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Scottish Borders Network Meeting
Date: 10th January 2019  Venue: Galashiels

In attendance: Allison Moffat (First Step), Cllr Andy Anderson, Cllr George Turnbull, Coreen Knight (SBC), Pauline Grigor (The Bridge) & Alison Clyde (GWT)

Apologies: Louise Rawkins (Galashiels Academy), Lorraine Anderson, Euan Jardine (SBC), Lynn Marshall (SBC)

GWT national update:

The new publication for early learning and childcare practitioners will be officially launched at this year’s conference on the 6th March. GWT will then work on the care publication which will be launched later in the year.

GWT Annual National Conference - Wednesday 6th March 2019, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

Recognition Awards 2018
This year there are five award categories:
1. Most innovative project
2. Most improved project
3. Award for promoting achievement and attainment in education
4. Award for contribution to reducing loneliness and isolation
5. Intergenerational volunteer of the year

To apply, please find the Awards Guidelines and the applications on the GWT website. Deadline for applications: Friday, 1st February 2019.

The awards will be presented at our 2019 National Conference in Glasgow on Wednesday 6th March.

Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited) (£75 - Full / £50 Concession) planned for
- Thursday 21st February 2019, Banchory Primary School, Alloa Road, Tullibody, FK10 2TF
- Wednesday 3rd April 2019, The Crichton Trust, Grierson House, The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries, DG1 4ZE

To book a place on the courses detailed below or to see the learning outcomes please click here.

International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL) – Edition 3 will run from Tuesday 23rd April – Monday 3rd June 2019 (Cost - £150) – registration is now open.

A Guide for Older People – Intergenerational Activity – How to be part of it and why.
Published by St Monica’s Trust – a lovely booklet written for older people and why they should take part in an intergenerational activity.

Order your copy from https://www.stmonicatrust.org.uk/guide?gclid=CjwKCAjw39reBRBJEiwAO1m0OZJx4qrC7HcDYd8RMyhP3TpAR2HLZuJSQ0qZ67Zb8n211nHMGGUZfoCpBsQA$vD_BwE

BBC Alba – documentary – Available till 29th November 2018
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0000y38

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Older people’s homes for 4 year olds – series 2
https://www.channel4.com/programmes/old-peoples-home-for-4-year-olds

That Age Old Question report
The findings of this new report reveal that ageist views are held across the generations, and that an ageing society is viewed by many as a challenge rather than an opportunity. We are making a number of recommendations aimed at addressing some of the key drivers and negative consequences of societal ageism.
https://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/that-age-old-question

Voting members
GWT is looking for two Scottish Borders members to represent the network at this year’s AGM on Wednesday 6th March held during the lunch time slot at the conference in Glasgow. At present I have Lynn Marshall and Lorraine Anderson noted however this was for last year. Please get in touch if you would like to attend.

Ideas and information shared
- Andy is keen to hear more about intergenerational housing and mentioned a recent conference he attended down in Newcastle.
- First Step Nursery continue to develop their intergenerational work with the Dovecot Care Home with 2 weekly visits (now running for over 1½ years).
- Under Duns – Coldstream Intergenerational IT Café, run in partnership with Connect Berwickshire Youth Project and Coldstream Community Trust. The project runs in 6-week blocks and trains young people to deliver café/catering/customer services and support with IT leaning to older people once a week, for 3 hours, building their communication and employability skills while supporting older residents with developing IT skills and reducing tension. The project tends to engage with 3 young people on any given block and about 15 older people.
- Gala Academy are looking at developing work with Gala Men’s Shed, there has been an initial meeting with some young men at the Men’s Shed and they are liaising with the pastoral team to take this forward.
- Earlston Learning Community – Intergenerational involvement is one of the CLD Learning Community Partnership priorities
- Hawick – HLN – P7 older community – coffee mornings & quiz

The Scottish Borders Council Strategic Plan 2018 – 2023 highlights the new intergenerational learning campus in Jedburgh, one of the first of its kind in Scotland. Lesley Munro has agreed to give a presentation on the campus at GWT’s national conference on the 6th March 2019.

Next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2019, 10.00 – 12.00noon, Eyemouth Community Centre, Albert Rd, Eyemouth, TD14 5DE