

Dundee & Angus Network Meeting

Date: 1st March 2019 **Venue:** Voluntary Action, Angus

In attendance: Bobbi Murray (Voluntary Action Angus), Karen Boath (Harris Academy), Cllr Lynne Devine & Cllr Julie Bell (Angus Council), Caitlyn Cooper-McCulloch & Shonagh Ferguson (GWT Network Coordinators), Kerri Abbott (Morgan Academy), Jay Yacamini (Community High School), Maureen O'Reilly & Alison Clyde (GWT).

Apologies: Lynn Devine (Angus Council), M-C McNally (Monifieth High School), Jim Coyle (Hayshead Primary), Emma Roberts (Balhousie Care), Graham Hewitson (GWT Trustee), Cllr Duff, Ron McLaren (Humanism in Scotland) & Julie Muir (VAD).

GWT national update:

Due to issues around reduced funding from the Government, GWT has had to make the difficult decision to reduce the number of local networks from 22 to 18. This means that Dundee & Angus will be merging with Perth & Kinross and will be renamed Tayside. The 3-4 meetings planned each year will move around the different areas with each area hosting at least one meeting per year.

GWT Annual National Conference 2019, presentations are now available online:

www.generationsworkingtogether.org

Annual Recognition Awards presented at this year's conference included:

1. **Most innovative project** presented by Jackie Kay, Scottish Makar

Winner – Barrowland Ballet: Wolves

Highly Commended – Fashion School Ltd, Dunbar and Connect the Elderly Penpal Project

2. **Most improved project** presented by Jackie Kay, Scottish Makar

Winner – Care Inspectorate

Highly Commended – Anam Cara's Wee Pals and Dunbar Grammar School

3. **Award for promoting achievement and attainment in education** presented by Lesley Munro, Children & Young People, Scottish Borders Council

Winner – Care Inspectorate

Highly Commended – Sanderson's Wynd Primary School

4. **Award for contribution to reducing loneliness and isolation** presented by the Minister for Older People and Equalities, Christina McKelvie MSP

Winner – Fashion School Ltd, Dunbar

Highly Commended – Raploch Community Partnership and Contact the Elderly Penpal Project

5. **Intergenerational volunteer of the year** presented by Natasha Gilmore, Barrowland Ballet

Winner – Elizabeth Sime, Connecting Generations, Perth Grammar School

Highly Commended – Ben Stewart, Lenzie Academy and Sheila Campbell, St Columba's School

6. **The Yvonne Coull, Local Network Coordinator Award** presented by Natasha Gilmore, Barrowland Ballet

Winner – Sue Northrop, East Lothian Network

Certificate of Merit – Ashleigh MacCaskill, Western Isles Network and Linsey Drever, Orkney Isles Network

The new [publication for early learning and childcare practitioners](#) was launched at this year's conference. GWT will then work on the care publication which will be launched later in the year. **A black & white, no photo's copy will also be available to share online on the website.**

[Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers \(CPD Accredited \(£75 - Full / £50 Concession\)\)](#) planned for:

- **10th May 2019** - Routes to Work South, 1-15 Main Street Cambuslang G72 7EX (TBC)
- **Friday 17th May 2019**, 11.30am – 4pm, Kirkwall Library, 44 Junction Road, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1AG
- **5th June**, 10am – 4pm, Inverkeithing High School, Hillend Road, KY11 1PL (Date TBC shortly)

[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 - Order your copy from

[Care Inspectorate new publication – Bringing Generations Together](#)

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.

A Connected Scotland – The Scottish Government's strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger social connections

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/5c19203b1a7a0-A%20Connected%20Scotland%20-%20dec%202018.pdf>

Mono/multi and inter generations and challenges training created interesting dialogue. Members can download a copy from the network page.

Local Update

- The Big Lunch Takeover aims to dramatically increase participation in The Big Lunch in Dundee, paving the way for other Scottish cities to follow suit in future years. The objective is for 500 big lunch events to be organised across the city in 2019 growing to 1000 in 2020. The Big lunch is a great opportunity to get people of different generations together whether it is part of an intergenerational project or to bring people together to look at developing intergenerational collaborations. More details on network page.
- Idea to connect with community centres as they can be the hub of the community
- Jay is leading on an initiative called the 'Grow up project' which works with young people looking at housing, mortgages, loans, universal credit etc.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be chaired by Alison Clyde with support from the three coordinators, Georgia, Caitlyn & Shonagh.

- Monday 10th June 2019, 11am – 1pm – The Circle, 4-6 Staffa Pl, Dundee DD2 3SX