

European Map of Intergenerational Learning

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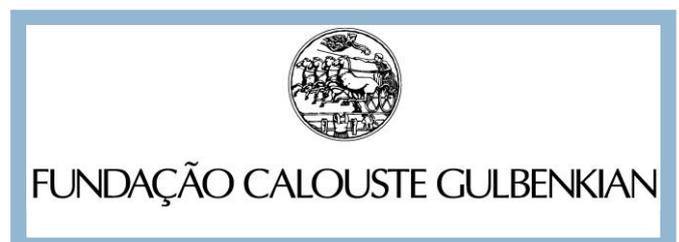
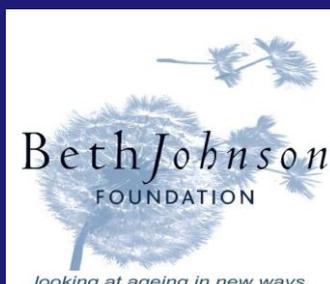
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Update on EMIL

Over the past few months, I am pleased to report that we have spent a considerable amount of time as an active member of the Age Platform and involved both in the UK and the rest of Europe in the planning for the European Year of Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity. More specifically, EMIL has been working on EMIL's EY2012 Programme of Events selecting a series of 10 events held across Europe by EMIL members.

EMIL has been busy seeking continuation funding for the network for a further two years from October 1st 2012. For example, with a number of partners in EMIL we applied for Leonardo Transfer of Innovation funding to develop ECIL, the European Certificate of Intergenerational Learning. In July we received confirmation that this application had been successful and from October 1st we have the funding 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 is a fantastic opportunity to move the European field forward and EMIL is happy to be a part of the process!

EMIL has also been busy presenting at various conferences and workshops, as well as developing partnerships with international networks to promote EMIL as a model/structure for effective networking.

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

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Make sure to check out the [EMIL website](#) for upcoming news on events scheduled for EY 2012. If you have information about upcoming 2012 events that you would like to promote on our website,

EMIL's EY 2012 Programme of Events

As part of EMIL's contribution to the 2012 European Year on Active Ageing & Intergenerational Solidarity, EMIL is pleased to announce the successful applicant of its programme of events - a series of at least 10 events held across Europe by EMIL members, that will bring together an invited audience of professionals, older and younger people to consider a number of key questions from their national perspective.

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.

We hope these events will provide an inspiring opportunity to share ideas, knowledge and questions in building a vision of intergenerational work across Europe. Successful applicants include:

1. Encell National Centre for Lifelong Learning – Jönköping, Sweden
2. Cyprus Adult Education Association
3. Slovenian Third Age University
4. Stichting Rijk en Groen/ Demin -Bureau Demografie en Innovatie - The Netherlands
5. Universidad de Valladolid – Spain
6. Association GENERATIONS – Sofia, Bulgaria
7. "Dimitrie Anghel" School – Iași, Romania
8. BAGSO/Projektbüro Dialog der Generationen – Germany
9. Age Action Ireland Ltd – Dublin, Ireland
10. (a) Valuing Older People, Manchester City Council – Manchester, England
10. (b) Swansea City Council - Swansea, Wales

**Linking Generations Northern Ireland – Newtonards, Northern Ireland (self-funded)*

For more info, go to the [EMIL website](#)

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European Projects, Programmes & Partnerships from the field:

Exhibiting our Times

Exhibiting our Times is an Intergenerational project which focuses on London and looks at particular issues and events that have affected Londoners and their local communities from the 1940's to the present day.

The specific aim of the project is to enable young people to interact with people from their great-grand parents, grandparents, and parent's generations. By exploring topics and themes that are relevant to each generation such as education, relationships, employment and recreation. This will enable all generations to share information memories and experiences which will enable them to learn from each other.

Our project meets very specific community needs relating to community cohesion, reminiscence, capturing lost history and experiences and a sense of ownership for both young people and adults, using the experiences of the past to better inform lessons for the future.

Through the use of media skills, training and the use of film, our project enables young people and elders to jointly present their views and real life contributions to the fabric of their local community and London, creating a tangible journey through history of the values of personal sacrifice, loss, courage, faith and community spirit during the 1940's and beyond, drawing comparisons with attitudes and behaviour today in terms of faith, community, loss, courage and sacrifice, creating a platform to explore what these values mean to both young people and adults.

To see the Exhibiting our Times Promotional film which shows the Project Exhibition Launch please click on [the link](#).

For more information about this project contact Marie Morgan-Henfry at 07958 494192 or email: marie@ape-media.com

Project TINA

TINA was launched in 2010 and it's an initiative of the School of Education (ESE), Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (IPB), Portugal, particularly the Department of Educational Technology and Information Management, with the aim to promote the connection between grandparents and grandchildren through ICT, the coexistence between generations and family cohesion.

The first and second edition of the project involved training sessions and workshops for grandparents over 50 years accompanied by their grandchildren - allowing them to learn basic ICT skills. Later, there were two workshops, one about Internet security aimed at parents and other about web presentation technologies of communication/interaction between grandparents and grandchildren. The second edition of project also included a week of training with the aim of promoting intergenerational relations, coexistence and solidarity between generations through technologies.

In 2012, the project extended the initiative to the local community: adults over 50 years and students from local schools. The first initiative, celebrating Safer Internet Day, was about connecting generations and educating each other - "Discover the digital world together... safely!". Another local initiative – an Intergenerational ICT workshop, promoted the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations. The TINA project also celebrated the European Day of Solidarity Between Generations on April 29th by visiting a primary school; bringing together students and older people through intergenerational dialogue. In this dialogue, older people shared stories of everyday life with the students; the transmission to students of the historical dimension of the past; response to questions from students and promoted solidarity between generations.

For more information about this project, visit their [facebook page](#) or contact Maria Raquel Patricio at raqal@ipb.pt

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Magic Me – a charity, based in East London, uses the arts to bring the generations together to build a stronger, safer community.

This year has been Magic Me's biggest yet! We have developed three large scale intergenerational arts projects with partners across London and presented the artwork to large audiences. Weekend at Wilton's in partnership with Duckie, worked towards an intergenerational spectacular at Wilton's Music Hall 25-27th May 2012. Students from three secondary schools with partner older people's groups showcased their work alongside young and older professional artistes.

View from the Top brings London's 'east enders' to the world with a 10 metre artwork of the people and places along High Street 2012. Passengers on the No 205 buses that serve this route will have their eyes opened to the passing scene, by a beautiful artwork on the bus ceiling and a soundscape podcast. Over 120 children and older people worked with a Magic Me poet and a print-maker since January. Groups investigated diverse workplaces along the High Street.

The 9th annual project with *The Women's Library*, *Mulberry School for Girls* and local older women, was presented as part of the LIFT Festival 2012. The mixed group of women presented a site specific performance that took people on a walk of love. The audience were given a map and ipods with six evocative podcasts to listen to on their walk. Inspired by the collection at The Women's Library, the group shared tales of passion, friendship and belonging which are reflected in the spaces and places of Aldgate and Brick Lane. You can download the podcasts and map from our website.

A new report: *New Perspectives* used 2 projects as case studies; the two strands of work look at how different artforms can support groups in building relationships with one another; how women-only projects are important; and the importance of exploring intergenerational arts in a cultural setting. If you'd like more information about the *New Perspectives Conference* in November 2012, contact info@magicme.co.uk.

International News

US announcement - October 1s Intergeneration Month

Intergeneration Day/Week has grown into Intergeneration Month to allow more time for planning and staging IG events. A new website offers many extras for Intergeneration Month celebrations. In addition, as of this writing, 42 state governors have issued proclamations endorsing intergeneration celebrations.

The European Year 2012 message, promoted in Tanzania

The European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations was highlighted with a series of activities during Europe Week in Tanzania. Organised in May by the EU Delegation to Tanzania, the programme of activities included a workshop targeting different media outlets with the aim of equipping them with the skills and knowledge to promote active ageing and intergenerational solidarity.

The outcome was a set of concrete commitments from the Tanzanian media to actively challenge negative stereotyping of ageing and society's deep rooted beliefs that discriminate against older people. Head of the EU Delegation to Tanzania, said: "Population ageing is a global phenomenon that is occurring fastest in low and middle-income countries. While ageing presents challenges to society, it also creates many opportunities. Solidarity among generations is key to overcome socio-economic and global challenges, such as the sustainability of social security systems, or the preservation of the natural resources". For more information about this news item, click here.

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Polish seniors send a message to younger generations in the documentary '20 yrs old me'

On the occasion of the International Conference on Solidarity between Generations held in Poznan (Poland) on May 22-23, the Centre for Senior Citizens Initiatives (Centrum Inicjatyw Senioralnych) premiered the short film "20 years old me".

Filmed and edited by volunteers of the non-profit organisation, the movie is a message from seniors to the younger generations. All the characters are anonymous Polish citizens over 50 years old, who imagine what they would say if they have a chance to meet themselves when they were in their twenties and had a few minutes to chat. Speaking directly to the camera, they all talk to themselves, about what awaits them, about what is important in life and what is not. The 10 minute documentary is available on [several online outlets](#).

Start of Cyprus EU Presidency – July 1st

Cyprus is assuming the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the next 6 months. The Priorities of the Presidency were presented on 4 July, to the European Parliament. Cyprus' approach will focus on citizens' well-being, social cohesion and growth, and in particular on:

- the conclusion of the negotiations on the Multiannual Financial Framework and progress in the negotiations for the legal framework;
- the implementation of a new reinforced framework for economic governance, aiming to secure fiscal stability, in particular the monitoring of the implementation of the "Europe 2020" Strategy;
- the involvement of social partners, the local authorities and NGOs in the realisation of the "Europe 2020" Strategy;
- the development of the Southern dimension of the European Neighborhood Policy.

The programme of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union can be downloaded [here](#).

Resources

Guidelines: Bringing Together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice in a Scottish Policy Context

The resource establishes the relationship between IP and the Scottish National Performance Framework Strategic Objectives. This allows local authorities, other agencies and projects to align their outcomes with Scottish national priorities.

GWT are now able to share this document with Local Authorities demonstrating how Intergenerational Practice (IP) can play an important part in meeting both Scottish Government objectives and some aspects of the Local Authority Single Outcome Agreements. For further information please contact alison@generationsworkingtogether.org

'Is it Fair' event summary report - Linking Generations Northern Ireland (LGNI)

LGNI hosted a successful intergenerational 'Is it Fair' event in partnership with Age Sector Platform and the Northern Ireland Youth Forum. This event was held as part of a partnership programme to celebrate the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity and focused on offering an opportunity for older and younger people to collectively voice their opinions on issues affecting their lives such as employment, decision making and relationships. A full report is available on the [CIP website](#). A promotional DVD from the event can be [viewed](#) on you tube.

Research and evaluation for busy practitioners: A time-saving guide

Many people working in public services have to do research on top of their main jobs. This book shows how to juggle research, work, family, and social life, with practical information and tips to save time, effort and stress.

The book can be ordered at 20% discount directly from [The Policy Press](#).