

European Map of Intergenerational Learning

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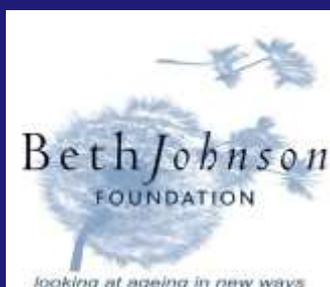


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Update on EMIL

Over the past few months, EMIL has been working hard in collaborating with members on exploring new venues for funding proposals. We have also been collecting national profiles of member countries for our upcoming Report on the State of Intergenerational Learning and Practice in Europe – see opposite page for more details



EMIL Management Committee Meeting in Granada

In order to work more effectively as a collaborated network, EMIL has recently been soliciting a number of online surveys from targeted EMIL members to learn more about what our membership would like to see happen now and in the future. EMIL also continues to work alongside ECIL in the development of a European Certificate in Intergenerational Learning. The final conference will held in Sofia, Bulgaria Sept 18th/19th 2014 where the new online course will be launched by ECIL and EMIL.

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

EMIL's Report on the State of Intergenerational Learning and Practice in Europe

Through this report, EMIL aims to explore and compare existing examples of key trends, research, policy and innovative initiatives in Intergenerational Learning and Practice throughout Europe. Through a consultation process with EMIL members, a number of national profiles will be completed of countries throughout Europe that are engaging in IP.



EMIL's national profiles will highlight:

- Key trends involving intergenerational practice/learning (IP/IL) in member countries;
- Key (practice based) Initiatives/ Programmes that exemplify experimental and innovative character in IP/IL in member countries;
- Key Policy and/or Research documents produced in member countries.

Overall, EMIL's State of Intergenerational Learning and Practice in Europe Report will explore and compare what the status of IP/IL is in many EMIL member countries, as well as providing examples of ways in which IP/IL in member countries is connected to wider EU intergenerational practices, research, and policies.

If you are interested in contributing to this report and/or producing a national profile for your country, contact the EMIL project coordinator: Julie Melville

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SEMBET: Sharing European Memories BETween Generations



Started by a group of European organizations interested in how historical memory is formed, how it is transmitted and how it may be used for intergenerational learning, SEMBET aims to retrieve and to share the social memory through the testimony of seniors who lived past decades.

Social memory, where you share a common history with a specific group of people, is crucial in creating and maintaining a sense of individual and community identity. Building and sharing the social memory related to a period of time or a specific community aspect is a way of transmitting knowledge, attitudes and skills from the elders to the new generations, which before was made within the family context. Seniors in the project become trainers of their successive generations, transmitting the memory of daily life, which otherwise would be permanently lost. Starting from the individual memories, the project will build up the social memory of a community by investigating different aspects which enhance the transition of our societies within the central decades of 20th century: family, love, work, leisure, school, gender system, etc. Overall, the project aims to:

- get elders actively involved in their community;
- strengthen the contribution of seniors;
- improve the knowledge of the past daily life and its consequences in our society
- foster inter-generational and family learning and reduce intergenerational gap;
- promote the local identity and the sense of belonging.

To learn more about this project, visit the [SEMBET website](#).

European Projects, Programmes & Partnerships from the field:



Escouts - Intergenerational Learning Circle for Community Service

eScouts is aimed to develop an innovative intergenerational learning exchange between elderly and youth volunteers, centred on the development of the digital competences of the eldest and on the guidance to the youngest to better face their upcoming adult life challenges. This intergenerational experience will take place through a variety of local stakeholder organisations (LSO, e.g. public internet centres, youth and elderly associations, etc) with a view to produce a transversal impact over the communities they are serving. In this way, eScouts expects to contribute to broader inclusion objectives and policies (both in digital and social terms).

The partnership aims to develop an innovative, intergenerational exchange between the elderly and young volunteers, using ICT as a vehicle for the promotion and exchange. The implementation of the project includes three main training phases:

- Youth (16-25) to become ICT teachers of the digital excluded elderly, with a “Community Service – Learning” approach;
- Elderly (retired people over 55) to become mentors for the youth (their previous teachers) to better face work and life challenges with an ethic dimension and valuing youngest “digital capital”;
- Facilitators of intergenerational learning of each country of the consortium to be the key actors and mediators of those two groups.

To learn more about this project, [click here](#).

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Intergenerational Project EPBJC/ AURPIPP “Gathering of generations in the classroom” Students from Escola Profissional Bento de Jesus Caraça, Delegação do Seixal (EPBJC) and users from the Associação Unitária Reformados, Pensionistas e Idosos de Paio Pires (AURPIPP), in Lisbon are developing an intergenerational partnership, related to Information & Communication Technologies. From the motto proposed by the users of AURPIPP about various matters, according to their life experience, students establish a link between those realities and nowadays, using today’s available technologies. From this exchange of knowledge, they create *sites* where they present the different approached matters and they save all the accomplished work in a database. In a global view, this project has contributed to consolidate social and curriculum skills, through the exchange of knowledge, research challenges, and the will to know more. To learn more, visit the [project website](#) or contact Antonio: antonio.carmo@epbjc.pt

‘Voisin-Age’, an intergenerational social networking initiative. ‘Voisin-Age’ aims to strengthen solidarity and social links at local level in bringing into contact inhabitants of the same district (‘Voisinage’ means neighbourhood in French) with an older person willing to take part, in order to meet, exchange, spend some time together. The initiative has more than 700 neighbors now participating (the “voisineurs” whose average age is 35 years and the “neighbors” who have 75 years on average). In the same neighborhood, residents (the “voisineurs”) will be put in touch with a person who expresses the wish (the “neighbor”) share mutual attention, friendship and solidarity becomes natural when you’re part of the same “network.”

The Project involves a social network innovative where citizen’s mind and technology come together in order to rebuild social ties and put seniors at the heart of life in their neighborhood based on the idea of social network and a dedicated and [secure website](#).

EU Projects/Partnership continued



OPEN FAMILY BUSINESS® is a pilot initiative from IURCOVICH, promoting the matching between graduates and family business entrepreneurs. During fall 2013, the 1st edition was carried out in Rome, with the support of Azimut, RIA Grant Thornton, Assoholding, and Il Sole 24 Ore – Radiocor as communication partner.

The initiative had a double aim:

1. To promote exchange of ideas between senior entrepreneurs belonging to family business and their relatives involved in the business, on one hand, and young graduates on the other hand,
2. To encourage a matching between newly graduates and companies.

20 young participants were selected by IURCOVICH amidst more than 80 candidates who applied to the call for interest.

Each participant participated to a training cycle of 20 meetings with each of the entrepreneurs that joined the process.

Among the companies participating in the 2013 Edition were some of the most famous in Rome:

- [Ansuini 1860](#) - jewellery
- [Cartoni Spa](#) – cinema industry
- [Daruma Sushi](#) – food and beverages
- [Davide Cenci](#) - clothing
- [Castroni](#) - food and beverages
- [Gruppo De Sanctis Costruzioni](#) – building and construction
- [Hassler Roma](#) – luxury hotel
- [SAC spa](#) – building and construction

You can find more information on the [project website](#) and updates on their [facebook page](#).

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Intergenerational News & Events

5th European Intergenerational Film

Festival - The Silver Screen Festival promotes the idea of healthy ageing and improving quality of life for older people. And since going to the cinema is a popular part of our culture and heritage, the main activity will be based around showing films to intergenerational audiences in community groups, schools and cinemas. These films will portray positive images of older people, and interaction will be through a mixture of activities, e.g. having a Silver Screen Lounge with tea and coffee, film discussions with directors, actors, film experts or other interested local partners working in the field of health promotion for older people.

The festival aims:

- To establish an annual event in European partner cities.
- To create new opportunities for an exchange between old and young.
- To further cinema visits and social exchange for the 50+ target group.
- To be part of a European network and to look at pro ageing with a European perspective.

Festival activities 2014

- 20 – 23 June in London, Golders Green.
- 30 June – 4 July in Frankfurt am Main and Hanau.
- 7 – 10 October in Mannheim, Heidelberg and many other cities in the Rhine-Neckar area.
- Lisbon and Manchester to be announced

By inviting senior citizens and decision makers from all over Europe, the Silver Screen Festival and its partners plan to foster the links between cultural activities and healthy ageing and provide support for new steps towards creating “Pro Ageing Europe”. Become part of it and join us!

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To learn more about the festival, [click here](#).

Resources

The comfort of strangers - Homeshare in action around the world (2004 - 2013). Homeshare International has published a review of their work, covering the last 10 yrs. This review celebrates many new homeshare initiatives launched across the globe in the last decade. To download this report, [click here](#).

TOY report - A Guide to Community-based Intergenerational Initiatives in Europe, now available in eight languages. The TOY consortium investigated 21 case studies of intergenerational initiatives involving young children and older people in 7 European countries. The colorful summary report of ‘Reweaving the Tapestry of the Generations: an Intergenerational Learning Tour through Europe’ is now available in 8 languages. The report and detailed case study reports, organised per country, are [available here](#).

A Position Paper from the GoAct project has been published. This position paper will summarize developments to date in the promotion of intergenerational solidarity through learning and including: Intergenerational learning in adult education, working life, early education and intercultural contexts. The aim of GoAct is to build on previous work, developing a European strategy which does more than highlight interesting practices or merely repeat the recommendations of previous work. [Click here](#) to read GoAct’s Position Paper

Intergenerational Learning in Higher Education: Making the Case for Multigenerational Classrooms. Educational institutions in higher education are increasingly integrating lifelong learning in a context of sustained augmentation of age diversity among their students. Therefore, this article argues that multigenerational classrooms in formal higher education may constitute windows of opportunity to rethink the practice of teaching as far as they epitomize venues for triggering processes of intergenerational learning. To purchase this article, go to the [Educational Gerontology journal](#).

Save the date - Generations United’s 18th International Conference, 2015. Next year’s conference will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii – July 21 - 24, 2015.