



## Orkney Isles Network Meeting

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Carnegie Room, Orkney Library, 44 Junction Road, Kirkwall, KW15 1AG

**Welcome to:** Pamela Scott, Denise Cursiter, Cllr Heather Woodbridge, Mark Smith, Cllr Rachael King, Steph Helliwell, Emma Gee, Lynda Heddle, Cllr John Ross Scott, Kim McIntosh, Louisa Turner

**Apologies from:** Alison Clyde, Cllr James Stocken, Cllr Gillian Skuse, Jenna Johnston, Alison Meason

**Introductions** and status of intergenerational journeys were made around the table.

**Reflections** from attendees were given from One Day Training held 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. Present at the meeting were a few people who had attended this training and were happy to report that they all enjoyed it and felt it was worthwhile, learning so much and being able to use their learning in a practical fashion.

**National Intergenerational News** please see separate attachment for more details.

- GWT Annual Conference Feedback
- GWT Excellence Awards
- Global Intergenerational Week 24-30<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- National Lottery Community Fund – Creating Intergenerational Communities – everyone took part in an activity thinking about the future National Intergenerational Quality Standards. Discussion was had on the adoption of such Standards and the evaluation of intergenerational projects.
- Other organisations

### Orkney Isles Network Update

Pamela shared about the project which she has been involved with – school children and older people playing board games. Pamela had followed information gleaned from Generations Working Together resources as well as from the one-day training, to create an intergenerational project from her initial idea.

Pamela followed instructions from planning through to evaluation and had gathered some valuable evidence showing the positive impact which an intergenerational project has on changing preconceived stereotypes, confidence building and well being of participants. In depth details of Pamela's project can be found in a separate attachment.

Steph shared about the power of dance changing lives and her projects involving young dancers supporting older people with dementia. Steph was enthusiastic about taking her intergenerational model into care homes and to the wider community. Lynda from Smiddybrae House Care Home reiterated the positive impact the interactions had on the residents.

There was discussion on how intergenerational activities took place organically on the Orkney Isles, and various activities were shared. The discussions were also counter discussed by those who had attended the one-day training as they stated that the activities which took place on the islands were more multigenerational rather than intergenerational. Further discussion was had and the possibilities of working collaboratively to create purposeful interactions.

**Who is missing from around the table?** Names were suggested and a call to Headteachers to attend was suggested for the next meeting. It was shared that all headteachers were invited to the meeting by Pamela. Louisa to contact them to see if there are obstacles which could be addressed to enable them to attend the meeting. There was a suggestion that at the next Network meeting that everyone brings someone new along.

**Takeaway Activity** please see separate attachment for an intergenerational activity that can help ease participants into a project.

**Any Other Business** Everyone left excited about the future of working together to bring young and old together in meaningful activities.

**Date of Next Meeting** will be in the Autumn, venue, and date to be confirmed.