

GS Website a Big Hit

To herald the launch of the Scottish Family Health Study, the Generation Scotland website has been re-vamped, making it more accessible to the general public. The website contains a wealth of useful information about Generation Scotland projects and the homepage now has entry points for the public (Discover Generation Scotland) as well as specialists (Research Generation Scotland), so everyone can find the information they're looking for. The Frequently Asked



Questions (FAQ) page is a great place to look if you have any queries about the Scottish Family Health Study. The web address is at the bottom of this page.

Can YOU help us?

We're looking for more volunteers to join the study! To find out more, please call Lindyanne Alexander (Tayside) on 0800 027 0466 or Bridie Fitzpatrick (Glasgow) on 0141 330 8357, or visit our website for more details (see bottom of page).

Any comments, suggestions or contributions about this newsletter, then please contact us at news@generationscotland.org, or call us on 0131 537 2472.

Generation Scotland: Making News

The Generation Scotland Scottish Family Health Study (GS:SFHS) was officially launched on 2nd February 2006 in a blaze of publicity. The £6.2m research project, which aims to recruit 50,000 people to help discover the genetic and lifestyle factors that cause common diseases like cancer, heart disease, stroke and mental illness,



received high profile coverage from Scotland's newspapers, radio stations and TV news programmes. Major reports appeared in The Herald, The Scotsman, The Times, the Daily Express and BBC and Scottish TV news bulletins. These included interviews with the first recruits to attend their clinic appointments and with senior Generation Scotland researchers Dr. Blair Smith (University of Aberdeen), Prof. Andrew Morris (University of Dundee), Prof. David Porteous (University of Edinburgh) and

Prof. Anna Dominiczak (University of Glasgow). You can view the newspaper and TV reports by going to the News page on the Generation Scotland website. There was extensive coverage of GS:SFHS on Radio Scotland, which featured an in-depth interview on the 'Scotland Live' show with Prof. Porteous and Dr. Smith. The story also made it onto local music stations such as Forth FM and Real Radio. In the evening, Prof. Porteous and Prof. Morris delivered a lecture entitled 'Generation Scotland: genomic science supporting public health' at the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh. The lecture was chaired by Health Minister Andy Kerr MSP, who confirmed that Generation Scotland is in tune with the Scottish Executive's aims, saying: "Preventative advice and medicine is an increasing part of our drive towards better health in Scotland."

300 Volunteers....and Counting

The first phase of the Generation Scotland Scottish Family Health Study is well underway in Glasgow and Tayside with 306 volunteers having attended the clinic so far,



and a further 70 scheduled to attend in the next few weeks. In Glasgow, the publicity surrounding the launch in February proved very effective in motivating people to sign up for the study. Virtually all the Glasgow

participants have come forward as a direct result of having heard about Generation Scotland in the media. In the Dundee area, the Primary Care recruitment scheme is up and running, and the majority of participants have been recruited through GP practices.

