

Isle of Benbecula Network Meeting

Date: 22.3.2017

Venue: Volunteer Centre, Balivanich



In attendance: Alison MacDonald (NHS Western Isles, Health Promotion), Amy McWilliams (Balivanich Parent Council), Gemma Steele (Caraidean Uibhist), Adam Keltie (Volunteering Western Isles), Sheena Stewart (UCVO), Marion Muirhouse (NHS Western Isles, Health Promotion), Kate MacDonald (An Lanndair) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Anne Graham, (Balivanich Primary), C McInnes (Sacred Heart Care Home (South Uist)), Rachel Anderson (Trianaid Care Home (North Uist)) & Margaret Ann Beggs (Cobhair Bhorraigh Care Home (Isle of Barra))

GWT national update:

Thank you to everyone who attended our **conference** on Wednesday 8th March 2017 in Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling, Stirling and to all our speakers, presenters and staff for making it such a great day.

We had a fantastic array of presenters and workshops who gave an inspiring insight into intergenerational work taking place across Scotland, England and Spain. Presentations and handouts can be found at the following link:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-national-conference-2017/>

- **GWT Recognition Award winners**

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.

The five categories Trophy Winners of 2017 Recognition Awards in Intergenerational work were:

- New IG project – Calderglen Life Story Group, Calderglen High School.
- Established IG project – T in the Street, Williamwood High School & The Richmond Fellowship Scotland.
- Building successful partnerships through IG work – Connect, Raploch Community Partnership.
- Outstanding Volunteer – Diane McGowan, Dumfries Get Together.
- Yvonne Coull, Local Network Coordinators Award – Robin Falconer, Dundee Network.

Further details can be found on the website.

- **Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers**

Alison explained what was involved in the one day training course and it was agreed that there would be enough interest to run a training course in Balivanich possibly during the first week in September 2017. The course would cost £35.00 per person which includes CPD accreditation. Alison will confirm ASAP.

- GWT is looking for **2-3 networks** from across Scotland who would be interested in becoming a **constituted group** so they could access local funding to set up some IG projects, provide training and a support worker who could help them develop IG work in their area.

- **Recruiting network coordinators for Western Isles**
Alison mentioned that GWT is keen to recruit a local network coordinator for the Western Isles to support the networks in the South and North Islands (possibly recruiting someone from the South and North so we have two). Coordinators will in return for their support be given a free place on our training course and for the national conference with travel expenses also being covered. Alison handed out a leaflet and asked for people to contact her direct. More information can be found at the following link:
<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/volunteering/>
- **Voting members**
GWT are looking for two members of the Western Isles network to become voting members giving them the opportunity to vote on behalf of their network at our AGM. GWT is seeking one voting member to be based in the South and another based in the North. 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. Coordinators are normally voted on as a voting member by the network members. For more details please get in touch with Alison@generationsworkingtogether.org
- **International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** – pilot online course taking up to 50 hours (free) in partnership with the University of Granada, Spain. GWT is looking for a wide range of practitioners/volunteers, students who would like to participate in the first pilot course. In return for the free training GWT would ask the trainees for full feedback and comments from all parts of the course (max 20 places). It is hoped that the course will also carry future CPD accreditation. Pilot course due to commence on Monday 5th June till Sunday 16th July 2017. For more details please contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

Funding

- There are lots of funding opportunities on our funding page of the website.

Sharing and networking – There is lots of interest and early plans for great intergenerational work to take place across the isles involving schools, youth work, befriending and care homes.

- Adam is keen to restart the IG project with Lionacleit School and has been discussing this with Paul from Youth Work
- Kate's remit is to build dementia friendly communities around art (12 hours per week). There is the potential of creating an IG café in the hospital
- Mari (remit involves care homes, early years and schools) and Alison (remit includes cancer, mental health and dementia) both work for health improvement and are really keen to create intergenerational opportunities. Mari is keen to connect a nursery with a local care home, activities being considered include baking then sitting having a cuppa and chatting with residents. Alison Clyde to send link to Facebook film. Kate mentioned the groups can access a butter pat so they can make butter for scones etc.
- Island specific reminiscence boxes are now available to loan via the library van
- Gemma (one to one befriending) would like to do IG work around music and works with young people aged 16-25 and older people aged 55+ who are isolated. (Check out their social media pages.
- Alison to invite Duncan MacInnon to Barra meeting

Future network meetings for Western Isles:

- Isle of Barra Network meeting, Monday 4th September 2017, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Castlebay Fire station, St Brendon Road, Castlebay, HS9 5XJ Western Isles (South).
- Wednesday 6th September 2017, 3.30pm – 5pm, Volunteer Centre, 41 Airport Road, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula
- Friday 8th September 2017, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Bridge Community Centre, Bayhead Embankment, Bayhead, Stornoway HS1 2EB

Future training courses for Western Isles:

- Wednesday 6th September 2017, 10am – 3.30pm, Volunteer centre, 41 Airport Road, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula
- Thursday 9th November 2017, 10am – 4pm at Bridge Community Centre, Bayhead Embankment, Bayhead, Stornoway, HS1 2EB

If you would like to attend any of the above please register on the website at:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/western-isles>