

## Shetland Network Meeting

Date: 30th November 2017

Venue: Mareel, Lerwick



**In attendance:** Neil Pearson (Voluntary Action). Moira Bell (Royal Voluntary Service), Denise Nicolson (Adult learning), Elaine Nisbet (Shetland Befriending), Martin Summers & Stuart (Youth Development), Stephanie Bain (Disability Shetland), Cara McDiarmid (SADA) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Judith Fenton (SIC), Cheryl Simpson (Bell's Brae Primary), Laura Whittall (Shetland Dementia), Ayesha Huda (VAS), Cllr Theo Smith, Cllr Allison Duncan & Ann Williamson (Alzheimer Scotland)

### **GWT national update:**

**International Certificate in Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** – The next 6-week course commences on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and finishes on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

The recently postponed one day training course will hopefully take place later in 2018:

<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.

### **Channel 4 documentary (1&2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

**Presentation** - Martin Summers, Youth Development Worker.

Martin presented 'The Year of Young People 2018', which 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.

A year long programme of events and activities will give young people from 8 -26 the opportunity to get involved in local events, blogs, awards etc. There are 30 young ambassadors in Shetland.

#### 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

<http://yoyp2018.scot/>

There are a number of projects young people will be involved in:

- ScotWord – young people are voting on the word that they think best describes Scotland. The winning word will light up the sky at Hogmanay in Edinburgh. Thousands of torch bearers will lead the procession and spell out the word to mark the start of Scotland's Year of Young People in 2018.
- Viking Bus Station Mural – young people working with the amenity Trust to refresh mural. A competition will be run to find the winning graffiti design.
- National Theatre Scotland visiting Shetland to work with young people from Unst and Lerwick
- The main event is The Big Take Over. On 14 – 16 Sept local organisations and amenities will hand over facilities e.g. Mareel, The Garrison Theatre, Clickimin Leisure Centre and the Library and young people will organise and run these facilities during the three days. A number of events will take place during this period. To remove barriers and enable all young people to take part, overnight accommodation will be provided for people coming from the further afield, and wristbands will be issued for the 3 day period so all young people can access events.

Martin's presentation sparked a lot of discussion around potential opportunities for intergenerational work.

**Action:** The decision was to invite interested network members to meet together in January with the idea of planning an event, which we could organise but link in with the YOYP. **Neil, Cara, Stephanie, Moira, Denise and Elaine will get involved.**

**Action:** Alison to investigate possibility of funding a short film re what young people have learned from older people in the process of the big take over (concentrating on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> objective mentioned above).

#### Next meeting:

- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, 9.30 – 11/30pm, Islesburgh Community Centre, King Harald St, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0EQ
- Thursday 8th November 2018, 1.30 – 3.30pm, Lerwick (TBC)