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Update on EMIL

Message from EMIL's Project Coordinator

With over 600 members throughout Europe and internationally, the EMIL network continues to grow. As you will know, over the past few months EMIL has been considering options about its future (funding and hosting) and I am now happy to report that not only does the network now have a new website, but a permanent home, with Beth Johnson Foundation (see below for a message from the board). Hopefully by now you have had the chance to visit the new website and are as pleased as I am with the new look and functionality of the website! The network would like to thank the Beth Johnson Foundation for funding this endeavour and Nadia Hanafi at [E-Success Ltd](#) for working with us to develop an exciting new website. I am very much looking forward to 2016 and the opportunities that lay ahead for EMIL!

Julie Melville, EMIL Project Coordinator



Message from Beth Johnson Foundation

Having worked with BGF for several years now, I have been thrilled to see EMIL grow in its membership and partnerships throughout Europe over this time. Thank you to everyone; especially EMIL's dedicated members, for developing such an innovative, unique and sustainable network. As such, I am very happy to report that BGF plans to continue to support the EMIL network in 2016 for another exciting year of intergenerational work throughout Europe.

Colin Hann, Chair – Board of Directors (Beth Johnson Foundation)

European Projects, Programmes & Partnerships from the field:

CINAGE – Any idea of what true intergenerational learning is?

CINAGE, a European Grundtvig project, European film for active ageing has brought us back to theorising intergenerational learning. Some researchers argue that intergenerational learning occurs when one generation learns about another generation, when several generations learn about each other. Yet, at Slovenian Third Age University, we have theorised intergenerational learning in a different way. Intergenerational learning is not a matter of planned development of single competencies for living in community or a result of policies. It does not occur as a result of one -day or one-week events or intentionally and artificially triggered.

On the contrary, it happens in group, due to a longer and sincere co-operation of generations. CINAGE course was a 70 hr course followed by a 30 hr film making workshop with outputs evaluated in public. During this creative and process all who are involved (older and young people) change, discovering each other, revealing themselves. There is no exception to the rule.



During CINAGE, project partners joined four different European cultures, and different national organizations, offering a framework for long lasting co-operation based on trust. A trusting and loving relationship between all partners was established - the ultimate goal of intergenerational practice.

[Fruit Seller](#), [Joy](#) and [The Right To Adventure](#) are the titles of three short featured CINAGE films about active ageing soon in the cinemas close to you.

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INTERGENERATIONAL Mothers Day Celebration

To celebrate Mother's Day in Istanbul, Turkey a group of students from Yeditepe University invited residents of a nearby elderly home and primary school kids living in the same district to the University. These university students had been visiting the residents of the care home during the semester, in groups of 3 or 4, listening to their life stories, taking photos, playing cards with the elderly as well as helping the kids in the district with their homework and teaching them English. After snacks and social gathering the grandmothers and grandchildren were ushered to the conference hall where they listened to the kids singing songs and reciting poems and watched themselves in the videos the University students had made with the photos they had taken. Then each kid presented a red carnation to a grandmother and they all danced.



EMIL Member – Profile: BAGSO

The German National Association of Senior Citizen's Organizations (BAGSO) is an umbrella organization that currently includes over 110 nationally active member associations and represents more than 13 million older persons in Germany.

BAGSO stands for:

- A realistic image of age in society
- A self-determined life in old age
- Social integration & participation by older people
- **Solidarity between generations**
- Healthy ageing; high-level health & long-term care
- Interests of older consumers

To find out more about BAGSO and the work this organisation is doing, [visit their website](#).

World Health Organisation Global Database of Age-Friendly Practices

Are you interested in how cities and communities world-wide are striving to become more age-friendly?

The World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a global database of age-friendly practices demonstrating what cities and communities are doing to adapt to the needs of their ageing population.

[Click here to look through the Global Database of Age-Friendly Practices.](#)

ECIL Project - "Archipelago of Generations: Course on intergenerational practice for animators and educators"

A new project, funded by the European Commission – [Erasmus+ \(Key Action 2 – Partnerships\)](#), for the development of the Polish version of the ECIL-course, as well as development of other methodological materials including: a catalogue of good practices and a set of methods / scenarios for activities with(in) intergenerational groups. The project will also include a joint learning process of all 3 organizations, based on a series of **short-term teaching activities** (where we can share with each other our expertise and good practice in various aspects of intergenerational work) as well as a series of events to disseminate project results in the form of workshops organized in each of the 3 partner's countries. Project partners :

- [Association of creative initiatives „e”](#) (Project lead), Warsaw
- [Beth Johnson Foundation](#), UK
- [Germany: Kreisau-Initiative](#), Berlin

Stayed tuned for more information, or visit [EMIL's website](#) where information will be posted regularly.

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Learn Together Cymru

Learn Together Cymru (“Cymru” is the Welsh word for Wales) aims to improve both the basic skills of 21,000 children in Wales, targeted by area and by individual, *and* the wellbeing of 1000 adult volunteers. This is done through one-to-one school and community-based intergenerational sessions which may involve reading, number play or practical activities - for example in cookery, crafts or gardening - depending upon the interests of the volunteers and the pupils. Anecdotally, schools and volunteers report that it is through the process of developing relationships that the positive impacts occur. Learn Together Cymru is a Volunteering Matters project, funded by the Big Lottery Fund which awards grants to UK organisations delivering projects aimed at improving community health, education and the environment.

For more info visit the [LTC website](#) or contact teresa.walters@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

Families & Societies’ Annual Stakeholder Seminar on Intergenerational Linkages in the Family: Brussels - Jan, 26th 2015

This 3rd Annual Seminar will be held in cooperation with Population Europe and the Erasmus University, Rotterdam on the topic: ***“Intergenerational linkages in the family: how policies shape the organisation of caring and financial responsibilities for family member”***.

Prominent researchers will present their recent findings on topics such as how laws and policies shape gendered interdependencies in families, and how intergenerational relations and welfare provision work in a crisis-stricken country. Following these presentations, experts from research, policy and NGO’s will discuss in a the role of institutions and government policies in the area of intergenerational solidarity. The meeting is part of the dissemination activities of the project FamiliesAndSocieties, financed by the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme.

Information containing the programme and a link for registration will be available soon. More info can be found on the [Families and Societies website](#)

Intergenerational News & Events

Learning in Later Life: Generational Cooperation April 10-15, 2016 Cyprus

The seminar should stimulate and motivate educational staff to organize, moderate and facilitate later life learning. It should make them more confident in working with senior citizens and older people and at the same time creating intergenerational and intercultural learning locations and activities. It will allow participants the opportunity to develop their own knowledge and methodological skills for learning in later life. For [more information, click here](#) of contact the course manager Klitos Symeonides: klitossy@cytanet.com.cy

Generations United’s 2017 International Conference: Request for Partners

Want to bring the Generations United Conference to your own backyard? We are looking for potential partners to co-convene the 19th Biennial International Intergenerational Conference in 2017. Work with our team to create an interactive, informative, and cultural learning experience for our growing intergenerational network. Letters of Interest should be submitted by Oct. 30, 2015. [Click here to learn more about this partnership request.](#)

Calling All Age-friendly Experts!

The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) now has dedicated resources directed to the development of an age-friendly environment and more particularly Age-friendly Cities and Communities. Using a design thinking process, the IFA is looking to establish an AFC Advice Hub to help them create, test and refine new ideas toward prototyping and implementing AFCC initiatives supporting sustainable environments that help build the capability and capacity of older people. There is no extensive time commitment as members are invited to input ideas, gather intelligence from other members of the advice hub and perhaps even test some of the products. If interested, please contact Ms Dana Bandola (dbandola@ifa-fiv.org) for more information.

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Intergroup on Active ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity has been officially re-established.

This long-stranding Intergroup will now also be dealing with family policies. AGE will closely working with the subgroup dedicated to active ageing, which will bring together MEPs who have an interest in discussing the challenges that ageing poses for all generations, and finding sustainable and fair solutions for all of European citizens. For many years now, AGE has been closely working with the previous Intergroup on ageing and intergenerational solidarity, leading to key progresses on many EU dossiers. We hope to maintain this privileged relationship with the new Intergroup working on active ageing issues in order to make further progress to adapt Europe to population ageing. [Click here for more information on the Intergroup](#), or contact Ophélie Durand: ophelie.durand@age-platform.eu



Final Implementation Assessment Report of the EU Year 2012 for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations

Following an [external evaluation of EU Year 2012](#) and the report on the implementation, results and overall assessment of that European Year released by the European Commission on 15 September 2014, the European Parliament's Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services has published a European Implementation Assessment of the EU Year 2012. This paper looks at the context and concrete initiatives that were undertaken before, during, and after 2012 and considers the Parliament's input into the Decision establishing the European Year. It suggests that 4 specific objectives set by the Decision establishing EY2012 were largely met, while the general objective of creating an 'active ageing culture in Europe' requires further, additional efforts. [Click here to download the assessment.](#)

Resources

“Generations, Intergenerational Relations and Generational Policy”

The members of the International Network for the Analysis of Intergenerational Relations (Generaciones) present the most recent issue of the jointly produced compendium “Generations, Intergenerational Relations and Generational Policy”. This new version includes 7 languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Polish (New) and Portuguese (New)). Its layout is designed for translating specific concepts and terminology of research into intergenerational relations from one language to another. [Click here to download the online version.](#)

Age-Friendly Universities "Engaging Ageing"

Dublin City University (DCU) became the first third-level institution to adopt the concept and principles of an Age-Friendly University in 2012. DCU's commitment is to lead and highlight the role that universities can play in responding to challenges and opportunities associated with the ageing demographic of the 21st century. The first international age-friendly universities conference was convened on 2-3 November 2015 in collaboration with international partners, Arizona State University and Strathclyde University. [Click here to read the keynote address](#) by Dr. Jane Barratt, Secretary General of IFA.



Generations Working Together annual Conference will be held 2nd March 2016 at the new Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, 99 George St, Glasgow, G1 1RD. [Click here to learn more about the conference including programme details and registration](#) www.generationsworkingtogether.org