



In attendance: Marie Love (OIC), Kerry Spence (CLD), Robert McGregor, Gary Amos, Linsey Drever & Arlene Montgomery (VAO), Helen Wailoo (Stromness Academy), Kate Evans & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Jessica Jones (NHS), Alastair Forsyth (Dounby Community School), John Ross Scot (Orkney Isles Council), Karen Tait (NHS), Erika Copland (Home Start) & Gerd Peters (Scottish Health Council)

GWT national update:

Volunteer Coordinator Vacancy – Fraser Devine our coordinator has sadly been made redundant making the post vacant for Orkney. If anyone is interested in taking over the volunteering role please talk to Alison. Two members were interested and Alison will discuss further with both.

International Certificate in Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – The next 6-week course commences on Tuesday 16th January 2018 and finishes on Monday 26th February 2018. The course will cost £100 per person, which takes approximately 50 hours to complete. The course includes one to one tutor support. Further details available on website. As the training is still being tested we shall only be offering approximately 20 places.

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited) £40 per person

A course will be organised in Stromness close to the Oct/Nov network meeting. Learning outcomes can be found on the website at: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

GWT Conference, Wednesday 7th March 2018, Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (£50 per person). Workshops will be delivered on the following themes: care homes/nurseries, raising attainment through intergenerational work, intergenerational workplaces, ageing, Year of Young People, and creative activities. Further information and registration will be available soon from the website.

Funding has been secured to recruit a full time IG Development Officer for Perth & Kinross who is working closely with two schools, Perth Grammar School and The Community School of Auchterarder focusing on raising attainment levels for Literacy and Numeracy. Schools have contributed through their Pupil Equity Funding. Other funders include Voluntary Action Fund and The Gannochy Trust. GWT hope to share the journey of setting a programme like this up in schools and will share the evidence and evaluation with networks as the project progresses.

Year of Young People 2018 aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

Objectives

- Provide a platform for young people to have their views heard and acted upon
- Showcase the amazing talents of young people through events and media
- **Develop better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations**
- Recognise the impact of teachers, youth workers and other supporting adults on young people's lives
- Provide opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities

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<http://yoyp2018.scot/>

Channel 4 documentary (1&2nd Aug 2017) - #oldpeopleshomes4yo

Pre-schoolers share their classroom with pensioners for six weeks. What impact does this intergenerational experiment have on the health and happiness of the older group?

If you missed #OldPeoplesHome4yo last night, you can catch up here @Channel4.

<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/old-peoples-home-for-4-year-olds>

Young Start set for a refresh

The Young Start fund has been paused to review and reshape the fund. The fund should reopen in Spring 2018, and will continue to distribute money from dormant bank accounts.

Amazing Things list key features of a range of youth awards.

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/amazing-things>

Community Achievement Awards

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/community-achievement-awards>

Sharing and networking

- Alison is attending a meeting of the Positive Ageing Group in Kirkwall on Friday 1st December to give an overview on the local network
- Linsey & Arlene updated members on their various intergenerational projects and outings, which consisted of gardening activities, arts n crafts, day trips, knitting. Linsey mentioned that they would also like to make their health walk more intergenerational and explore the potential of creating a bike project similar to [Cycling without Age](#). There are over 200 people currently involved in intergenerational work with VAO.
- RVS are keen to set up an intergenerational project between a nursery and a car home. They are also keen to recruit younger volunteers.
- A few members talked about a need to hold a local intergenerational award ceremony celebrating the great projects already taking place across the Isles.
- Helen mentioned that Stromness Academy finishes at 2pm on a Friday afternoon, which presents a great opportunity to organise an intergenerational project at this time. The school has problems with transport, which is holding them back from taking pupils out into the community however Helen mentioned that they should now maybe look at how they can attract older people to come into the school. Helen mentioned a boat-building project in Stromness. Could be an opportunity to develop a project around the inner courtyard, which has recently been opened up.
- Kerry reported that there were lots happening within CLD however none being labelled as intergenerational work.
- Rob is working with a men's shed and is keen for some intergenerational work to take place.

Next meeting:

- Wednesday 30th May 2017, 1.30pm – 3.30pm, Eunson Kloss, Sunnybrae Centre, 1 Eunson Kloss. Kirkwall, KW15 1BF
- Friday 9th November 2018, 1.30 – 3.30pm, Stromness Academy, Stromness (TBC)