Highlands Network Meeting  
**Date:** Monday 25th March 2019  
**Venue:** Fort William

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**In attendance:** Steven Henderson (Age Scotland), Lucy Cooke (HTSI), Anne Nicholson (High Life Highland), Alison Clyde (GWT), Lara Anne Van de Peer (Care Lochaber) & Sarah Bowyer (Scottish Health Council).

**Apologies:** Cllr John Finlayson, Cllr Margaret Davidson, Cllr Carolyn Caddick, Cllr Angela MacLean, Anne McDonald (HSCN), Jayne MacIntosh & Jaci Douglas (Care and Learning Alliance), Marion Smith (Kinlochleven Community Trust), Margaret Mulholland (Highland Council), Wendy Ross (Royal Voluntary Service), Jackie Steel (Youth highland) and Lynn MacAllister (Lochaber High School).

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**GWT national update:**

GWT Conference March 2019 – presentations now on the website.  

**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

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**The new publication for early learning and childcare practitioners was** launched and is available under resources on the GWT website. **A black & white, text only copy with larger print is also available online (no photos).**
Intergenerational Training Course for Practitioners and Trainers (CPD Accredited) planned for:

- **September 2019 (Date TBC)**, Inverkeithing High School, Hillend Road, KY11 1PL (Date TBC shortly)
- **Tuesday 24th September**, The Crichton Trust, Grierson House, Dumfries

**International Certificate on Intergenerational Learning (ICIL)** – Edition 4 will run from Tuesday 22nd October – Monday 3rd December 2019 (Cost - £160 for members) – 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 [https://www.stmonicatrust.org.uk/guide?gclid=CjwKCAjw39reBRBJEiwAO1m0OZJx4qrC7HcDYd8RMyp3TpaR2HLZuJSQ0qz67zb8n211nHmgGUZfoCpBvQAvD_BwE](https://www.stmonicatrust.org.uk/guide?gclid=CjwKCAjw39reBRBJEiwAO1m0OZJx4qrC7HcDYd8RMyp3TpaR2HLZuJSQ0qz67zb8n211nHmgGUZfoCpBvQAvD_BwE)

**Care Inspectorate new publication** – Bringing Generations Together [https://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/care-inspectorate-new-intergenerational-publication](https://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/care-inspectorate-new-intergenerational-publication)

**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](https://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/5c19203b1a7a0-A%20Connected%20Scotland%20-%20Dec%202018.pdf)

**Local Update**

- Jayne sends apologies however plans to attend the next meeting in June. Jayne’s childcare centre Junior World were delighted to be recognised in the Care Inspectorate newsletter. They continue to develop their intergenerational work and now visit 3 centres from Junior World and another managed centre in Nairn (a Gaelic group) attend a sheltered housing complex in Nairn every 2nd week. Jayne is currently completing her last module of her Childhood Practice degree and is excited to be focusing her small research project on the possible impacts for children who regularly attend Care Homes.
- Steven mentioned they were working with the young cadets (Army/Navy and Airforce) and veterans around digital skills.
- Laura mentioned that the Dail Mhor Care Home had reopened for respite and that they were doing digital storytelling (Mhor Collective)
- It was suggested GWT connect with the health and social care hub

**Next meeting**: Monday 17th June 2019, 1:00pm - 3:00pm at Highland Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX,