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Update on EMIL

I am happy to report that we are making real progress in expanding the network and raising the profile of EMIL, both locally and internationally. The past few months have been both busy and productive.

By focusing on the working partnerships of EMIL and publicising the network further, the past few months have been dedicated to the development of a new website and the collection of pertinent information and resources such as training materials and criteria on good practice for our members. We were also able to develop a publicity package to promote our work.

EMIL participated in the ICIP conference in Singapore and IFA conference in Melbourne; this included a number of presentations on the project and discussions for future collaboration – see this edition of the newsletter for more details.

Finally, we marked the launch of the EMIL website on April 29th and held a symposium – European Roundtable Discussion, to coincide with the 2nd EU Day of Intergenerational Solidarity.



For more information about this project, contact Julie Melville at EMIL@bjf.org.uk



A message from ICIP

On April 29th the Management Committee of ICIP (The International Committee for Intergenerational Practice) met in Singapore. Earlier in the day the website of EMIL has been launched as part of a special symposium to make European Day of Solidarity between the Generations. At its meeting the committee of ICIP formally agreed to establish a collaborative partnership with EMIL, to support and endorse the proposed European Conference to be held in 2012 and to work with EMIL to explore the possibility of EMIL becoming the European Regional Network of ICIP.

The Singapore conference demonstrated the high profile that intergenerational work currently enjoys and ICIP sees collaboration with EMIL as one way to forward the international agenda as being in their interests and that of all the organisations we serve and support.

ICIP is the only international membership organisation focused solely on promoting intergenerational programmes, practice, research, and public policy from a global perspective. Consider becoming an ICIP member and helping advance intergenerational practice worldwide.

For more information about ICIP or to become a member, visit their website at: www.icip.info/

All video clips and presentations from the conference are now available on their website at:

www.c3a.org.sg/icip2010/resources.html

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Intergenerational Learning & Film

German Video Festival – June 11-13, 2010

The German Video Festival shows the best productions of 2010 of the German Youth Video Award and the German Intergenerational Media Award. It is the biggest and most renowned Media-Festival for children and young people in Germany which takes place yearly since 1998. Since 1997, the festival also provides space for a unique media forum for all generations. With 7000 participants and 750 films submitted, the interest for 2010 has been especially high. For more information on the programme, workshops and prize winners, go to: <http://www.video-der-generationen.de/festival/index.htm>

European Filmfestival – Frankfurt & Heidelberg

Before the festival started in May, a preliminary workshop brought together film experts from 7 European countries to discuss ways of promoting intergenerational activities. One result was to include creating better opportunities for old and young people to meet each other and make their own movies – this will hopefully be integrated into the second edition of the “European Filmfestival for Generations – Silver Screen” in 2011.

German organisers from Frankfurt and Heidelberg universities will then try to find a similar range of encouraging films like this year that was well represented by the opening film “*Giulias Verschwinden (Giulia’s Vanishing)*”. An intergenerational comedy from Switzerland, directed by Christoph Schaub and based on a script from famous Swiss author Martin Suter.

For suggestions and more information, please contact Michael Doh (Heidelberg University): <http://www.psychologie.uni-heidelberg.de/ae/apa/personen/doh.htm>

Generations Together: exploring what IP can be

In 2009, Manchester was one of twelve local authorities in England who successfully bid for funding under Generation’s Together. It was set up for local authorities to run pilot Intergenerational (IG) projects and has been funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, the Office of the Third Sector in the Cabinet Office, the Department of Health and the Department for Work and Pensions.

Manchester’s bid was for £400,000 to fund a programme of 13 connected projects, co-ordinated by a team within the Council. The overall aims of this programme are to:

- Develop a definition of Intergenerational practice that is specific to Manchester;
- Have 13 projects that clearly demonstrate outcomes for younger and older people specific to that project;
- Develop tools and resources for carrying out IG work. From understanding what it is, how it can be planned, implemented and evaluated;
- Build on successful community engagement and IG work already done;
- Explore IG working in more innovative ways;
- Include IG working in the development of an Age Friendly City programme in Manchester, to help address issues within a deprived urban area.

Each project has specific outcomes for both younger and older participants and unique to each project. An example of one of four projects:

- Sharing the City project: Students from the Manchester School of Architecture are working with community groups and individuals to explore IG urban design and how this could be developed.

To find out more, contact Patrick Hanfling on p.hanfling@manchester.gov.uk or 0161 234 4188

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Projektbüro “Dialog der Generationen”

Against the background of demographic change and the sociological expertise asserting the tendency of alienation between young and old beyond family relationships, the Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth formulated a list of measures to take in 1993/4 – implementing a range of programmes and exemplary approaches with the aim of promoting the dialogue across the generations. Initially, priority was given to localising pioneer projects and training of stakeholders. Since then, intergenerational projects, programmes and networking developed in phases and has progressed through dynamic initiatives such as an action programme on multigenerational centres and voluntary services for all generations.

As part of the initial campaign the Projektbüro “Dialog der Generationen” was launched in 1997 as a National Service Agency for Intergenerational Practice. It provides information and an exchange platform on intergenerational work and stimulates networking. The Projektbüro provides a website with an online project database, calendar of events, competitions, a call for bids, thematic resources/references, distributes a monthly newsletter, supports the set up of viable structures for intergenerational work on a municipal/state level, organises conferences, participates in national senior citizens and youth events and co-operates in European and International projects and networks.

For more information about this organisation and their upcoming National Conference please visit their website at www.generationendialog.de



Courants d'âges (Currents of Ages)

Courants d'âges is a network of associations in the French Community of Belgium promoting the meeting between the generations. The network focuses on 3 missions: Information, Exchange and Representation of its members.

Among its missions, the network manages the Belgian web portal www.intergenerations.be, aiming to highlight good intergenerational practices. This web portal offers a wide range of useful tools to connect the field of intergenerational work and solidarity by providing an address book, documents and detailed information on Belgian intergenerational activities. The objective is to connect professionals, the general public and various institutions with a tool towards a new generational paradigm!

Courants d'âges is a major partner in the development of the operation 'Carrefours des Generations' (Generations' Crossroads), launched by the Belgian Foundation Roi Baudouin. Taking place around April 29th – European Day of Solidarity between the Generations, Carrefours des Generations aims to highlight the dynamic networks of a wide range of intergenerational initiatives in Belgium. All these activities are funded on the meeting between people, the global solidarity and sharing of wisdom between generations.

For more information on Courants d'âges, visit their website at www.courantsdages.be and for Carrefours des Generations, www.carrefoursdesgenerations.be

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Resources

Intergenerational Programmes: Public Policy and Research Implications – An International Perspective. A joint report by the Beth Johnson Foundation & UNESCO.

This report highlights the importance of IP to many areas of policy and begins to explore the potential of this area of work by summarising key issues to underpin future research and policy development. Each chapter, representing various countries, gives an overview of the context of the policy and practice of IP and identifies factors that make this approach relevant and significant. This report can be downloaded from <http://www.unesco.org/education/uie/pdf/intergen.pdf>

Journal of Intergenerational Relationships (JIR): programs, policy, and research.

JIR is the only international journal focusing exclusively on the intergenerational field from a practical, theoretical, and social policy perspective. JIR publishes papers and articles whose content addresses intergenerational relationships evidenced in intergenerational practice, policy and research. This journal is a unique and comprehensive resource that will help you enhance your professional development and effectiveness. JIR – For more information go to <http://jir.ucsur.pitt.edu>

Transnational Mobility of Older People in Europe – Working with Older Volunteers in Manual Intergenerational Projects - TRAMP

The aim of the project was to facilitate access to Europe for older people with limited foreign language skills and to increase transnational mobility of older people within Europe. At the core, there were transnational work projects for people willing to work on a voluntary basis. In addition, the participation of younger people created an intergenerational approach. The TRAMP database offers a platform for the exchange of info and experiences in order to support mutual learning processes.

TRAMP's final report can be downloaded at <http://tramp.pef.czu.cz/?a=listar&c=3>

Stadtquartiere für Jung und Alt. (Districts for Young & Old)

The Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs (Germany) has produced a report on 27 pilot projects in the research field of "Innovations for city districts according to the requirements of families and elderly persons and family-friendly neighborhoods" to see how the coexistence of the generations can succeed. The brochure, written in German, presents and draws upon the 27 projects which have been developed and implemented in three main fields: shared sites, free spaces and housing/neighborhoods.

This publication can be downloaded from www.stadquartiere.de or requested under the heading "Review of publication" by email at stadquartiere@bbr.bund.de

How to Develop an Intergenerational Project?

This practical guide, produced by the non-profit organisation Atoutage, helps you design, improve and evaluate your Intergenerational project. This book provides very straight forward answers to typical questions faced by whoever plans and implements an intergenerational project: How should I start planning one of these projects? How could I successfully put different generational groups in touch? How to set up an efficient partnership for such a project?

With 10 years' experience of encouraging contact and closer unity between the generations, this non-profit organisation strives to provide collective, educational and cultural associations with concrete tools to encourage better interaction between the generations. If you want to find out more about this publication, visit www.atoutage.be or order the book at www.atoutage.be/commander.php

EMIL publicity and information package – now available

EMIL has produced a number of documents that will work as visual guides to explain the concept of the network and provide information on the network.

For a complete publicity package on this project, please contact Julie at EMIL@bif.org.uk

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Upcoming Events:

Intergenerational Summer University: August 30 – Sept 1, 2010

“War of the ages ... or Solidarity between generations. What alternatives?”

Organised by the French Network Assembly and association Generations and Cultures, Grandparenfant, the Regional Union of Social Centers North and UFCV – this summer school takes place every two years and will be held in Bovines, Northern France. Atoutage, part of the steering committee, and Courants d’ages, one of EMIL’s partners, welcomes this initiative and will be present for the event.

To register and see the outline, visit:
http://www.atoutage.be/agenda.php?id_agenda=513

BUILDING NEW NETWORKS

The Spanish Intergenerational Network is currently participating in a one year research project aimed at assessing the state of the intergenerational field (policy, practice and research) in Latin America. Funded by RIICOTEC – an intergovernmental Latin American network to promote technical co-operation, this project’s medium term objective is planning a strategy to develop IG practices in the region. Researchers from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Salvador, Spain, Mexico, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela are participating in this unprecedented project. The launching of a Latin American network on intergenerational issues is as well a potential result of this initiative.

For more information about the networks and this initiative, visit:
www.imserso.redintergeneracional.es

Summer-Forum on dialogue between the generations – National Conference, Germany. July 8th – 10th, 2010

The “Sommer-Forum Generationendialog” will provide a place of orientation, exchange, stimulation and the further development of intergenerational work.

The Projektbüro “Dialog der Generationen”, the National Service Centre of Intergenerational Practice in Germany and the Ministry of Work, Social Affairs and Health of the Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein invite you to engage in 7 thematic panels, 7 workshops and several roundtable discussions to think about how the National Network can be strengthened on local, regional and federal levels. EMIL and the “Intergenerational Co-laboratory” will be presented and discussed in the Panel “Generations Together in Europe”. The conference language will be in German.

The registration form and a detailed programme are available at www.generationendialog.de

Travel & Learn Intergenerational Study Tours: 17th -23rd October, 2010

This study tour is offered to professionals, educators and students of any age. See how you can incorporate intergenerational approaches into your organisation or practice. Tours provide opportunities to meet practitioners involved in the implementation of intergenerational programmes. Create your own programmes and receive continuing credits from The Pennsylvania State University.

To view the latest tour itinerary, go to:
<http://www.travellearnstudy.com/signuphi.asp>

Manchester Conference November 1st, 2010

More details to follow in our EMIL ebulletin!