

# European Map of Intergenerational Learning

## Newsletter



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# European Map of Intergenerational Learning (EMIL)

## Update on EMIL

Over the past few months, I am pleased to report that we have added a number of new EMIL members from various countries not yet involved in EMIL (ie. Cyprus, South Africa, and Andorra).

The past few months have also been dedicated to EMIL's commitment to EY 2012, primarily the preparation of EMIL's Programme of Events. Moreover, EMIL has worked with the management committee to prepare a proposal to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, our original funders, for continuation funding. Committee members have also been busy drafting a strategy for the long-term sustainability of the project which has involved EMIL's involvement in a number of European projects and partnerships that will take place over the next few years. More specifically, if successful - EMIL will be one of the lead partners in a Transfer of Innovation project that will develop a Certificate in Intergenerational Learning. EMIL has also had the opportunity to become involved in various conferences as guest speakers and facilitators of workshops – a special thank you to all EMIL members who have represented the network at a number of key meetings and workshops throughout Europe.

Finally, EMIL was most recently represented at the AGE Platform Europe General Assembly in Brussels where a Declaration urging EU leaders and Member States to put employment at the top of their political priorities and to adopt strong measures to boost the EU economy, job creation and social cohesion, and to promote a new European society based on greater solidarity, equity and cooperation between and within generations. For more information about this project, contact Julie Melville at [EMIL@bjf.org.uk](mailto:EMIL@bjf.org.uk)

## **An Overview of EMIL's Programme of Events & Cross-Cultural Report for 2012 for members:**

Since its launch in 2009, EMIL has made significant progress in mapping intergenerational practice, highlighting intergenerational learning already taking place throughout Europe, developing its virtual learning model and engaging a growing active membership. More recently, EMIL has become actively involved in the planning for the European Year of Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity, as well as the follow up year in 2013 on Citizenship.

As part of EMIL's sustainability strategy, a series of at least ten events will be held across Europe during EY2012. Each of these events will bring together an invited audience to consider a number of key questions from their national perspective. Questions will include:

- What is your understanding of the term intergenerational solidarity?
- Consider the issues of social justice and intergenerational relationships.
- How can intergenerational initiatives help promote active citizenship?
- What do they see as the priorities for intergenerational relationships?
- How might these priorities be addressed?

Each event will produce a summative report of its discussions, including recommendations for creating a 'Society for All Ages'. These reports will then be drawn together into a European Comparative study that will:

- Detail a national and pan-European perspective of the value of, and potential for, intergenerational relationships and engagement.
- Map out the future priorities and agenda for EMIL and link the focus of EY2012 and EY2013.

These events are open to all EMIL members. For more information, visit the [EMIL website](#).

The deadline for applications is June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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## European Projects, Programmes & Partnerships from the field:

### Intergenerational Learning – learning concepts for young and old in Europe: German Welfare Day, 8-10 May in Hannover

Over 600 delegates gathered in Hannover as part of the “German Welfare Day”. This initiative takes place every three years and is organised by the [German Association](#). The theme for this year was education and training: ‘*without education, no participation, from early childhood to old age*’ – with the [Observatory for Sociopolitical Developments in Europe](#) arranging a workshop exploring intergenerational learning from a small selection of European good practice examples.

A panel of 5 speakers gave presentations to an audience of over 30 delegates ranging from representatives of public and private organisations, decision makers in the field of politics, administration, civil society and science.

A key message running through all presentations was the importance of intergenerational knowledge exchange across a range of settings including the workplace and in voluntary and community settings. Overall the session was able to demonstrate very clearly the importance of intergenerational learning as an opportunity for promoting and enhancing solidarity in line with the aims of the European Year 2012. Speakers were:

**Clare Batty, UK**, presenting on the role of EMIL and the work of the Beth Johnson Foundation in developing an Intergenerational Peer review programme for all sectors.

**Ben Slijkhuis, NL**, presenting good practice initiatives in civil society and sustainable employment – the added value of age diversity in organisations.

**Olaf Mußmann, DE**, presenting on good practice from intergenerational mentoring programmes.

**Anita Richert-Kaźmierska, PL**, presenting the Best Agers programme – using the knowledge and experience of older professionals on the workplace to foster business and skills development in the Baltic Sea Region.

## Seniors in Action

Seniors in Action is a nationwide grant competition carried out by the Association of Creative Initiatives, thanks to funding from the Polish-American Freedom Foundation. We are looking for active individuals, aged 55+ who would like to develop their own passions and interests in combination with helping others. Contestants (55+) may submit on their own or in cooperation with a person aged 30 or younger. Funds from the grant contest are awarded for the implementation of initiatives that engage seniors in community activism, promote intergenerational cooperation and volunteer work.

Our application is user friendly –we ask for a short letter of intent and then invite the authors of the most interesting entries to attend a workshop, several days in length, during which we help them finalise their projects. Each year we support 35 local projects and have provided almost 1,500 000 PLN in funding for 134 winning projects.

Competition participants may apply for modest study visit allowances, making it possible for them to visit each other and to become acquainted with the other initiatives being carried out at various locations as part of this programme. For more information about this initiative, [click here](#).

## New small grants scheme for EY2012 – Northern Ireland

On April 30, 2012, the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister announced a new small grant scheme for projects working across the generations and related to active ageing.

£100k has been secured for this scheme and its purpose is to deliver social change through promoting age equality and reducing social exclusion. It will help promote and celebrate both active ageing and solidarity between generations. This scheme will enable projects which embody the ethos of EY 2012 to apply for small grants to deliver their objectives. It is aimed specifically at community groups and voluntary organisations. For further details on this grant scheme visit the [OFMDFM website](#).

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## Events

### Journal of Intergenerational Relationships: Call for Papers on the Intergenerational Workforce

For more information about the journal, including the current call for papers on the check out the [website](#)

### Active Ageing & Intergenerational Dialogue – A challenge for Danube countries in a Common Europe. July 8 – 10, 2012

The conference will take place within the framework of the 8th International Danube Festival & and the EY2012. This is the 6th Conference of the European Network Learning in Later Life (LiLL) and the 1st Conference of the educational Network “Danube-Networkers”. The main objectives of the conference are to provide information on continuing education opportunities for older people in different European countries; present examples of good practice and show opportunities for transnational cooperation through intergenerational activities and civic engagement. Visit the [conference website](#) for more info.

### Summer-Forum Dialogue of Generations – Sept 6-8, 2012 in Hannover, Germany

A 3 day national event providing alternating federal states in Germany the opportunity to get to know about the work and the qualification contexts of projects, initiatives and programs which promote the dialogue of generations as a contribution to face the challenges of demographic change. Organized by the [Projektbüro “Dialogue of Generations”](#) with the City of Hannover, the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Women, Family, Health and Integration of Lower Saxony, the German Confederation of Co-Housing, and Generali Zukunftsfonds. This year special attention is drawn to intercultural inclusion politics in the context of intergenerational issues and the exchange with other European approaches in selected fields of activities of intergenerational co-operation and learning. The program is available on the website of the [Projektbüro “Dialog der Generationen”](#)

## Resources

### Inter- and intragenerational economic mobility - Germany in international comparison by Daniel D. Schnitzlein

For a considerable time now, the lack of equality in wage incomes in Germany has been getting worse. It is all the more important to at least guarantee equal opportunities in our society. But what shape is equality of opportunity in Germany actually in? Is the income structure here so permeable that people from socially weak families also have a realistic chance of advancement? How high is economic mobility in Germany both between and within generations? And how does Germany do in comparison with other countries? Daniel Schnitzlein examines these questions using new methodological approaches and analyzes the causes of differing extents of economic mobility in international comparison.

[Click here](#), to learn more about this book.

### Developing an Intergenerational Program in Your Child Care Center: New online training module

Better Kid Care has more than 75 professional development lessons for child care professionals available online. A new lesson on how to involve senior adults in early childhood care and education programs was recently added. Information includes how to recruit and train senior volunteers, prepare staff, and integrate senior adults into the curriculum.

Create a free account and preview this new 2-hour lesson for free. Select: *Develop an Intergenerational Program* from the menu of “On Demand Lesson Titles.” [Click here](#) to get started.

### Experiencing Grandparenthood: An Asian Perspective - edited by Kalyani, K. Mehta and Leng Leng Thang

This the first book to focus on grandparenting issues across Asian societies which are facing rapid demographic, social, and cultural transformations. This multidisciplinary, cross-national & intergenerational publication lends voice to the experience of grandparents in China, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. To order, visit the [Springer website](#).

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### **ESIP European Conference 2012 “Active and healthy ageing and solidarity between generations: Role of the Social Insurances”**

ESIP will hold its 7th European Conference on 23 May 2012 at the Belgian National Office of Pensions in Brussels. 2012 has been designated the European year of “*Active ageing and solidarity between generations*” and at the same time, in the framework of the EU Strategy 2020, 2012 sees the launch of the first *European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing*. In the context of these two parallel initiatives, the Conference will aim to clarify the role of the social insurances in addressing the different challenges and opportunities of demographic ageing. The Conference programme can be downloaded [here](#).

### **EY2012 Re-imagining Ageing: All-Ireland Video Challenge**

The Office for Older People, Department of Health in partnership with the Centre for Ageing Research and Development and Age & Opportunity, with the support of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure is launching an all-Ireland video competition. The challenge is to create a short video clip entitled Re-imagining Ageing: Generations Together. The video should highlight issues about ageing and show how generations working together can create a better older age for themselves and others. The competition is open from May 2nd, 2012 and the closing date is June 27, 2012. For more info on competition details, [click here](#).

### **Northern European Congress “Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations”**

September 17th & 18th, 2012 in Kiel, The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Health of Schleswig-Holstein and the PARITÄTISCHE Landesverband Schleswig-Holstein will contribute to the European Year 2012 with a collaborative project which will represent a central event in North Germany and North Europe. For more info, contact Holger Wittig-Koppe: [wittig@paritaet-sh.org](mailto:wittig@paritaet-sh.org)

## *Events continued*

### **Expert Conference – A Society for All Ages**

October 8 & 9, 2012 – Cyprus - Learning to LIVE and learning for LIFE! Future scenarios and strategies. On the occasion of Cyprus EU Presidency.

Organised by Cyprus Adult Education Association in collaboration with FORAGE, a Grundtvig Multilateral Network. This will be an unique opportunity for key experts of current EU-projects, partnerships and European networks and umbrella organisations to focus through exchange, reflection and stimulation on the quality of learning for later life, the increasing relevance of learning for and at all ages and stages of life; and to develop new ways of training and teaching about ageing in a rapidly changing demographic world. For more information about this event and how to register, please contact Klitos Symeonides ([klitossy@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:klitossy@cytanet.com.cy))

### **Second conference of the European Network for Intergenerational Learning 24-26, October 2012, Germany**

#### **'Intergenerational Learning: Towards Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity'**

The second ENIL conference will consider the theme of 'Intergenerational Learning: Towards Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity'. This conference is for educators, practitioners, policy makers, organisations and individuals across Europe who have an interest or are already active in intergenerational learning.

The conference will include key note presentations and a range of thematic workshops, which will explore how policy and practice can support learning, active ageing and intergenerational solidarity. All of the workshops will be interpreted and available in French, German & English. For a full programme please visit the 'Conferences' Section of the [ENIL website](#)

### **Healthy Environments Across Generations**

June 7 – 8, 2012 – New York, NY

Addressing the environmental health aspects of how we live, eat, work, play, and socialize throughout life, and how we can transform our environments to promote health and prevent disease. For more info about this conference, [click here](#).