

## Stornoway Network Meeting

Date: 23.3.2017

Venue: Bridge Centre, Stornoway



**In attendance:** Bellan O'Brian (Volunteer Centre WI), Alison Clyde (GWT), Mary Maclean (NHS), Peggy Mackay (WI Community Care Forum), Iain MacDonald & Alison Driver (Befriending Lewis), Sonja MacLeod (CHSS), Sharon Reid & Anji MacRitchie (CLD), Del Gunn (WI Association for Mental Health), Cat MacLeod & Rhianna MacLennan (Bridge Community Centre), Sally Reynolds (Carloway Estate Trust) & Fiona MacInnes (CNES)

**Apologies:** Roseann Macleod (Bridge Centre), Marion MacInnes (Alzheimer Scotland), Tina MacLeod (Volunteering Hebrides) & Cllr Charles Nicholson

### 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/>

The **Recognition 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 were:

- New IG project – Calderglen Life Story Group, Calderglen High School (South Lanarkshire Network)
- Established IG project – T in the Street, Williamwood High School & The Richmond Fellowship Scotland (East Renfrewshire Network)
- Building successful partnerships through IG work – Connect, Raploch Community Partnership (Forth Valley Network)
- Outstanding Volunteer – Diane McGowan, Dumfries Get Together (Dumfries & Galloway Network)
- Yvonne Coull, Local Network Coordinators Award – Robin Falconer (Dundee Network)
- **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 Stornoway possibly during September or November 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> June till Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017. For more details please contact [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)

### **Funding**

- There are lots of funding opportunities on our funding page of the website.
- One of the members mentioned that the Heritage Lottery Fund were promoting the use of intergenerational approaches

### **Sharing and networking**

There was a feeling of real opportunity at the meeting with members planning, running and keen to create opportunities where older and younger generations could connect.

- Peggy mentioned musical memories and is keen to set up an intergenerational project in the near future involving CLD, Alzheimer Scotland and care homes.
- Anji mentioned that intergenerational work is highlighted in the Outer Hebrides Community Learning and Development Plan 2015-2018  
Outcome 11 – Young people and adults feel safe and secure and are not isolated  
Action – develop and deliver intergenerational activities  
Anji and Sharon have been doing some IG work however are planning further work with care homes
- Bellan is hoping to do more IG work
- Sonja (CHSS) is interested in recruiting younger volunteers to work with older people
- Alison and Iain (Befriending Lewis) were very keen to learn how they could incorporate IG work into their project.
- Sally (Carloway Estate) mentioned an activity involving older and younger walking groups who were coming together to help build styles
- A new IG project idea was briefly discussed – Gaelic's got talent

**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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 3.30pm – 5pm, Volunteer Centre, 41 Airport Road, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Bridge Community Centre, Bayhead Embankment, Bayhead, Stornoway HS1 2EB

**Future training courses** for Western Isles:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 10am – 3.30pm, Volunteer Centre, 41 Airport Road, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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>**