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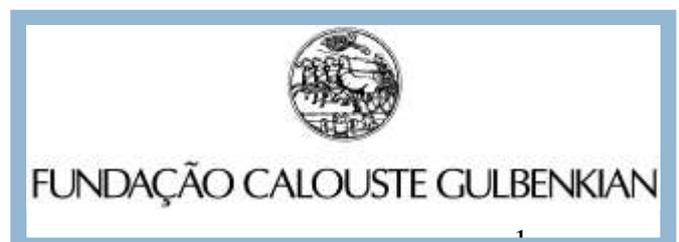
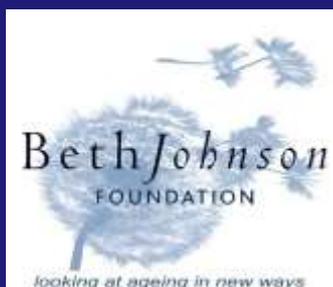


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Update on EMIL

Over the past few months, we have sent out a survey to all members of to examine benefits of EMIL membership and identify areas of improvement and local impact – results of this survey are now being analysed and will be published soon.

EMIL continues to make links with international intergenerational organisations such as the i2i Intergenerational Society of Canada. EMIL has also been an active member of the Generations United Promotion and International Planning Committee and will be presenting findings from our EY2012 roundtable reports in Washington this July!

A management committee has been set for Oct 2013 in Granada where committee members will be discussing the results of the online survey; establishing a European Intergenerational Annual Awards programme; and drafting a template for an annual report on state of IP in Europe, as well as a discussion about future plans for the sustainability of the network.



EMIL also attended the latest ECIL meeting in Ljubljana to discuss future collaborations on this European project. See the next page for more details.

For more information about this network or if you have info you would like to promote in our next newsletter, contact Julie Melville at EMIL@bjf.org.uk

EMIL/ECIL collaboration

The Beth Johnson Foundation with partners from Bulgaria, Sweden, Spain and Slovenia has gained two year funding from October 2012 to develop a distance learning course that will enable people across Europe to develop their skills and expertise in organising projects between the generations. This distance learning course will be funded through the European Commission Lifelong Learning Programme.



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.

Each partner has produced a report on the current status of Intergenerational Education and Learning in their country which can be accessed [here](#). Alongside the course a resource library for each country is being developed, if you would like to contribute an intergenerational case study or resource please julie@bjf.org.uk.

EMIL's role – The EMIL project coordinator attended the last ECIL meeting in Ljubljana to discuss future collaborations and will have a dedicated amount of time monthly to pursue this partnership further, including EMIL becoming the host of the course once it has been established and piloted in a number of countries. An update of the development of the course and future collaborations with ECIL partners will be available on the [EMIL website](#).

Julie Melville and Alan Hatton-Yeo

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European Projects, Programmes & Partnerships from the field:

The mix@ges Experience - How to promote intergenerational bonding through creative digital media.

mix@ges explored, in five European countries, how the artistic use of digital media can bring together both young and old. The European project invited young and older people to jointly discover the broad range of creative and artistic possibilities our contemporary digital world has to offer. In Scotland, Germany, Austria, Slovenia and Belgium the project partners implemented creative new media workshops in collaboration with national organisations such as museums, schools, youth or seniors' associations. The mix@ges project delivered a plethora of experiences and explored innovative approaches to intergenerational activities in cultural and community settings. The reader will find in this manual both detailed descriptions of how the mix@ges workshops proceeded and the project's findings and lessons learned, around eight inspirational themes. Findings of the project have now been published in the manual online or downloaded [here](#).

Transversale srl current research project

Trasversale srl, a private research and training centre with more than 20 years of experience in supporting SME and family business on relational and organizational aspects, to facilitate and improve dialogue and skills transfer among generations. Trasversale srl is currently involved in a diagnostic analysis on cognitive and relational issues occurring in 25 research 'spin-off' - business activities in which intergenerational transfer of skills occurs.

The research addresses measures and actions to guarantee a competence transfer among generation in a flexible, creative and horizontal way, identified as the key aspect to set up the spin-off as a business able to sell products and services with high technological content and innovative. For more information, contact seminari@trasversale.com.

ALEARN – ACTIVE AGEING LEARNING COMMUNITY

Age Action Ireland are part of an exciting new 2 year European Active Ageing project, whereby a group of organisations from five countries across Europe (Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, Germany and Ireland) have joined together to develop an on-line learning community to help both older and younger (16-35) adults learn more about what positive steps can be taken to aid active aging. The project uses an intergenerational approach to promoting active ageing and will be looking at the 3 key areas of (1) Health Self-Management (2) Info Communication Technologies (3) Intergenerational Volunteering with the development of learning modules around these themes.

The first phase of the project was an intergenerational focus group to discuss the themes and develop a report focused on the issues and needs identified by the group from an Irish perspective.



The next phase of the project is to develop the learning modules, with Age Action and the Italian partner taking the lead on the Intergenerational Volunteering Module. For more information, please visit the project [website](#) or contact Patricia Higgins at alearn@ageaction.ie

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Camden's Intergenerational Week

A consortium of twenty three groups and organisations across the London Borough of Camden organised a packed week of exciting intergenerational activities and events bringing together people of different ages, especially targeting young and older people who otherwise probably would not get the chance to meet each other. This first ever Camden IG Week showed that there is huge enthusiasm and commitment to bring together local people of different generations to share activities. No week in Camden goes by without opportunities for older and young people to get together –but really, in Camden, every week is intergenerational week.

- Vanda Carter, IGdevelopment officer



"Knit & Knatter" morning at Leyas Coffee Shop

92 Canadian Cities Declare June 1 Intergenerational Day Canada

From the cliffs of St. John's to the surf of Tofino, cities across Canada encouraged young and old to get to know each other better by recognizing June 1st as Intergenerational Day Canada. The day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the many benefits that simple and respectful connections between generations bring to education, health and community safety. Intergenerational Day Canada makes a powerful statement about the value of generational connecting within each and everyone's neighbourhood. "The number of Canadian cities acknowledging this focus day has grown from 7 to 92 in just one year with representation from every province and 2 territories". – says Sharon MacKenzie.

For more information, [click here](#).

Intergenerational News & Events

Generations United 17th International Conference scheduled for July 30 - August 2, 2013 in Washington, DC.

Over a three-day period, you'll explore Intergenerational Pathways for Strengthening Communities. You'll be an active participant from beginning to end, and will return to your community armed with new ideas and concepts that will help you do what you do even better. Check out all the informative and exciting sessions and events and [Register now!](#)

International Conference - Adults' Learning for Intergenerational Creative Experiences: Oct 24/25th Bucharest, Romania

The University Ca' Foscari and the Romanian Society for Lifelong Learning, are pleased to introduce this International Congress, promoted in the context of the project ALICE (*Adults Learning for Intergenerational creative experiences*) and aims to be a space for reflection and discussion of researchers, trainers and policy makers interested in the field of adults' education. For more information about the conference, [click here](#)

Third ENIL Conference: "Intergenerational Learning Cities" – Oct 16-18, Cuenca Spain

The theme of this conference is to present the benefits of Intergenerational Learning to different aspects of life in a city: from social cohesion to employment. Keynote speeches and workshop themes include:

- The return of the citizen to the neighbourhood: learning to be;
- "It takes a village to raise a child – and to teach an old man new tricks": cities as spaces for learning to know;
- Entrepreneurship – Forging new job opportunitiescont

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- Co-habitation – Development and urbanism, living standards, historical events
- “Why ain’t we livin’ together?” – cities as spaces for learning to live together

To view the [full programme](#) and learn more about the conference, [click here](#).

International Istanbul Initiative on Ageing – Achieving Intergenerational Solidarity Oct 4-6, 2013 Istanbul, Turkey – *General registration and a call for papers is open*

The Istanbul Initiative on Ageing (IIIA) aims to depict the synergies between youth and the ageing population and, to recognize and learn how to utilize the extensive social capital of older people by achieving intergenerational solidarity. In the process of facilitating such discussions to understand and provide adaptations to the serious challenges of population ageing, the platform is provided to engage political leaders, industry partners and civil society to develop customized responses to adequately address changing social, economical, and political systems as a result of population ageing.

IIIA will comprise three (3) interconnected elements to provide relevant industry, academic, government and citizen forums in a multi-disciplinary and multi-sectorial approach to raise awareness of regional and global age related issues; help to influence and shape policy development; and provide examples of good practice as innovations and solutions.

To read more about this conference and how to register, [click here](#)

EMIL has been highlighted as a best practice example in the field of Intergenerational Solidarity by AGE platform Europe

To read more about this and other organisations/projects listed – [click here](#)

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OUTIL-AGES Transnational – manual and methods for adopting an active ageing culture in the workplace

The five country partners of the transnational project OUTIL-AGES Transnational are convinced that it is important to build up the right managerial practices for age management at the workplace.

The partners have developed a Benchmarking tool, whose generic design and lack of cultural references means it is usable by line managers in all European Countries, whatever the business sector. Explanatory documents help in the adoption of a genuine active ageing culture in European companies, as they focus on managerial practices for implementation and understanding the stakes. To learn more about this benchmarking tool and explanatory methods for adopting an active ageing culture in the work place, [click here](#).

AGE Special Briefing - The EU Day of Solidarity between Generations Strengthening intergenerational solidarity for sustainable EU societies. To read the full report, [click here](#).

New research on intergenerational relations in Ireland

This report presents key findings from the Changing Generations study – a collaborative research project undertaken between 2011 and 2013 by the Social Policy and Ageing Research Centre (SPARC), Trinity College Dublin, and the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG), NUI Galway. Understanding how people think about and practice intergenerational solidarity at individual and societal levels can provide an important foundation for a constructive dialogue about intergenerational relations in Ireland. By reporting on selected findings from a unique study, the Changing Generations team hopes to play a role in shaping such a dialogue.

To download the report, [click here](#).