

In attendance: Coreen Knight (Greener Melrose), Cllr Shona Haslam, Cllr Elaine Thornton-Nicol, Rita Docherty (Burnfoot Community School), Jillian Scott (SBC), Susan Law, (Earlston Youth Catchment), Allison Moffat (First Nursery), Angela Douglas (Salvation Army), Michelle Strong (Education Dept.) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Eileen Clark (A Greener Melrose), Cllr George Turnbull, Cllr Jim Brown, Cllr David Parker, Cllr Debbi McCall, Clare Ramage & Heather Anderson (Scottish Borders Council),

GWT national update:

GWT Conference 2018 – presentations are now available to view on the website:

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/gwt-national-conference-2018/>

Recognition Awards 2018 – winners include:

- New intergenerational (IG) project (Less than 12 months) – ‘Blethering Buddies Harris’ Academy
- Established IG project (Greater than 1 year) – ‘Back to Life’ Newbyres Nursery and Newbyres Village Care Home
- Building successful partnerships through IG work – Intergenerational Befriending Caithness
- Yvonne Coull, Local Network Coordinators Award – Louisa Turner, Fife Intergenerational Network

Certificates of outstanding contribution were also awarded to:

- New IG project (Less than 12 months) – ‘Difference in Age and Time’ Balhousie Primary School
- Building successful partnerships through IG work – ‘Old’s Cool IG Project’ Citadel Youth Centre

GWT is looking to recruit a **volunteer coordinator/s for the Scottish Borders network**. Two people came forward for more information at the last meeting. Alison however hasn’t been able to contact the people interested and is asking for those interested to please get in touch with her at alison@generationsworkingtogether.org as soon as possible.

BBC Alba is making a documentary this **Spring/Summer** about **Intergenerational projects in Scotland** and is looking for Gaelic speakers with strong stories to tell. For further details contact Elly Welch, Filmmaker/Journalist on 01851 705638 / 07884 265035.

Intergenerational Housing

Emma Garland, Business Assurance Officer for Ongo Home –Emma was awarded a prestigious Winston Churchill fellowship for her research project looking at examples of intergenerational living schemes in the USA.

Why?

The youngest & oldest sections of our society are facing the greatest housing challenges today. Young people are struggling to afford a place of their own and homelessness is set to increase with the removal of automatic Governmental housing support for 18-21 year olds. Conversely we have an increasingly older population with limited housing options for whom loneliness and isolation are real problems. Intergenerational living (old & young living side by side) provides a real solution to the issues faced by both groups.

Aim

The concept of intergenerational housing is not well known in the UK and no purpose-built projects exist. A scheme called Homeshare exists in the south of England, but this is limited to an elder person offering accommodation to a younger person at a reduced rate in exchange for some support. I aim to show that developing planned co-housing with shared facilities can invoke a sense of community where older people can benefit from reduced levels of loneliness and isolation & increased levels of civic participation, while younger generations can also benefit in similar ways & through the provision of affordable housing. I would like to change attitudes and values, and contribute to the debate about the type of housing we should be planning and building.

Edinburgh Development Group has funding to run a Homeshare scheme in Edinburgh, initially it was for people with disabilities however they have found this extremely difficult and hope to make their first match with an older person shortly.

EDG Homeshare are still looking for people who want to live with an adult with disabilities or an older person in exchange for free accommodation. The student will provide 10 hours of support a week which can include assistance with shopping, cooking and companionship. If you are interested you can contact the Homeshare team on 0131 476 0522 <http://www.edg-sco.org/>

Co-housing in Scotland

Here they are: <https://www.facebook.com/choisscoho/>

Cohousing in Southern Scotland - Choiss - Home www.facebook.com

Famous co-Housing project (at least in Berlin), and a co-Housing Home Pages:

[Www.Cohousing-Berlin.de](http://www.Cohousing-Berlin.de) [Www.Cohousing-cultures.net](http://www.Cohousing-cultures.net)

Sorry, but only in German...

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited) £50 per person

To book a place on the courses below or to see the learning outcomes please click on the link below:

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

- Tuesday 11th Sep 2018 at Rowlands, 24 West Port, Selkirk, TD7 4DG
- Wednesday 3rd Oct 2018 at Media Room of General Register House, 2 Princes Street, EH1 3YY

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) will run Tuesday 23rd Oct to Monday 3rd Dec 2018. Further details and costings will be circulated in July. Approximate cost £150. The course is not profit making however it has to be cost recoverable.

Intergenerational workplaces

GWT invited a variety of private sector businesses to a workshop, the aim being to discuss issues relating to intergenerational practice in the workplace. In essence this means issues which arise as a result of not only having an ageing workforce, but particularly the resulting increased gap between the oldest and youngest employees. We hope to address not only the difficulties, but also the potential benefits and opportunities that might arise in an intergenerational workplace.

The session is being followed up another workshop involving GWT members at the national conference. Findings will then be collated and a plan to help resolve the issues possibly by offering an inquiry of the organisation to identify gaps and challenges and/or provide training to help organisations benefit from their intergenerational workforce.

Raising attainment in numeracy and literacy through intergenerational work

A GWT Development Officer has been recruited and is working within two schools in Perthshire. It's still very early days however 17 older volunteers have been recruited and the schools are reporting a significant impact has been made since the volunteers started to work with the children (January 2018). Check out the following link for further details and the short film from TCSOA.

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/perth-kinross-intergenerational-learning-event-03-11-2017>

The Journal of Intergenerational Relationships (JIR) is planning a special issue on Social Isolation and Loneliness to be published in 2019, guest edited by Alan Hatton-Yeo and Alison Clyde. We are currently seeking submissions for this special issue and have extended the deadline to Aug 31, 2018. <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/journal-of-intergenerational-relationships-13-03-2018>

Apples & Honey Nightingale House (Ali Somers) provide meaningful interaction between nursery children and elderly residents, enriching the lives of both. First official co-located nursery and care home. <https://www.applesandhoneynightingale.com/>

Sharing and networking –

- Bookbug for all: **Intergenerational Bookbug** in Ayrshire <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/intergenerational-singing-and-friendship-building-28-03-2018>
- **Food Transformation Fund** - The Fund has been designed in conjunction with the Independent Short-Life Working Group on Food Poverty which was commissioned by Scottish Ministers to identify the issues which push people into food poverty and make recommendations on how they can be addressed. Out of 22 projects one has been funded with an intergenerational focus. Reports will be out near summer with a potential second round of funding.
- Burnfoot Primary involved in a paired reading project. There is much more work needed done to connect generations in family learning however they are keen to develop more ideas.
- The new **Jedburgh Intergenerational Community Campus** is scheduled to open March 2020 with children using the centre from April 2020. The campus will house flexible working spaces, shared resources and have a recreational community hub. Education will be offered to all ages and the spaces will be used for all members of the community involving a library and a café. **Michelle reported that she would ensure GWT were included in the mailing list from SBC.** Alison mentioned a few examples of intergenerational learning projects and co-located spaces from across the globe. Alison is happy to share examples and ideas with the team involved in planning activities in the campus when they are ready to do so.
- Abbotsford House involved in a project with Primary School pupils about Walter Scott. A newspaper has been created. The project has broken down prejudices between the generations.
- The Red Cross are keen to do intergenerational work and are looking at different ideas.
- Salvation Army have a gardening project.
- Greener Melrose recruited young people to join their group and have been running a six week pilot project with five young people and five members of the Greener Melrose group. Together they are visiting orchards & gardens, looking at food waste, planting and weeding. Stereotypes were discussed during the first session. The group plan to have a celebration on food at the end.
- A local nursery is now working with Bonny Peebles Gardening group.

Next meeting: Wednesday 29th August 2018, 10:30am - 12:30pm, Peebles or Eyemouth - venue TBC