

# European Map of Intergenerational Learning

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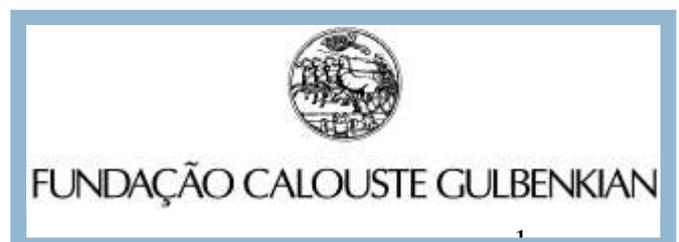
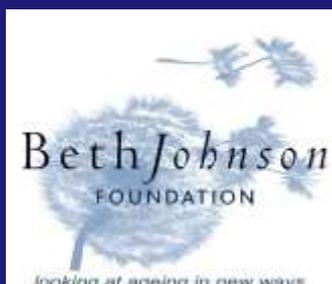
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# European Map of Intergenerational Learning (EMIL)

## Update on EMIL

Over the past few months, results from a survey sent to all members examining benefits of EMIL membership have been collected and analysed in order to identify areas of improvement and local impact in member countries. These results will be discussed in more detail during our next management committee (Granada – Oct, 2013) and actions taken after that. You can now view a summary of results on the EMIL website. *See page 5 for more details.*

EMIL continues to be promoted at a number of national and international conferences. The results of EMIL's EY2012 roundtable reports were presented in Washington, DC to great interest. Up next, EMIL will be present at the ENIL conference in Cuenca, Spain and attending the ECIL meetings in Granada, Spain this October.



EMIL continues its work collaborating and consulting with ECIL in promoting and disseminating an innovative new European on-line course on intergenerational learning. We have also been busy establishing a European Intergenerational Annual Awards programme. *See page 3 for more details of this exciting new programme.*

**For more information about this network or if you have info you would like to promote in our next newsletter, contact Julie Melville at [EMIL@bjf.org.uk](mailto:EMIL@bjf.org.uk)**

## EMIL Survey – Summary of results

**Profile of EMIL members** - more than 1/2 have been previously involved in delivering or researching IL/IP projects, 1/3 had not been involved at all or indirectly through related fields in their work (place).

**Importance of membership** - most joined to exchange knowledge and expertise with others in the field in Europe; many also believed in what EMIL was trying to accomplish and wanted to support this endeavour. The majority felt that the value of EMIL membership was in accessing relevant information – keeping them up to date on news and events, as well as the contacts and collaborations made with others in the field.

**Areas for improvement for the EMIL network** - Respondents felt that more attendance, promotion and dissemination of EMIL's work at European conferences, as well as more local events and seminars is needed to promote EMIL's work and membership more widely.

**Areas for improvement for EMIL members** - When considering the future focus of EMIL, while many members were 'happy' with the current state of the network, others suggested that EMIL should endeavour to provide its members with:

- Qualifications and training related to the field;
- Opportunities for face-to-face meetings and/or on-line meetings and seminars/webinars on a more regular basis;
- An event, such as a conference, specifically for EMIL members;
- Small(er) competitions/projects that reward the finest achievements in the field;
- Network meetings and events in different cities and/or regions of Europe;
- More thematic interest groups with info on the website about their work for members to join;
- Based on the success of the roundtable events during EY2012, further funding opportunities for similar events.

*For more information on these results, contact the EMIL project coordinator.*

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## EMIL Awards Programme

EMIL is launching an Annual Awards programme to:

- Enhance public interest and awareness on the essential role and value of intergenerational communication and learning for sustainable societal innovation and development;
- Showcase intergenerational work currently taking place throughout Europe;
- Highlight and promote important and innovative concepts, initiatives and practices that may inspire and empower generations in Europe;
- Demonstrate how facilitation of communication between different generations can lead to the exploration of common interests and bringing people to take action together in order to tackle significant societal and economic issues;
- Foster exchange and cooperation between practitioners, researchers, policymakers, business and others.

EMIL wishes to highlight and showcase existing examples where intergenerational work adds value. Award winners will show how they have developed innovative and sustainable projects working with people of all ages that have made a real impact within the following themes:

- **Housing/Environment**
- **Culture and the Arts**
- **Workplace/Working environment**
- **Communities**
- **Other**

A winner from each category, plus and an award for an overall winner, will be selected from all entries. To learn more about the judging criteria, nomination deadlines and prizes for these awards, go to the [EMIL website](#) or contact Julie Melville (EMIL Coordinator – [EMIL@bjf.org.uk](mailto:EMIL@bjf.org.uk))

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

**"50s coming back" project** is targeted at learners who remember the 1950's period. Throughout the project this decade will be revived using non formal learning activities: workshops, excursions, producing handicrafts of the period etc. Special attention is given to everyday life in fifties: family values, fashion, and entertainment, as well as how important social issues such as education, healthcare & commerce were felt. Learners not only share their personal memories, but those memories of Europe at that time. The Project involves 5 partner-countries: Germany, Italy, Spain, UK & Turkey.

"A united Europe needs a common collective memory. We still have a lot of people who remember the fifties and today it is still possible, using the latest technology to collect both childhood and adulthood memories. It does not matter what age they were in fifties - they all have been witnesses of same historical processes".

The project aims to enhance and expand the learner's opportunity to use and improve their English, proficiency with computers and the internet and meet people of all ages.

## **Intergeneracoes mediaticas - BLOG**

This blog relates to intergenerational action currently underway in the Social and Cultural Centre Saint Adrian in Braga, Spain. The action aims to promote communication and relationship between distant generations by creating informal spaces of play and sharing around the media. Doctoral project on Media Education funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology and conducted at the Center for Communication Studies and Society at the University of Minho.

Click here to read about a recent intergenerational photo contest and more on this blog

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## Generation friendly stores & shopping

A store that is customer friendly for all generations and offers needs-based service delivers competitive advantages, clear profiling, greater customer loyalty and satisfaction. Wanzl offers practical tools for shopping that is customer friendly for all generations. This business initiative has quickly attracted enthusiasts and devoted activists. Testers from within the regional retail federations, who have been trained specially for quality, go directly to the stores and check the entire business, using a comprehensive system. From the big picture down to the detail – from the layout of the shop to the information in small print on the shelves. To learn more about this initiative, [click here](#).

## The Spaces Between Your Fingers

**Project (SBYF)** - a national writing program in the US that helps people of all ages author and preserve their memories, with a special emphasis on those with Alzheimer's and dementia. SBYF memories are inscribed on postcards, illustrated, then mailed to the participant's children and grandchildren. A copy is also archived in the vault at the Free Library of Philadelphia, so they will never be lost. . Matthew Ross Smith, Founder of Spaces Between Your Fingers has shared his personal journey as he traveled across the United States, collecting stories, facilitating intergenerational artist workshops and setting up memory stations. For more information, [click here](#).

## September – The Intergenerational Month Worldwide

The highly successful annual Intergeneration Day worldwide, started in the year 2000, is expanding to a month to allow more time to schedule intergeneration events. Intergeneration Month is celebrated every September. The Integration Foundation invites to join in planning an event to intentionally connect generations this September, and every September. For more information please contact Kathleen Gobos, [Kathleen.gobos@greentreecom.com](mailto:Kathleen.gobos@greentreecom.com), or visit this initiatives' [website](#).

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### Learning to Learn – a skill for work and life training course in Marseille, January 2014

The [Lewel Up Project](#) is offering a free course to adult educators to learn new competences with the aim of ensuring better chances for Europeans with low level skills or qualifications to become lifelong learners and adjust to new social and economic situations. This is an approach which enables young people and adults to get the best they can from their learning. Applicants must apply to their national European agency for funding for accommodation and travel. All the information on the programme and the application form for the course and funding can be [found here](#).

### Generations Working Together (GWT) Photo & Video Competition

GWT is looking for compelling, emotionally engaging photographs and videos, taken by amateur photographers and filmmakers, which clearly show the different generations working together. Each category has a first prize of up to the value of £150, with a second prize of £75. The photo or video can be taken BY a younger or older person, OF a younger and older people together; and should demonstrate the importance of intergenerational connections. Closing date for the competition is September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. For further information, [click here](#).

### “SENIORS IN ACTION” intergenerational dialogue workshop

“Seniors in Action” is a nationwide grant competition by the Association of Creative Initiatives „ę” and Polish-American Freedom Foundation. Funds are awarded for initiatives that engage senior citizens in community service – promoting cooperation between the generations and volunteer work among senior citizens. Seniors in action have invited both younger and older leaders to talk about inter-generational dialogue during a workshop which focused on what dialogue between generations mean? Under which conditions it is successful and when it does not work? What are the benefits to both young and

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old? Different methods of dialogue were used during the workshop – mostly drama: working with the body, elements of improvisation and visualization of ideas in drawings and records.

[Click here](#) to watch a video of the workshop.

### **International Symposium Dementia and Music: Research and Practice. University of Vechta, Germany – September 21, 2013**

Making and listening to music is now considered an ideal way of supporting people living with dementia. At this symposium international participants from various disciplines, training courses at universities, geriatric homes and music-educational institutions are brought together to enter into dialogue about existing musical ways to stimulate and attend people with dementia and to find new ones. For more info, [click here](#) and for registration contact Monika Moormann [monika.moormann@uni-vechta.de](mailto:monika.moormann@uni-vechta.de)

### **Intergenerational Workshop: Songs of Generations (Krzyżowa - October 25-31, 2013)**

This workshop is dedicated to the role of music in society and in participants' biographies where people from 4 European Countries (Germany, France, Slovenia and Bulgaria) meet in Krzyżowa to make music together, exchange ideas, enabling them to communicate and cooperate, discovering similarities besides the overwhelming differences of "nation" and "age". The program contains many different workshops and methods and interactive discussion of the terms "generations" and "intergenerational dialogue". Registration and info via email at [intergenerationes@kreisau.de](mailto:intergenerationes@kreisau.de)

**Intergenerational Study Tour – Taiwan, March 11-18, 2014.** This tour will include: site visits to innovative school- and community-based intergenerational programs in the cities of Taipei, Hsinchu, and Taichung, incredible sightseeing and great food. Total cost (excluding airfare) = \$1975. For more information, contact Mae Mendelson ([maeonas@yahoo.com](mailto:maeonas@yahoo.com)), Matt Kaplan ([mks15@psu.edu](mailto:mks15@psu.edu)), or Shih-Tsen (Nike) Liu ([liunike@ms3.ntcu.edu.tw](mailto:liunike@ms3.ntcu.edu.tw)). Additional information will be posted on [Travel & Learn's website](#).

## Resources

### **Using Technology to Connect Generations – Report**

"Using Technology to Connect Generations" is an on-line publication that provides information about ways in which technology can serve as a powerful medium for facilitating intergenerational engagement. The data source for this report is a survey conducted with 46 intergenerational programs with a major technology component. To learn more about, and download this report, [click here](#).

### **Generations, intergenerational relationships, generational policy – a multilingual compendium**

Research in the analysis of the dynamics of private and public intergenerational relationships, including international and cultural comparisons, is a popular and important theme in the social and cultural sciences, politics, and practice. For this reason, an understanding of the conceptual foundations – one that takes into account the diversity of languages – is helpful. To this end, the members of the international network GENERATIONES (with support of the Center of Excellency, "Cultural Foundations of Integration" of the University of Constance) have created a multilingual compendium that is also helpful in teaching. It has been composed to make direct comparisons between the German, English, Italian, Spanish and French versions possible and to stimulate the exchange of ideas. To download this compendium, [click here](#).

### **The Challenges of Cognitive Aging: Integrating Approaches from Neuroscience to Intergenerational Relationships**

The publication of this Scholarly Advancing the Field manuscript in the Journal of Intergenerational Relationships by Peter Whitehouse is now available for a limited time to download free of charge on [Taylor & Francis' website](#).