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Update on EMIL

Over the past few months, EMIL has been working on EMIL's EY2012 Programme of Events and we are proud to say that the majority of these events have already taken place and a number of summative reports completed. Stay tuned for the final report from these events – a European Comparative Study.

EMIL has also been busy presenting at various conferences and workshops; I recently presented EMIL in Cyprus at a conference – A Society for All Ages: Learning to Live and learning for LIFE and the preliminary results of EMIL's EY2012 Programme of Events will be presented at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundations' conference in Lisbon, Portugal. EMIL has also agreed to take part in Generations United 17th International Conference Intergenerational Pathways for Strengthening Communities as a promotion and international committee member



Finally, we are also pleased to announce that EMIL has received funding for the network for a further two years from October 1st 2012. For more information about this project or how to get involved, contact Julie Melville at EMIL@bjf.org.uk

ECIL – The European Certificate in Intergenerational Learning

The Beth Johnson Foundation with partners from Bulgaria, Sweden, Spain and Slovenia, against stiff competition, has gained two year funding (Leonardo's Transfer of Innovation) to develop a distance learning course that will enable people across Europe to develop their skills and expertise in organising projects between the generations.

At a time when so much news is about potential breakdown and conflict between people of different ages, this is a wonderful opportunity to make a positive contribution to building a skilled European workforce to empower people of all ages to make a better Europe together. According to Alan Hatton-Yeo, CEO of the Beth Johnson Foundation "... this really builds on our learning from the current European Year on Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity"

The Beth Johnson Foundation is the UK member and project lead for ECIL and has recently hosted the first meeting of the ECIL partners in October 2012. Over the next two years the partnership will develop the distance learning course, which is funded through the European Commission Lifelong Learning Programme.



For more info, contact the Project Manager Louise Middleton: louise@bjf.org.uk

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European Projects, Programmes & Partnerships from the field:

Ideattiva – Improving skills and competences for adult and young population

Trasversale srl, is a private research and training centre with more than 20 years of experience in the generational and relational divide in the family business SME context. It works through the integration of intergenerational dialogue to guarantee the continuity of employment, “know how” and experience among generations.

Within the EY 2012, Trasversale srl is carrying out a lifelong learning project: *Ideattiva – Improving skills and competences for adult and young population*. The project involves people living in the suburban area of Rome. The project brings together adults and young people, sharing common difficulties in the job market, with the aim of promoting the exchange of experiences and information among generations. The course program addresses the causes of exclusion and / or cognitive blockade related to the job market by empowering the beneficiaries’ autonomy, evaluation skills, work life balance.

Beneficiaries will take advantage of their different backgrounds, not only for employment purposes, but for personal, civic and social inclusion too.

For more information, you can browse www.trasversale.com or contact directly Trasversale srl: seminari@trasversale.com.

“Learning through Innovative management concepts to ensure transfer of Knowledge of Elderly people” - “LIKE”

The main objectives of the project are to develop new approaches for combating age barriers in employment; promote adaptability of the older workforce to the changing business environment; enhance age management business concepts in favour of the participation, performance and productivity of the ageing workforce and the transfer of their knowledge; support new objectives regarding age management policies in order to meet Europe’s future demographic needs.

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The project examines how innovative approaches can generate Management Concepts and theories based on the use of ICT to answer the urgent European situation made out of low employment of older workers, shortage of critical skills and decline of birth rate. To do so, it will develop and test innovative teaching & learning approaches & partnerships with enterprises with two interconnected scopes: a) encoding of tacit knowledge of aged workers to ensure the transfer of their knowledge to younger generations, b) training of aged workers from younger population in the use of ICT tools to achieve the first scope.

This will be implemented with the use of well-adapted and designed multimedia tools that offer new and better opportunities to workers who are at risk of digital exclusion. In particular, through specific training seminars for employed and unemployed 50+, the ageing workforce will update their skills and transversal competences, while, at the same time, the workplace will be used as the setting to acquire key competences and develop innovative approaches to upgrade skills of both younger and older workers within enterprises, as distinct from their specific vocational competence.

Finally, through activities aimed at sensitising Human Resources managers and employers to the benefits they can gain from their older workforce, older workers will have the opportunity to turn their knowledge into training modules for younger generations, as corporations will realise the value they represent, using the digital competences they have acquired.

For more information about this project, contact the project coordinator, Dimitris Raftopoulos: d_raft@imede.gr Or visit their [website](#).

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Intergenerational school exchange in Mechelen, Belgium

A Belgian primary school organised exchange between pupils and older residents in a rest home. Each pupil was designated one 'partner' with whom he chatted, played, had a walk and spent a night in the residence. Mechelen Elderly Council is preparing an agenda for school visits and exchange of experience between the generations.

A 52-minute documentary, published by the French company La Curieuse and the organisation "Les films du Chemin", features for one year the residents of a senior care institution in France taking part in a creative workshop. The film clearly shows the importance of creative activities which develops participants' motivity and imagination, while stimulating exchanges between them. This experience, which launches a reflection on the power of creativity, seeks to promote the development of fine arts and manual workshop within elderly care and home settings.

For more information on the project, contact: Georgette De Wit: georgette.dewit@skynet.be

ALICE project

"Adults Learning for Intergenerational Creative Experiences" is a co-financed project by the European Commission under the Lifelong Learning programme- Grundtvig action.

The ALICE project aims to work with parents, grandparents, volunteers and other adults interested to interact with children through new spaces of edutainment and to support them in discovering the importance of creative languages (art, storytelling and games) to build intergenerational understanding. For the latest newsletter of the project, [click here](#).

For more information on the project, [please visit their website](#).

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Join the Intergenerational Research Listserve

The Intergenerational Research Listserve provides a forum for discussing issues related to "doing" as well as "consuming" (applying) research on intergenerational programs/practices, policies, and relationships. You will find dialogue and materials that offer information, support, and encouragement, whether you're a student, professional or just an interested individual.

To join, [sign up here](#). Address any questions to: msk15@psu.edu.

The EU Contribution to Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations - new brochure published

The European Commission has published a new brochure presenting what the EU is doing to promote active ageing with the objective of inspiring more determined efforts in all Member States, thereby ensuring that solidarity between generations can withstand the test of population ageing. It provides a comprehensive overview of the EU legislation, funds, research programmes and coordinated strategies in favour of active ageing. The publication can be downloaded [here](#).

With millions of families struggling to meet their food needs, what can we do to help?

On December 4th Generations United discusses how to address hunger and improve nutrition across the generations. First-hand accounts of innovative intergenerational approaches in communities across America and the issue of hunger through the eyes of children, older adults and multigenerational families are examined.

Generations United's new report *Hunger and Nutrition: What's at Stake for Children, Families & Older Adults* challenges traditional approaches

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... to addressing the problem of hunger and elevates intergenerational solutions that strengthen our families and communities. It includes the results of a new public opinion survey on the current state of hunger among families of all ages; making recommendations for policymakers, community leaders and the business community to reduce hunger across the generations. For more details click [here](#)

Save the Date: Generations United Conference – now call for proposals

The next conference will be held in Washington 30th July 2013 - 2nd August 2012. Generations United is the USA-based national membership organization focused solely on improving the lives of children, youth, and older people through intergenerational strategies, programs, and public policies.

Generations United invites you to submit a proposal for our upcoming educational forum, Intergenerational Pathways for Strengthening Communities. We are seeking proposals that will enhance the intergenerational field's capacity for developing programs and policies that benefit individuals of all ages, strengthen families, and build more cohesive and caring communities throughout the world. This premier event will convene an international audience of practitioners, advocates, caregivers, researchers, students, retirees, managers and administrators. For more information on the event, [click here](#)

Did you miss EMIL's webinar on the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity in 2012?

You can now access the slides and audio from that presentation. You'll get an overview of the year, along with concrete examples of programs and initiatives. [Learn more](#)

Resources

KEYNES is now really dead - Robert Cilia

January 30th, 2012 will probably be recorded as the day in which Keynes finally passed away. On this day 25 member states out of the EU 27 finalized a new Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union. This fiscal compact aims to introduce stricter and more rigid fiscal discipline through the so-called balanced budget rule. In other words this Treaty will require national governments to balance their budgets or even to strive to achieve surpluses. In this report, Cilia asks - What has the above got to do with intergenerational learning? - and argues that in answer to this question one has only to look at the statistics relating to the present employment situation in a number of EU member-states to realize the very serious implications of this Treaty on intergenerational dynamics

To read the report, visit the [EMIL website](#) or contact Robert Cilia at bertcil@gmail.com

The Knowledge Translation Toolkit

EMIL's thematic working group has suggested this as an effective resource which provides a thorough overview of what knowledge translation (KT) is and how to use it most effectively to bridge the "know-do" gap between research, policy, practice, and people. It presents the theories, tools, and strategies required to encourage and enable evidence-informed decision-making. The book covers an array of crucial KT enablers - from context mapping to evaluative thinking, supported by practical examples, implementation guides, and references. Drawing from the experience of specialists in relevant disciplines around the world, The Knowledge Translation Toolkit aims to enhance the capacity and motivation of researchers to use KT and to use it well. Download this report [here](#).

Journal: Quality in Ageing and Older Adults - Special Issue: Intergenerational Issues

Check out this recent special edition [here](#)