

## Scottish Borders Network Meeting

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 **Venue:** Community Centre, Peebles



**In attendance:** Richard McDowell (CLD), Cllr George Turnbull, Susan Ward (Kingsland Primary), Lesley Munro (Estates Officer), Margaret Smail (CLD) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

**Apologies:** Jillian Scott (SBC), Coreen Knight (Earlston Learning Community), Alison Moffat (First Nursery), Cllr Scott Hamilton & Cllr Elaine Thornton-Nicol + Eileen Clark (A Greener Melrose)

### **GWT national update:**

#### **New staff members**

GWT have recently recruited two new Network Development Officers, Marion Wahle who is covering six networks in the North East of Scotland and Josh Brown who is covering seven networks in the West of Scotland.

### **Using an IG approach in end of life care – research study (Forth Valley)**

Dr Liz Forbat, Associate Professor in Ageing, University of Stirling is applying for funding to run a research study looking at how an intergenerational approach could be used in end of life care. It is hoped that this study would commence October 2019.

### **Intergenerational workshop for early year's practitioners - Monday 27th Aug 2018**

The workshop was aimed at early years practitioners who are involved in intergenerational projects or who would like to develop projects however have faced barriers. GWT is looking to produce a new publication – An Intergenerational Guide for Early Years Practitioners

The publication will provide guidance on:

- planning an intergenerational project and setting appropriate outcomes
- what activities work and don't work
- ideas on who to connect with to create new partnerships
- benefits of intergenerational work for early years
- evaluating and measuring the impact

A similar workshop will be run on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1.30 – 4.30pm, Glasgow for care home/day care and sheltered housing staff to contribute **to another new intergenerational guide.**

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/intergenerational-workshop-for-care-homes-04-10-2018>

**International Intergenerational Research Group – Scotland meeting planned for Wednesday 7th November 2018, 10:30am - 1:30pm, Glasgow.** GWT is hosting a similar meeting to that held in June by Ali Somers, Co-Founder of the Apples and Honey Nightingale in London to gather thoughts and ideas for direction and collaboration between practitioners, policy makers, academics and researchers in Scotland and possibly wider afield (UK and Europe). Our aim is to connect practitioners, policy makers, academics and researchers who are actively or interested in investigating the impact of intergenerational work/relationships on both younger and older aged participants to come together.

**GWT Annual National Conference - Wednesday 6th March 2019, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.**  
**Recognition Awards 2018** will open in November 2018.

The **Intergenerational Leadership Institute (ILI)** is a certificate-training program developed by Penn State University for older adults seeking new lifelong learning experiences, skills and volunteer opportunities to contribute to innovation and change in their communities through an intergenerational perspective. ILI functions as a sort of incubator for creating and sustaining new intergenerational programs at local level. After attending the ILI yearlong program, older participants will have the skills to lead concrete intergenerational plans, programs and campaigns.

Generations Working Together will be attending the training course in November and is looking for someone who works for an older people's organisation to accompany GWT on the training course. The ultimate goal is to bring the knowledge back to Scotland to work together to look at ways GWT could support older people's groups and how you can deliver this training to older people seeking new lifelong learning experiences, skills and volunteer opportunities to contribute to innovation and change in their communities. You will need to cover your own travel and accommodation costs however GWT will cover one person's course fee which will include training materials, two lunches, three coffee breaks and your final certificate from Pennsylvania State University, USA.

### **Intergenerational Education in Spanish Primary Schools**

Generations Working Together has a close partnership with the University of Granada and will be attending the following seminar hosted by Professor Mariano Sanchez to hear the results of the intergenerational school research project, Colegio Intergeneracional which is based on the Cleveland intergenerational school model.

GWT has been allocated two spaces and is looking for someone within Education in Scotland who would like to attend the seminar on the 22 & 23rd November 2018 in Granada, Spain along with Alison Clyde, GWT. We are looking for someone who has a real interest in developing intergenerational work within primary schools who can come back to Scotland and share their new knowledge to education colleagues within their local authority area and wider with a view to creating more intergenerational projects within Scottish schools. You would need to be able to cover your travel and accommodation costs (however refreshments, lunch and dinner on Thursday 22nd November will be included within the free seminar).

**Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited (£75 - Full / £50 Concession)** planned for

- 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2108, 10am – 4pm in the media Room of general register House, 2 Princess Street, EH1
- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 10am-3pm at Campbeltown Grammar School, Hutcheon Rd, Campbeltown PA28 6JS

To book a place on the courses detailed below or to see the learning outcomes please click on the link below: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/>

**International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** – 6-week online course will run again starting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and finishing on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/international-certificate-in-intergenerational-learning-2nd-edition-23-10-2018>

## Ideas for Intergenerational Work

**Inspiring Purpose:** Between the Generations enables young people to explore the history and events of the First World War, as well as the character strengths and values required to get through this tough time, through discussions and working together with a partner from a different generation. This project creates a bond and relationship 'between the generations' and brings everyone together. The programme is ideal for young people under the age of 16 but must be completed with a partner from an older generation.

### Intergenerational Writing Campaign – Scottish Book Trust

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/intergenerational-rebel-writing-campaign-31-08-2018>

### Sharing and networking –

- Lesley provided an update on the new Jedburgh Intergenerational Community Campus which is due to open in March 2020. It is planned that classes will be open to all ages therefore older people will be able to go into the secondary classes and learn for example, French. There have already been community discussions, at one meeting they met an older person who is a seamstress who is now looking to contribute to teaching a part of the curriculum. It is hoped that some of the older members of the community will be able to help plan and deliver parts of the curriculum alongside teachers (men's sheds). Alison asked if Lesley thought someone from Education/Council would like to come along to GWT's national conference in Glasgow on the 6th March to speak about the plans of the new campus.  
**Action:** Alison to invite Donna Manson.
- Alison mentioned that there is a Cycling without Age project in Peebles however they are having a break at the moment due to time commitments of the captain.  
**Action:** Alison will send an invite to the next meeting in November.
- Alison mentioned that GWT is looking to recruit a new volunteer coordinator for the Scottish Borders area. If anyone is interested, please contact [alison@generationsworkingtogether.org](mailto:alison@generationsworkingtogether.org)  
**Action:** Marion will get in contact with Rita Doherty to ask if she would be keen to take on the role since retiring.
- Richard suggested contacting Galashiels Academy to ask if they would consider hosting the next network meeting in November.
- Kingsland Primary have a real interest in intergenerational work and is keen to plan more projects.
- A weeklong celebration is being planned connecting generations. There will be a strong intergenerational element within the activities.
- A local primary has been developing a P5 knitting project and would like to embed the project further.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 10.30am – 12.30pm, Community Centre Langlee, Marigold Drive, Galashiels, TD1 2LP