

European Map of Intergenerational Learning

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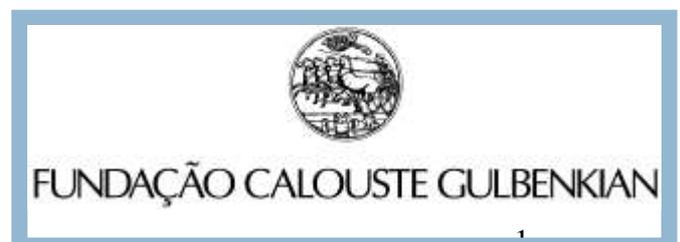
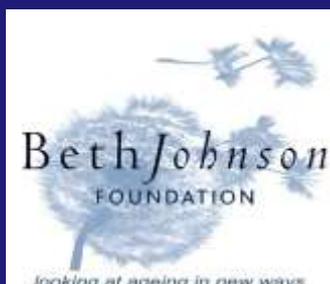


Roundtable event in Cyprus with the EMIL coordinator



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Update on EMIL

Over the past few months, EMIL has been finalising EY2012 Roundtable Events Report and we are proud to say that this has now been completed and published on our website. A sincere thank you to everyone involved for their hard work and support in completing both the summative reports and contributing to the final report.

EMIL has also been busy presenting at various conferences and webinars, even sitting on a number of conference planning committees for international conference where the network's EY2012 report will be featured. Additionally, EMIL has been working closely with ECIL to promote a European Certificate in Intergenerational Learning.

What is next – the management committee will be meeting soon to discuss:

- Delivery of an on-line survey of all members to examine benefits of EMIL membership and identify areas of improvement and local impact;
- A European Intergenerational Annual Awards programme;
- An annual report on state of IP in Europe;
- Links with international intergenerational organisations;
- Future plans for the sustainability of the network.

For more information about this network or how to get involved, contact Julie Melville at EMIL@bjf.org.uk

If you have info you would like to promote, please contact the EMIL coordinator.

EMIL – European Year 2012 Roundtable Events: Final report

Designating 2012 as the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations was intended to raise awareness of the contribution that older people make to society and encourage policymakers and relevant stakeholders at all levels to take action with the aim of creating better opportunities for active ageing and strengthening solidarity between generations. With that in mind, EMIL placed a call for proposals to run a series of roundtable events across Europe which brought together an invited audience of professionals, older and younger people to consider a number of key questions from their national perspective. Each event produced a summative report of its discussions, including recommendations for creating a 'Society for All Ages'. These summative reports are now available on the [EMIL website](#).



Since then, we have done an analysis of all the reports; findings from that form the content of this report. As you might expect from any cross-cultural comparison the differences are as illuminating as the areas of synergy. What was striking was the consistent picture that emerged of all nations seeing strong relationships between the generations as essential for the future and the concern that was expressed between the generations for models of mutual support and engagement.

Our thanks to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation for their support in making this initiative possible. We would also like to thank the organisers and participants who contributed to the discussions and produced such a rich seam of material. This report has been produced by the generations and for the generations and will be available soon on [EMIL's EY2012 page](#).

Julie Melville and Alan Hatton-Yeo

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European Projects, Programmes & Partnerships from the field:

What IF International (WII)

What IF International is a non-profit organization that proposes an intergenerational reading of today's societal challenges. The aim is to build a network, vision and concrete pathway for sustainability based on the main idea that the challenges of tomorrow can only be faced if a new pact between generations – what we call **Intergenerational Fairness** - is established.

WII stresses its focus on all generations since the current crisis impacts all generations, and all are called to find new pathways for a sustainable world. Such an effort cuts across all domains, from energy to ICT, from financial markets to R&D and enlarging its range of activities including projects, awareness raising and lobbying at the policy level. **WII** is not a movement that aims at changing the world through slogans and flags. It is not an alliance between institutions; associates represent themselves, their personal capacity and can trigger, when needed and appropriate, institutional involvement to pursue a project, a policy action or any other initiative consistent to its vision. **WII's** motto - people come before institutions, but institutions can play a key role when pulled together by smart people. For more information about WII, go to [their website](#).

A Challenge for Horizon 2020: Ageing and Intergenerational Fairness

Ageing is a core challenge of Horizon 2020, stemming from an unbalanced demographic process encompassing all generations. As stated by the European Commission, these population trends are crucial for economic growth and wealth distribution. Ageing produces paramount impacts on all generations while posing an issue of **Intergenerational Fairness**, namely of a fair distribution of opportunities between all generations. From this perspective, framing this challenge in terms of the increasing amount of aged citizens in seems rather limiting; rather it should be framed within a broader view on how to foster a new dialogue & collaboration between all generations. The challenge - **build a fair & sustainable society** to encompass the emerging needs and demands that are threatening all generations.

Such a challenge requires opening the problem and solution to a wider perspective. Yet, current mainstream policy thinking is focusing on healthy living and active ageing. However, active ageing and healthy living is not likely to be able to alone, provide a solution to the same economic and social impacts generated by the ageing of our societies. They would be better framed if seen as part of a wider mix of policies and actions at different levels that shall be inspired by both economic and ethical concerns of fairness.

As such, this event aims at opening the problem and solution space generated by the ageing of our societies involving European stakeholders and policy makers in a debate which looks at what some has referred to as a “time bomb”: the current crisis is exacerbating the potential political and social impacts of these demographic trends. This event builds on a Policy Paper, available mid-March 2013, and will involve high-level experts of the research, business, education and policy world. This paper, together with the result of this event, aims at feeding the current debate on how to tackle such a challenge without assuming solutions that, however important, might be too narrow when considering the scale and scope of the impacts of ageing.

The number of participants is limited. To register, fill in the form. Any update, the final agenda, and the same Policy Paper will be sent also by mail to those that filled the registration form.

WHEN: Brussels, April 24th 2013, from 14:00 to 19:00 Hosted and chaired by **Maria da Graça Carvalho**, European Parliament Rapporteur of Horizon 2020, and promoted by **What-IF International (WII)**.

WHERE: Networking event: from 14:00 to 17:00 h CET, Brussels Office of EU Region Trentino, rue de Pascale 45-47
European Parliament session: from 18:00 to 19:30 h CET, Room ASP A5E-3, European Parliament.

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Best Agers project ends ... new international project is sparked!

After 3 years, the "Best Agers" project ended in December 2012. But an extension project "Best Agers Lighthouses" has been approved by the Baltic Sea Region Programme, allowing for 2 more years of work on the topic of employment of older people. [Best Agers Lighthouses](#) focuses on age management approaches in companies and public organisations in the Baltic Sea Region. The objective is to demonstrate that strategic human resources planning that takes into account workforce ageing and shortcomings in recruitment is beneficial for employers. For more information on the project, contact: Hartwig Wagemester hartwig.wagemester@wak-sh.de

"Creative – Mind"

Trasversale, in partnership with Ideactiva is carrying on the Project "Creative – Mind", with the ultimate goal of stimulating youth entrepreneurship and creativity in a rapidly growing Municipality in Rome. The activities foresees the involvement of retired craftsmen to increase technical and manual ability within new generations, through a transfer of skills, knowledge life and experience. Generations will be connected through storytelling and practical workshop. For more information, you can visit their [website](#) or contact directly Trasversale srl: seminari@trasversale.com

InterGeneraciones: Fit For Intergenerational Work

Organizations from the field of youth and intergenerational work come together to discuss and develop methods for international encounters with all ages. These methods should be implemented and tested within several international intergenerational encounters to evaluate them again in the end of the project. 5 projects will run from April to December 2013. A relaunch of the [website](#) as a platform for international intergenerational encounters with a new structure will be available soon.

Intergenerational News & Events

Sustaining Later Life Learning For All Contexts – Cyprus, Nov 6-10, 2013

The seminar is geared for those with considerable experience in later life learning in diverse settings as well as those relatively new to the discipline.

This is a Grundtvig course with the majority of costs covered. For more information or to register, contact Klitos Symeonides (course manager): klitossy@cytanet.com.cy

mix@ages – International Encounter with Generations, the Arts and the Media, Slovenia May 16th, 2013

This event will bring together experts in adult education, artists, arts and media educators, staff of arts organisations, cultural and social workers, researchers and young and older learners from all over Europe. The event will feature inspiring international speakers and be an occasion for reflection, social exchange, sharing of best practice and hands on experiences. This International Encounter with Generations is aimed at all those keen to learn how to promote and Foster intergenerational dialogue using the arts and the media.

To register, contact Dijana Lukic (dijana.lukic@zduzveza.si). Or visit the [website](#)

Save the Date: Arts 4 Dementia, London

On 20 May, Arts 4 Dementia will be launching their evaluative resource for arts interventions to re-energise and inspire people in the early stages of dementia. Volunteer arts students are very much part of this programme.

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The Generations Working Together National Conference – March 13th, 2013 Edinburgh, Scotland

There will be a choice of seven workshops to choose from (Applying for funding; Truth About Youth; Local Authority Guidelines; Developing your ideas for an intergenerational project; Lifelong Learning intergenerational case studies; Intergenerational practice and your health; Luminare goes intergenerational), providing you with opportunities to hear from a wide range of professionals and intergenerational projects. The guest speaker is Prof Miriam Bernard, Professor of Social Gerontology, from Keele University. Refreshments including lunch will be offered with further networking at the end of the day. If you would like to attend, book [online](#)

Resources

Gallery and Community Education of Visual Arts for older people

This publication documents the conference of the Federal Academy for Cultural Education of *Visual Arts for Older People*. The conference was the 8th meeting of the European learning partnership INCREASE – Intercultural Creativity of Seniors in Europe – which was realized together with twelve institutions from eight countries. Amongst other themes there were described two intergenerational projects. [Click here](#) to order this publication.

EY2012 projects and initiatives

Results from various projects and initiatives taking place throughout Europe during EY2012 are now available on the [European Union's website](#). You can search by theme, topic or country. Stay tuned for more information as the results and reports are updated on the website.

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Intergenerational Programmes in Ireland: An Initial Overview

Despite the growing interest in Ireland in intergenerational activities, to date no attempt has been made to draw together info about the nature of projects that bring the different generations together which is likely to be of value to policy-makers, practitioners and researchers in helping to understand the current state of intergenerational programmes in Ireland and to plan future work in this emerging area. In the absence of relevant info, the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology at NUI Galway, Age Action Ireland, and the Beth Johnson Foundation – combined their efforts to undertake an exercise that gathers necessary information about intergenerational activities in Ireland and helps to identify examples of best practice in the field. This report presents key findings arising from this exercise. To read the report, [click here](#).

Active Age discussion paper

Active Age has been tracking developments in the field of age friendly metrics, methodologies and processes that can help to measure, compare and contrast progress in the development of an age-friendly city or community. This [publication](#) summarises observations and conclusions thus far.

Housing our ageing population plan:

The “Housing Our Ageing Population Plan” from The All Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Care for Older People, chaired by Lord Best, has highlighted the benefits to the rest of society – including younger people – of improved housing options for older people. The benefits include a reduction in health and social care costs, as well as the freeing up of family housing. Further details on the plan can be found [here](#).

1 in 3 grandparents don't see grandchildren regularly

According to new research on loneliness amongst older people, almost a third (32%) of grandparents aged 65+ in Great Britain only see their grandchildren once a month or less. The figure was released by Age UK and YouthNet, which have joined forces to tackle isolation and loneliness across generations. The article can be found [here](#).