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Update on EMIL

I am pleased to report that we are making real progress in continuing to expand the network and developing our website further.

By focussing on improving the look and functionality of our website, the past few months have been dedicated to gathering service user feedback. We have been able to distribute a user survey – thanks to all who provided valuable feedback; conducted focus groups with website service users; and held 2 days of meetings in Slovenia to meet with the ILI web team to make changes to the website in accordance with the feedback we collected. The main emphasis now will be to assist the ILI web team in making further alterations to the structure and design of our website to present to partners in Lisbon.

We continue to collect more information from partners to feed into our newsletters, e-bulletins and case studies for the website – but I always need more! Finally, we have been busy preparing for our 2nd steering group meeting at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundations' headquarters in Lisbon. I am looking forward to seeing all of our EMIL partners soon.

Finally, a very sincere thank you to our EMIL partners – Dusana & Tamara, and the team of from the Slovenian Third Age University for being such gracious hosts.



'Grandads' Story

Based on the motto "All children are our children who need good role models and trusting relationships with adults who have the time", **Klassorfar** is an independent non-profit organisation in Sweden that builds bridges between generations and provides a social support for children in school.

Tasks vary from school to school and are set up in consultation between school management and Granddads. With their professional background, Granddads are placed into classrooms to help illustrate school subjects in a practical and stimulating way.

Many citizens had become increasingly concerned about school children's everyday situation as their school's resources and personnel shrank, with male teachers being in the minority. Moreover, many children lack an adult male role model for meaningful contact. Linking children's need for more adults in the supply of available and engaged men seemed obvious! The idea to strengthen 'adult presence' in Swedish schools came from the need to help job seekers who were still active older men. For more information about Klassorfar, visit their [website](#)

The overall success in this programme can be seen in the recent award provided earlier this year to Lars Bratt, the older man responsible for starting the Granddads programme 15 years ago. To find out more about the prize won for his extraordinary work, visit [Lars' story](#)

There has also been interest in the Swedish Granddads programme across Europe and at an international level. According to Dr. Ann-Kristin Bostrom, an EMIL partner, "The interesting thing is how a case can develop to a new case in another setting but still keep the core values" *Continued on page 3*

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European Projects & Programmes

Seniors in Europe Learn in Networks

SEELERNETZ is a European project where older people will have the opportunity to participate in learning through social networks. A number of countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece and Romania) will use the findings to develop a European model that will show how easy access to associations can facilitate learning. A catalogue of recommendations based on survey results and pilot programmes developed will be issued.

Click [here](#) for more information about this project

FRYSHUSET – A vision in reality, and more than just a house.

Based on the belief that humanity and justice can only be achieved through real life encounters and experiences, FRYSHUSET is packed with activities and people from all sectors of society where young people mix with older people in order to participate, contribute and learn. Founded in 1984 as a result of joint efforts by the Stockholm YMCA and a couple of determined enthusiasts, FRYSHUSET offers generations the chance to meet and share interests, as well as engage in social commitment, sports, entertainment, culture, and innovative educational programmes.

Click [here](#) for more information about this house

DANUBE NETWORKERS

The partnership “Danube Networkers” aimed at creating, through joint activities, an intercultural network of older adults from the Danube countries. The Young & Old Learning Together project looked at theme-oriented contacts and exchange between the generations through organised activities. The project was also successful in creating networks between older and younger people.

Click [here](#) for more information about the network

Intergenerations – Intergenerational meets International

The project aims at opening up international youth work for intergenerational approaches while simultaneously enabling development. Therefore, a broad alliance of non-governmental organisations and foundations from the sector of “international youth work” and “senior citizen work” will come together in order to organise an international conference on intergenerational learning and international youth work in Feb/2011 in Poland. An international PR-campaign and a trilateral German-French-Polish exemplary meeting for people of all ages which will also take place in Poland. The project is funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union.

To find out more, contact Mr Teffel at teffel@kreisau.de or visit their [website](#).

E - VITA, life simulations in an intergenerational setting

An innovative and unique approach is used in the development of ‘Serious Games’ to promote knowledge sharing and intergenerational learning starting from Storytelling techniques. The E-VITA project aims to develop and experiment with ‘Serious Games’ to allow the younger generations to directly “live” some experiences that older people have lived before the European Union was established. Thus, the complexity of the past can be directly experienced and understood through a game that shows how life was at that time.

The first results of the project are presented [here](#).

Klassmorfar - continued

... which in this case are intergenerational learning, social capital, and increased well-being”. For example, both Norway and Finland have similar programmes, with only a small difference – programmes are on a voluntary basis, occur over shorter periods of time, and volunteers are usually retired. Whereas, Swedish Granddads can work full-time at all school levels, receive a small salary, and usually are between 55-65 years of age. There are currently over one hundred schools around parts of the Swedish-speaking Finland who have a Granddad. The idea has now spread through Finland. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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ROMANIAN INSTITUTE FOR ADULT EDUCATION - IREA

IREA was established as a non-profit research institute in the field of adult and continuing education, aiming to provide scientific and methodological support for all adult education institutions in Romania and to establish the link between academics and practitioners in the area of adult learning. Although an independent research unit, IREA is associated with the Department of Education Sciences, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, and West University of Timisoara.

The main purpose of IREA is to conduct research and publish books and materials relating to the field of adult education. In addition, IREA offers documentation, communication, information and professional counselling services for practitioners in the field. Essentially, IREA provides the scientific and professional support needed for improving the national continuing education system in Romania, making it compatible with the international systems and practices for adult education.

The overall research aim is to improve the quality of education for adults, identify ways to enhance their ongoing participation in learning, and strengthen the lifelong learning dimension both at an individual and institutional level.

Click [here](#) for more information on IREA and the Intergenerational activities they support.



Τομέας Κοινωνιολογίας
Department of Sociology

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The National School of Public Health (NSPH – Athens, Greece) is a self administered and self-governed legal entity offering higher post-graduate education. Divided into 12 departments and covering a wide range of areas of study, the NSPH has set up and runs postgraduate training programs in the field of Public Health, Public Health management, Occupational and Industrial hygiene, Sanitary Environmental engineering.

The Department of Sociology at the NSPH identifies good practices in the field of Intergenerational Learning, but is responsible for the implementation. The academic orientation of the Department is mainly related to the: *Sociology of Health and Illness* and *Science, Technology and Society*.

One of the current initiatives on Intergenerational Learning is set in an older people's home in Athens and concerns the "Intergenerational presentation of dance and foods from the Cretan tradition". Traditional dance and food were presented with participation of the elder's relatives, with a community children's dancing group. The purpose was to bring relatives closer to the everyday schedule of the older people's activities and to give residents a chance to participate in a more active role and bring the community, particularly the children, in contact with the everyday life of elderly. A second initiative, "Intergenerational garden painting", aims to achieve social intergenerational cooperation and the strengthening of family ties by painting the garden walls of the older peoples' home.

Click [here](#) for more information on the NSPH and these case studies.

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Resources

Creating Care Communities: A guide to establishing intergenerational programs for schools, care facilities and community groups.

The BC Care Providers Associations (2009) has produced a toolkit that contains practical information and resources to support educators, care providers and community agencies in coordinating successful intergenerational programs that promote learning, understanding and mutual respect between the generations. [Download a copy.](#)

Beth Johnson Foundation launches new Centre for Intergenerational Practice website

Gathering interest in Intergenerational Practice, Intergenerational Solidarity and the need to promote generational connection has made accessing reliable information, evidence and resources essential. The Beth Johnson Foundation is proud to promote its completely redesigned website – providing an easy to navigate pathway to intergenerational work.

In addition to core information and resources, the site links to national and international information in a way never offered before. Experience the [new site](#) here.

Conference on Politics of Generations in Bern, Switzerland – November 18th, 2010

At the Autumn Conference of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Swiss Network of Intergenerational Relationships will present and discuss their bilingual publication “Auf dem Weg zu einer Generationenpolitik–En route vers une politique des generations” that will be published in September 2010.

For more information about the programme, [click here](#) or contact SAGW at sagw@sagw.ch

Towards more Confident Communities

“Towards more Confident Communities” is a review of community reassurance at a neighbourhood level, providing practical guidance on intergenerational approaches to community development. This reassurance toolkit seeks to resolve some of the complexities of fear and anxiety in neighbourhoods into a practical guide for use by councils and their partners. Against a background of research evidence, it highlights some pitfalls and draws together examples of good practice. The advantages of intergenerational approaches to community safety are highlighted for those seeking to build higher levels of reassurance in their local neighbourhoods. It has a particular focus upon the roles of younger and older people in reassuring their neighbourhoods. [Download a copy of this report.](#)

Intergenerational Practice: Outcomes and effectiveness

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER), with the National Youth Agency (NYA) and National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE), was commissioned by the Local Government Association (LGA) to examine what works in Intergenerational Practice (IP). This research looks at what works in IP; five projects were selected to cover a range of foci and target groups. [Download a copy](#) of the full report.

Grandparents in Europe Report

Introducing a groundbreaking new study by Grandparents Plus, the Beth Johnson Foundation and the Institute of Gerontology at Kings College London, this report explores role of grandparents in Europe.

Relatively little is known about the demographic structure of grandparenting across Europe, or about how policies in different European countries support different types of grandparental roles. This report is the first phase of this study and includes a comprehensive literature review and review of family policies across 10 EU countries.

[Download a copy](#) of the full report or executive summary.

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News & Events:

'Poverty Across the Generations'

This is the current thematic milestone on the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion [homepage](#).

"A city of Inter-dependent Generations" Seminar - Madrid September 28th &30th, 2010

The Spanish Intergenerational Network, in collaboration with "La Casa Encendida" – an open and dynamic social and cultural centre of the Obra Social Caja Madrid (Madrid Savings Bank Friendly Society) has organised a seminar dedicated to exploring how to boost inter-community development. The conference will have national and international experts, will discuss the basis for community building for all ages and experiences of intergenerational work of the programme "A home for all"; as well as a seminar for professionals to explore some methods of introduction of the intergenerational approach in implementing a community for all ages. For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

EXPERIMENDAYS 2010 in Berlin - October 25th- 31st

This one week event features project exchanges, workshops, discussions and excursions on co-housing and innovative approaches to sustainable and participative urban development. This event will also launch the initiative **experimentcity** Europe in connection with the 2010 EU Year against Poverty and Social Exclusion, to improve communication and networking at a European level. For more info, [click here](#). Or contact Dr LaFond at the Institute for Creative Sustainability at institute@id22.net.

To save from oblivion: my memories of Ravensbruck – call for partner

An educational and intergenerational project developed to preserve precious memories of Ravensbruck – recounted by courageous Polish women who survived this concentration camp and pass these memories on to the next generations. The foundation is now looking for a partner. For more information, read their case study on our [EMIL website](#)

Journal of Intergenerational Relationships (JIR) – call for papers

JIR, the only international journal focusing exclusively on the intergenerational field from a practical, theoretical, and social policy perspective, is looking for articles for its 2012 Special Edition (Europe).

JIR publishes papers and articles whose content addresses intergenerational practice, policy and research. JIR is a unique and comprehensive resource that will help you enhance your professional development and effectiveness. For more detailed information on this call for papers, contact alan@bjf.org.uk.

German-Polish Encounter - "Songs of Generations"- International Centre for Youth Encounter Kreisau Poland, October 19th - 24th, 2010

Some spaces are still available for the Intergenerational Encounter between German and Polish participants from 19 to 99 years old on music organised by the Kreisau Initiative Berlin. For more info, contact Michael Teffel at teffel@kreisau.de or [website](#).

International Consortium for Intergenerational Programmes (ICIP) – offers FREE MEMBERSHIP

ICIP, the only international membership organisation focused solely on promoting intergenerational programmes, practice, research and public policy from a global perspective, is now offering free membership!

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