



March 2011 Issue: **SCIP Newsletter**

News

1. Spring Seminar Series 'Developing intergenerational arts projects'

The theme for the 2011 Spring Seminar series will be 'Developing intergenerational arts projects' to be held during March and early April. The Seminars are aimed at community groups, schools and other practitioners. Using art as a tool, practitioners will learn methods of approach, artistic skills, how to set up and organise their own intergenerational arts event and how to promote and facilitate these events in their own community or organization. Dates and locations are detailed below.

Five seminars will be held throughout Scotland in March and April

Glasgow – Monday 21st March: 10am – 1pm

University of Strathclyde, Level 7, Room 7.52, 40 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1QE

Aberdeen – Monday 28th March: 10am – 1pm

Aberdeen Forward Sustainable Communities Centre, 2 Poyernook Rd, Aberdeen, AB11 5RW

Perth – Wednesday 30th March: 10am – 1pm

PKVAS, The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth, PH1 SPP

Edinburgh – Monday 4th April: 10am – 1pm

Citadel Youth Centre, 175 Commercial Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6JE

Kilmarnock and/or Stirling – early April: 10am – 1pm (Date & venue to be confirmed)

If you would like to book a training place, use the booking form in the events section of the website or please contact: scipadmin@strath.ac.uk.

2. SCIP: Celebrating Your Achievements - Local Events March & April 2011

The **Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice** was formally launched in February 2008 and we are planning to celebrate our 3rd birthday with a series of special events, highlighting some of the activities Scottish generations are working on together. Event information is detailed below.

SCIP members have organised a series of innovative and exciting events to demonstrate some of the intergenerational practice that has developed in their areas and to celebrate what has been achieved. Each event will promote a fun and different intergenerational activity

- **Generations Gardening Together:** an intergenerational environmental activity in Aberdeen. Friday 4th March from 10.15am to 3pm at VSA Easter Anguston Farm, Peterculter, Aberdeen AB14 0PJ
- **Generations Running Together:** more than 600 runners of all ages joining in the regular parkrun 5k timed events in Pollok Park, Glasgow, Strathclyde Country Park, Lanarkshire and Silverknowes Promenade, Edinburgh on Saturday 19th March at 9.30am. Participants need to register in advance on the parkrun website. Find out more at: <http://parkrun.com/home.aspx>

- **Generations Volunteering Together:** Young and old will work together to spring clean the beautiful and historic Cladh Hallan Beach by Askernish, South Uist, for the benefit of people of all ages, now and in the future, involving members of the local community and visitors. To be held Saturday 19th March from 12 noon to 3pm. Meet at St. Peter's Hall, Daliburgh, HS8 5TZ at noon, Contact Claire Scott on 01870602604 or e-mail uist@volunteeringwesternisles.co.uk
- **Generations Talking Together:** an intergenerational debate in Edinburgh, to be held between older people and young people organised by SCIP, City of Edinburgh Council and the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP).
To be held Tuesday 22nd March at 4.30pm in the Business Centre at Edinburgh City Chambers, 253 High St, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ. For more information contact scipadmin@strath.ac.uk
- **Generations Tiling Together:** participants of all ages will decorate one of a hundred ceramic tiles that will become part of a permanent mural display in the James Cameron Community Centre. To be held Friday 25th March at 11am in the James Cameron Community Centre, 14 Limetree Avenue, Inverness IV3 5RH
Contact information: Gail Smith, Centre Co-ordinator 01463 718733

We hope this series of high profile events will generate interest and improve understanding in the benefits of working across generations.

3. DWP Staff Volunteering Programme

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has an employee volunteering programme which gives staff the opportunity to work for a day (or possibly more) with voluntary organisations across Scotland that have links to the Department and its customers.

Called Community 10,000, the scheme exists to promote and deliver the DWP pledge to give 10,000 staff days to the community this year. The scheme is for all staff in the Department who want to learn more about our customers, make a real difference on behalf of charities and voluntary groups, or get involved in volunteering but aren't sure how to do it.

We have 10,000 staff days to offer - could your charity or voluntary community organisation benefit from DWP volunteers' support?

If so we would like to work with you.

Volunteering for Departmental staff can mean taking part in a wide range of activities. All Community 10,000 partners represent the interests of DWP customers, such as pensioners, lone parents, disabled people, children...

Placements have included staff working as assistants in day centres, hospices, charity shops, cafes, with carers' organisations, at homeless shelters and in major community projects such as the renovation of gardens and communal areas.

Whilst many staff volunteer for placements individually, there are often also opportunities to volunteer as a team with other groups of DWP Staff.

Interested? Want to find out more? To find out more contact:

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Resources

1. New SCIP publications

The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice has released two new publications.

An *Introduction to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme* explains the Protection for Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme that the Scottish Government will introduce in February. It gives an overview of the new scheme, explains some of the terminology used, clarifies who needs to join the scheme and gives information about how to join and fees. The document puts it in the context of intergenerational practice by providing relevant examples and explaining when it is necessary for someone to join the scheme. **The new system came into operation on 28 February 2011.**

http://www.scotcip.org.uk/SCIP_publications.html

The *Users Guide to Intergenerational Learning* outlines intergenerational learning and its importance with examples. It provides information about different kinds of intergenerational projects and a guide to planning intergenerational activity, with easy-to-follow lists and tables. It links it into the Curriculum for Excellence and provides examples and additional online resources.

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2. New report on *Intergenerational Place-based Education: where schools, communities, and nature meet* by Greg Mannion, Claire Adey and Jonathen Lynch, University of Stirling for Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice (2010). The report is an exploration of existing and future synergies between intergenerational practice, formal school-linked provisions and the field of place-focused approaches to education. http://www.scotcip.org.uk/SCIP_publications.html

Join the Scottish Intergenerational Network

You can receive regular updates from the Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice by joining the Scottish Intergenerational Network. Joining the Network is free, and you will receive the regular Newsletter, information on funding, meetings, new publications and updates on research and examples of best practice.

To join, simply email or write with details of your name, organisation and address.

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