth café, but not had the response to develop it, social meeting and developing schools.
- Staffin Community have had a reminiscence project recorded in Gaelic, just needs editing
- What's going on around the island, is lacking a marketing
- Discussed men's sheds, and bridge music project

Sammy Jo

To take the lead on Aros Ipod play list between Skye Youth Drop In and Aros

Discussed community Craic, which is the project run by SLCVO, gaining community ideas.

Skye Youth Drop In, are involved with get to know your techno in both local elderly homes in Portree

There will be a girl's issues group about to start on a Tuesday evening

ABE

Assistive technology workshops in June in Broadford and Portree to help adults and young people with dyslexia. Dyslexia Scotland Skye and Lochalsh will be running two free workshops presented by CALL Scotland on dyslexia and assistive technology for adults with or who support someone with dyslexia. These will be presentations and practical demonstrations of technology which can help adults and young people with dyslexia. Topics include text to speech software, speech recognition and gadgets such as reading pens and Live scribe. All demonstrated using practical examples such as an agricultural form or online job application. Laptops will be provided for the first part of the workshop. You are invited to bring your own iPad or Android tablet for hints and tips at the end of the session.

The workshops take place at West Highland College, Broadford on Wednesday June 8, 6.30-8.30pm and Portree High School on Thursday June 9, 6.30 - 8.30pm.

Next meeting

Will be after summer