

Orkney Isles Network Meeting

Date: 3rd May 2017 **Venue:** Voluntary Action Orkney, Kirkwall

In attendance: Fraser Devine, Lindsey Drever & Arlene Montgomery (Voluntary Action), Alison Clyde (GWT), Madeline Lochore (Women's Aid), Gerd Peters (Scottish Health Council), Erika Copland (Home Start), Carol Dunbar (The Pier Arts Centre), Fiona Dalziel (Girl Guiding) & Helen Walloon (Stromness Academy)

Apologies: Ross Groundwater (Health & Social Care), Jessica Jones (NHS), Marie Love (Community Planning), Euan Kennedy (Orkney College) & Cllr Rob Crichton

GWT national update:

Our National conference held in March 2017 (Stirling) evaluated extremely well. 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 winners 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

13th June, 10-4pm, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire

6th Sept, 10am – 4pm, Balivanich, Isle of Benbecula

9th November, 10am – 4pm, Stornoway

Dates are being organised for other courses in the Autumn however there are no courses planned at present for Orkney however this will be raised again at the next meeting in November.

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – 20 participants have agreed to take part in our new (pilot) online training course (50 hours) which GWT will deliver in partnership with University of Granada, Spain. GWT received a brilliant response with over 50 people registering their interest. Unfortunately on this occasion GWT could only take 20 people through the pilot, which starts on Monday 5th June (lasting 6 weeks). It is hoped another course will be delivered around Sept/Oct time. Further details will be announced after the summer.

Voting members

Network members in attendance agreed that Fraser Devine and Gerd Peters would be the nominated persons to represent the Orkney network as voting members for GWT's AGM. The normal term of Generations Working Together is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC045851

office for a voting member will be 2 years however people may stand for re- election at the end of each term of office.

New Communications Intern – Kate Samuels

GWT has recruited a Communications Intern, Kate Samuels who is working hard to raise awareness of intergenerational work with local/national media, social media and with local authority, councillors, national government, MSPs & MPs. Thanks to everyone who took part in Kate's first campaign involving our thunderclap which proved very successful with over 106 supporters with a social reach of 208,554 people. Kate is keen to hear from intergenerational projects that want to raise their profile locally and nationally. You can contact Kate at Kate@generationsworkingtogether.org

The '**Care...about physical activity (CAPA) improvement programme**' will work with partnerships across Scotland to build the skills, knowledge and confidence of social care staff to enable those they care for to increase their levels of physical activity and move more often. Also, social care staff will discover ways to be more active themselves. The Care Inspectorate has been commissioned by the Scottish Government to lead the programme. More info on the GWT website.

Funding

- Lots of funding opportunities on our funding page on the website

Sharing and networking –

- Madeline would like to recruit youths getting them involved in some intergenerational work
- Arlene & Linsey provided a short update on their intergenerational befriending work, which is working very well.
- Carol (Pier Arts Centre) is looking to see how arts can be used to reduce isolation. The centre's average age audience is older people. The centre has recently purchased the old post office building, which they hope will provide a better meeting space than the gallery. They are looking into a feasibility study around how best to use the space. Carol is keen to hear from groups/organisations who would like to get involved.
- Arlene talked a bit about the stitching and crafting project mentioning that there was an intergenerational element to the project.
- Stromness Academy would like to encourage more youths to get involved in intergenerational work. There had been a memories project planned (with 3rd year pupils) however unfortunately there is a transport issue which has resulted in the postponement of the project. Helen felt that there could be an opportunity for the ICIL online training course to be offered within the wider achievement programme.
- Alison hoping to present at a future Positive Ageing meeting to promote intergenerational work across the Isles and will continue to promote network meetings to schools & care homes. Alison will look into uniformed groups connecting with CEO's to discuss an intergenerational badge.

Next meeting: Wednesday 29th November, 1-3pm, Voluntary Action Orkney, Anchor Buildings, 6 Bridge Street, Kirkwall, KW15 1HR