

Network Meeting Skye & Lochalsh

Date: 5th Dec 2016



In attendance: Douglas MacDougal CHSS, Ruiridh Stewart Scottish Youth Parliament, David Ashford, Lochalsh youth community trust, Lesley Hellon GWT

Apologies: Annie Davidson HLH, Joanne Ford SLCVO, John Gordon Councillor, Nicolas Kelly Broadford Youth Club

GWT national update:

- our next national conference taking place on Wednesday 8th March 2017, Stirling Court Hotel – University of Stirling, Stirling. Proposals should meet the aims of the conference to share good practice, learn from each other, network, create new ideas for future intergenerational work and demonstrate how to successfully embed and sustain this work.

Contributions can come in different forms however we ask that they fit with one of the following themes:

- case studies – showing how intergenerational approaches benefit young & old
- Introducing new ideas (we would especially like to hear from LGBT, disability and ethnic groups)
- Embedding intergenerational practice within policy and organisational outcomes
- Demonstrating how intergenerational work has been included in training opportunities Illustrating how you are sustaining intergenerational work

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/national-conference-2017-embed-and-sustain-25-08-2016>

- Generations Working Together (GWT) is pleased to announce the upcoming Recognition Awards, which will be presented at the National Conference in Stirling on Wednesday 8th March 2017. The awards celebrate and recognise the outstanding talent, commitment and inspirational involvement of workers, volunteers and groups who are involved with and are embracing Intergenerational work across Scotland
 - There are five award categories:
 - 1. New Intergenerational Project (Less than 12months)
 - 2. Established Intergenerational Project (More than 1 year)
 - 3. Yvonne Coull Local Network Coordinator's Award
 - 4. Outstanding volunteer contributing to intergenerational work
 - 5. Building successful partnerships through intergenerational work
- Share your images with GWT
GWT is looking for high quality photographs for new promotional materials. If you are happy to share your images from your intergenerational project showing younger and older people working together please email copies to Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
- Intergenerational training Course for Practitioners and Trainers - new dates now online £35.00 (includes CPD accreditation)

Funding

- The Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund is now accepting applications for small, one-off awards of £300.

Local charities, community groups, schools and individuals from across the UK and Ireland are invited to apply for an award to help support sporting or leisure activities or hobbies that are beneficial to individuals or communities.

To date, the Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund has given out awards to help over 150,000 people. This winter, five separate awards of £300 will be given out each week from 7 November 2016 until 26 February 2017.

The Bank of Scotland Foundation supports people and their local communities across Scotland.

Applications are currently being accepted to:

- The Medium Grants Programme which offers grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 for projects that address developing and improving local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion.
- The Small Grants Programme which offers grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 for projects that address social inclusion and life-long learning.

Expressive Arts Competition Fund 2016-17

Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) is inviting applications from schools and community based organisations working with children aged 10 – 11 in Scotland. The application deadline is Monday 16 January 2017. - £400

would like to invite children to explore the theme “What my mother means to me...” ‘Mother’ in this context is not gender specific and therefore could mean anyone that undertakes this role and promotes these values to the children – whether a teacher, an older brother/sister, parent, grandparent. Children may choose to work individually, in pairs or small groups to produce their chosen art.

They can choose to:

- Write a 500 word essay
- Make a short film
- Write a poem
- Use photography
- Produce artwork

TV Opportunity

Channel 5 are making a groundbreaking new series that will explore the generation gap in today’s society, as never before. It will be a unique, exciting social experiment that will ask the question “Is it possible to bridge the gap between the generations or is the age divide growing bigger?” under 30 over 60

The programme will be a ‘back to basics’, warm and feel-good show with interesting characters at its core. We’re looking for real people with real opinions from all walks of life.

We are now casting and looking for great, opinionated characters across Great Britain to take part in the programme. If you feel this exciting opportunity is for you, we’d love to hear from you!

For an informal chat with a member of the friendly casting team, please call: 07808 527 402. Asap

The Climate Challenge Fund is OPEN for applications.

Climate Challenge Fund and Young People

You can find out more about previous and current climate action projects, led-by and involving young people through the videos at www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/youthclimateaction

Raasay Primary All Weather Gardening

Raasay Primary School

£2,437

Gardening on a windy island off the North West coast of Scotland can prove challenging so the Raasay Primary All Weather Gardening Project will provide a suitable polytunnel allowing produce to be grown year round to supply the school kitchen. Excess produce will be sold through the local community owned shop. The project will also offer a non avoidable food waste collection scheme for nearby residents with waste composted. As well as reducing local carbon emissions the project will help local pupils learn about growing, waste and carbon emissions.

Broadford and Strath Community Company

£42,000

Green Growers is a project run by Broadford and Strath Community Company on the south of Skye to reduce local carbon emissions through increasing the proportion of space to grow local food, providing a local composting scheme and offering workshops and information to support people to reduce food waste.

Report - A Plan for Scotland – Putting People in charge and creating opportunities

The Scottish Government have announced in the above report that they will develop a National Social Isolation Strategy to ensure a holistic approach across government to problems of loneliness and isolation.

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00505210.pdf> (see page 76)

Tools to measure loneliness - The organisation 'Campaign to end Loneliness' has produced a resource called 'Measuring your impact on loneliness in later life'. Download the resource here:

<http://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/wp-content/uploads/Loneliness-Measurement-Guidance1.pdf>

Sharing and networking –

Douglas MacDougall CHSS Community support worker

Chest Heart & stroke are currently trying to identify GPs and surgeries that will pass on information to clients that would benefit from meeting up locally and doing a range of activities etc. to ensure a better and healthier life style.

Getting involved in community groups or set up a local forum group for CHS

CHSS have a wide range of publications, information, but not being accessed as much as they could be, Douglas can give advice.

CHSS

Lucky to be here

Thinking about making the training intergenerational currently segregated by delivering training in schools, and to older people outside training. Emergency life support training with 60 kids, CPR defibrillator in schools and this is something that could be developed IG work could bring this as a reality.

S&L sports council

Funding cuts this year, 5% next year it will be cut by 45%, feels that sadly a few groups will be unable to function

Ruridh Stewart Scottish Youth Parliament

- Ruridh job role is to engage with young people, who can then feed back to the Scottish government to influence policy decisions.
- Also engages with local and community councils and to try and develop awareness of youth issues, currently focusing on education and social housing to build one bedroom flats for young people.
- Currently education does not teach about the values of citizenship / democracy voting participation, getting young people involved in voicing their opinion.
- Councils and local authorities seem to be centralised, and rural areas don't tick enough boxes to continue with the funding.

David Ashford lochalsh youth community trust

- Lots of energy to enhance and support new groups came from the Drug & Alcohol to possibly develop new projects in the Portree area.
- Youth club Friday evening aged 12-18 Young youth club sat afternoon 8-12 set up – new board is going from strength to strength.
- Scottish Wildlife society - Nature deficit disorder, getting young and older people connecting summer outside winter presentations etc.
- GWT the hairy bikers now on youtube is defiantly worth watch to see how IG project can turn people around.
- David mentioned about Council tax reform/ John Swinney SMP – £100 million open letter in the national press, suggesting that that funding should go to support youth clubs, and they will possibly distribute to them is being developed into policy.
- Potential IG project tidying gardens, and shopping deliveries – Kyle village hall, waste land to develop that gardening programme, young people are keen
- Ethnic minorities contact is, youth Highland,

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:

April 3rd currently SLCVO meeting room / might change to Home Farm Care home