

Orkney Network Meeting

Date: Tuesday 24th May 2022



In attendance: Emma Gee (Orkney Islands Council), Kasia Barnett, Charlotte Spence & Pamela Scott (Voluntary Action Orkney), Stephen Gough (Orkney Library & Archive), Alison Clyde (GWT), Kirstie Moar (Orkney Islands Council), Emily Dennison, Glaitness Nursery & Kim McIntosh (Early Years Team)

Apologies: Helen Woodsford-Dean, Cllr James Stockton & Cllr Rachel King

GWT welcome: Alison (GWT) provided an update which included information around Global Intergenerational Week and 2022's [Excellence Award Winners](#) detailed below.

Global Intergenerational Week took place between the 25th April – 1st May 2022

- Members were encouraged to sign up as supporters and take part.
- Live events were held, toolkits and photo competition launched, research shared, live conversations and debates took place, and there was a social media campaign on [Twitter](#), Facebook, You Tube, Tik Tok, Instagram and [LinkedIn](#)
- Involving 11 countries, Australia, Canada, America, Mexico, UK, Ireland, Sweden and Spain
- National and local organisations taking part 177 have already signed up our target is for 200+

Themes included:

- Monday 25th April - Let's reconnect - funding forum
- Tuesday 26th April - Let's combat Loneliness and Isolation - Training and Excellence Award presentation
- Wednesday 27th April – Let's celebrate IG spaces - Forth Valley network meeting and Canadian and UK forum,
- Thursday 28th April - Let's inform our futures - training, award presentation and Scottish Parliament debate 12.45pm – 1.30
- Friday 29th April - Let's celebrate intergenerational solidarity Launch of our new play and story toolkit and building an intergenerational board conversation.
- Saturday 30th April - Let's break down age barriers – online
- Sunday 1st May – Recap and thank you

Excellence Awards 2022

1. Creative use of space and place

This award recognises projects that make creative use of spaces and places to connect generations in mutually beneficial relationships.

Winner – Poetic Pathways (Paisley, Renfrewshire)

Highly recommended: Stroll in the Park with Springfield Primary (Dumfries)

2. Creative use of technologies

This award recognises projects that have embraced diverse technologies and used them creatively to connect all ages together in mutually beneficial activities and intergenerational relationships.

Winner – Community Chorus Online – Raploch Partnership

Highly Commended: Well walkers Wednesday singalong (Moray)

3. Enabling inclusive communities

This award recognises projects and initiatives that have made particular efforts to challenge ageism and promote age-friendly diversity and inclusion in communities.

Winner – Young people at the heart of Intergenerational work (Black Isle, Highlands)

Highly Commended: Menzieshill House and Tagsa Uibhis Community Gardens

4. Social Justice and dignity

This award recognises projects that tackle adversity and promote fairness and human rights through intergenerational practice and relationships.

Winner – Citadel Love Stories (Edinburgh) LGBT plus younger and older people love and relationships and what it means to them

5. Tackling Climate Change

This is a new award created during COP26 in order to encourage intergenerational solidarity to tackle climate change. The award is open for projects and initiatives that connect generations through green activities such as community gardening, green initiatives in local communities and campaigning.

Winner – Edinburgh Garden Partners

Highly Commended – Sewing2tgether all nations (Renfrewshire)

Other GWT info:

GWT have welcomed two new staff members: Lorraine George (Learning and Development Officer) and Ross Crawford (Funding Bid Writer) - Kate Samuels our Policy and Communications Officer has also recently left for a promoted post.

It is hoped that on Wednesday 8th March 2023 GWT will host their first face to face Conference in Glasgow since before the pandemic.

Lorraine George started with GWT back in October 2021 and has been busy developing our **learning and training programme** which includes the following:

- [International Certificate in Intergenerational Practice edition 2](#) starts 3rd October till end of November 2022, Cost: Member £210 non-member £250
- [Five free short online courses](#) – register through **GWT website**
- [One day courses](#) – face to face and online £70-member, £100-non-member – Courses planned for after summer in Renfrewshire, Edinburgh, Dumfries and planning others in Shetland, Orkney and online.
- A **6-weeks Scouting project** is being piloted by the scouts during the summer months
- A **primary school training module** and teacher publication has been written and is being piloted this year.

Newly published toolkit - [Play and Storytelling](#): connecting generations the intergenerational way

Update and discussion

- The team from Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) shared stories from their intergenerational work which included: Care Home TV - Brain Cromarty delivers a one-hour TV programme each week to care homes which often involves a live quiz prepared by pupils. Adult befriending is looking to run a project around improving confidence and communication skills with a small group of older people and young people aged 14-16 years. Lunch groups are starting to operate intergenerationally again with new ideas coming to the fore.
- Pamela Scott (VAO) expressed an interest in finding out more about GWT's (Volunteer) Network Coordinator position – Alison to contact with more detail.
- A few people had undertaken the one-day intergenerational training course however it was agreed that a one-day course later in the year could be of benefit for Orkney members. Alison

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to organise – confirmed for **Tuesday 1st November, 11am – 5pm, Orkney Library & Archive.** Further details and registration can be [found here](#).

- Kim is going to connect with Lorraine George to discuss a 2-hour training opportunity which could be made available to early years staff possibly during an in-service day.
- Kim mentioned that intergenerational projects were being planned again for the next academic session (song time in Rousay)
- Kirsty mentioned that the staff at Smiddybrae House would be keen to speak with anyone who would like to do some intergenerational work with the residents. Very keen to speak with Brain re Care Home TV. They are planning a nursery children and residents projects shortly.
- Emily mentioned their plans of bringing together early years children and over 60's to work on an community garden where they hoped to meet weekly to form relationships and friendships.

Future dates

Network meeting - Tuesday 4th October 11am – 1pm, Orkney Library & Archive, 44 Junction Rd, Kirkwall – to register [click here](#).

Intergenerational Training for Trainers and Practitioners, Tuesday 1st November 11am – 5pm, Orkney Library & Archive, 44 Junction Rd, Kirkwall KW15 1AG – For more details and to register [click here](#).