

SCOTLAND'S GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER 2009 CONFERENCE

The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice



Ensuring safety & legal compliance in intergenerational activity ***Workshop E***

- Too reliant on the state to protect us – what about the knowledge in the community?
- To prevent bad practice the state has created a 'safety net' (bottom line requirement) that dumb down everything
- Isn't some bad practice (and risk) part of life – and that the price of trying to fix everything actually makes matters worse.
- We start to become concerned about rules that aren't even there.
- It all exists within a climate of excessive regulation in so many aspects of life.
- Impression that there are people employed to think up things we shouldn't be doing.
- Take a balanced view of risk – meaning the risk to older people as well as young.
- Are CRB checks an EU requirement or could the Scottish government opt out?
- Alternatively – to remove the obstacle/stigma – why not CRB check all adults every 5 years?
- The real paedophile will get through anything/system.
- Some projects find half way solutions – codes of conducts.
- Feeling that nothing can be done – so we give up.
- Advice available on this issue from ICP website – that is not just quoting the law or erring on the side of caution.