

The European Map of Intergenerational Learning

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UPDATE ON EMIL (& ECIL)

Since our last newsletter in September 2014, which marked the end of EMIL's funding from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, much has been happening behind the scenes to ensure that the network continues.

The management committee met in Sofia, Bulgaria, last Sept to discuss a number of options for EMIL's future. EMIL has been an integral part in the growing interest across Europe in intergenerational work and the management committee's intent has always been to continue this quest.

The next 6 months were used to explore various options, including EMIL becoming a separate legal entity. After much discussion and debate, it was agreed that EMIL would be best placed working with an already established and reputable organisation specialising in intergenerational work in Europe. As a long-time supporter of EMIL the Beth Johnson Foundation (BJF) was approached to take on the work and it has committed to funding and developing the EMIL Network.

Steve Robinson, Chief Executive of the BJJ said "EMIL's success has been based on creating opportunities for people who are passionate about Intergenerational Learning to come together and support one another. BJJ is also committed to this mission and is very much looking forward to continuing its collaboration with the EMIL network and all of its members. EMIL is now able to formally apply for research and practice funding with partners across Europe and we hope to be able to provide regular conferences and symposia, where everyone can meet, learn and share their exciting programmes".

Over the next few months, BJJ and EMIL will be working together to create a new work plan and explore the variety of options now available to us. Stay tuned for more news soon!!!

European Projects, Programmes & Partnerships from the field:

Connecting Generations through Language Education - An English-language learning center in Brazil set out to help its students learn from native English speakers, and found the perfect partners -- older Americans living in retirement homes. Through this speaking-exchange project, the students are not only able to converse in English with native speakers, but both sides get the opportunity to form new friendships and learn about each other's generations. Click here to [watch the video](#).

Penn State Launches the "Intergenerational Leadership Institute"

The Intergenerational Leadership Institute (ILI) is a certificate training program for older adults (55+) wishing to develop (or expand) intergenerational programs in their areas of interest. The program, designed to build participants' intergenerational programming skills, extend their leadership skills, provides them with opportunities to translate their ideas into concrete plans/campaigns or programs.



Participants (pictured) took the first step toward the ILI Certificate, which is a 9-session mini-course on intergenerational programming. Those continuing through the certificate process meet for monthly "application seminars" and take part in additional training and networking opportunities provided by Penn State and partnering organizations.

To find out how to establish an ILI chapter in your university or community, contact Matt Kaplan at msk15@psu.edu.

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The Max Planck Institute launches PERFAR, a new policy, research and data repository

The Max Planck Institute officially launched a new online repository, PERFAR. This new platform contains a very rich collection of policies, data and research in the fields of demography and social affairs. Elaborated and sustained mainly by Population Europe, a Berlin-based network of demographic research institutes around Europe, it contains legislation, public policies, statistical data as well as research materials accessible by geographic, chronologic and thematic criteria.

This repository is intended to help researchers, policymakers but also civil society to have quick and easy access to those previously dispersed materials. Legislation and policies interestingly include comments by researchers (national contact points of Population Europe's network) that contextualise and assess their impact.

The launch event took place in Brussels, in the office of Max Planck Institute and Population Europe. It was well-attended by NGOs – including AGE Platform Europe –, researchers and policymakers. It included an interesting presentation by Axel Börsch-Supan, director of the Munich Center for the Economics of Ageing, who focused on the challenge of demographic change, and refuted received wisdom on intergenerational conflict or early retirement, by demonstrating how countries spending more on policies towards older people are also those with the most generous youth policies. Mr. Börsch-Supan also showed how life satisfaction of older people declines after retirement, therefore inviting to further explore good ways to create age-friendly work places that encourage and help older people remain longer in the labour market.

PERFAR, built on the basis of former Population Policy Database, has been partly developed with the support of Families and Societies, a European project investigating the diversity of family forms and demographic change in Europe. As dissemination partner within this project, AGE is currently working on gathering repositories of good practices from NGOs in order to feed PERFAR with civil society's views and experience. [Click here](#) to visit the database and explore its potential.

Cocktails in Care Homes – Generations mingle at care home cocktail parties!

In 2014 – Magic Me volunteers hosted 59 monthly evening parties for 173 residents with 218 volunteers at eight London care homes. *Cocktails in Care Homes* grew from conversations we had with residents in local homes identifying a need for evening adult activity, as most events and activities take place during the day. *Cocktails in Care Homes* started as a pilot project in September 2010. Now, thanks to a pool of over 200 supportive and reliable volunteers Magic Me is able to run regular parties across London.



Volunteers, mostly in their 20s/30s living or working locally, host the party joining residents to socialise over a drink.

Benefits include:

- ✓ For some residents this is the only visit they get; Residents who don't engage in other activities come to the cocktail parties
- ✓ Carers and Staff get to know the residents on a personal level and enjoy quality time together.
- ✓ Families are able to visit relatives in a fun and relaxed setting
- ✓ Volunteers enjoy volunteering in a group setting, where they feel supported to do difficult, though enjoyable work and can socialise with a purpose.

To find out more about [Magic Me's programme](#), [click here](#).

[Click here to watch the BBC video](#)

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Intergenerational News

The Lifelong Learning Hub (LLL-Hub) - Forums 2015

The Lifelong Learning Hub (LLL-Hub) project brings together ten partners from eight European countries representing public authorities, civil society organisations, chambers of commerce and educational institutions. The project partners will organise a regional or national seminar (LLL-Forum) during the first half of 2015. Building on previous research outcomes, partners will get practical input from policy-makers, practitioners, researchers and other representative stakeholders. The following Forum dates have been confirmed: 27 March (Bulgaria), 13 April (Poland), 23 April (Portugal) April (in addition to a regional Forum on the 11/12 and 13 March), 11 May (Belgium), 13 May (Spain) and 28 and 29 May (Netherlands). For more details or to find out how you can participate please contact info@lll-hub.eu or visit the [LLL-Hub website](#).

"The Freedom to Co-operate" - A new series of intergenerational learning encounters in Slovenia

Intergenerational learning for acquiring competences for work and employment as well as social inclusion is currently the topic of a series of intergenerational encounters in Slovenia titled "The Freedom to Co-operate". The encounters are taking place from February to May 2015 and coordinated by Slovenian Third Age University. The topics dealt with: youth's work and employment and key competences for lifelong learning - Older people's contribution towards youth's employability and what they gain from learning together with young people. Moreover, at the 3rd International Festival of Knowledge and Culture in Later Life (15th. April 2015, Velenje, Slovenia conceived by Slovenian U3A) the need for intergenerational ICT learning will be approached on the basis of the analysis and interpretation of the results of the research - "The potential of the development of intergenerational learning".

Intergenerational Events

CEPESS conferences on: how to build an intergenerational society? - April 21st in Brussels

The 'Centre d'Etudes du cdH' (CEPESS) invites you to a series of conferences around the topic of quality of life in old age ('Vivons vieux, vivons heureux') in Brussels: A Conference on social innovation in support of seniors' participation: how to build an intergenerational society?, Wednesday 21 April 2015, 18:30 - 20:30

To read more about this upcoming event (in French), [click here](#).

An invitation to join LGNI in Celebrating AGE! Wed April 29th, 2015 - Funding of £150 is available

This is an opportunity for schools, sports clubs, housing associations, church/community groups, workplaces etc... to host an intergenerational / age-friendly short project or one-off event on or around Wednesday 29th April 2015 -

You could host a discussion/debate, share some food and games, organise a sporting or dancing activity, have a session of arts and crafts / music activities, hold an Intergenerational fashion show / have a digital photography session

or

...anything that will bring together people of ALL ages to discover what they have in common, share and learn skills, create dialogue and better understanding between the generations and of course have FUN! For further information please contact:

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[For inspiration about what celebrations happened last year, please see the LGNI website.](#)

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Intergenerational Action on a Global Scale – conference July 21-24, 2015 Honolulu, Hawaii.

This annual conference is being held for the first time outside of Washington, D.C., and we are proud to co-host this event with our national and international partners: Seagull Schools, International Consortium of Intergenerational Programmes (ICIP), UNA-Hawaii and Japan NGO Council on Ageing (JANCA)!

Take advantage of the advanced registration rate and early bird sign up for exhibition tables and booths before May 31.

Check out our preliminary list of workshops, posters, roundtables and schedule of events to learn about conference activities such as a pre-conference site visit and luau at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Dr. Robert Putnam is the closing conference keynote speaker! His new book, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

[Click here to learn more about the conference and register today!](#)

German Seniors' Day 2015 in Frankfurt will feature Innovation for age-friendly environments

The 11th (German Seniors' Day) will take place July 2 - 4, 2015, in the Frankfurt am Main Congress Center under the patronage of Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. There will be a large variety of topics discussed, including a workshop on Innovation for age-friendly environments (organised by AGE PLATFORM Europe).

For further information, [go to the event's website](#).

Resources

Taylor & Francis offer a new editorial support programme

Are you thinking about publishing your next journal article? Do you struggle when preparing your manuscript ready for submission? Whether you need help with language polishing, translation into other languages, formatting your article to the journal's style guide, or making your figures clear, bold and appealing, [Taylor & Francis Editing Services](#) is now available to help researchers with preparing and submitting a manuscript, leaving you to focus on the part you really love – the research. The services offered are:

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Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Resource Manual - now available

Globally, age-friendly cities, communities, and practices have become synonymous with building communities that help enable older people to reach and sustain their functional ability. In January 2014, Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) collaborated with the IFA to help build and strengthen the capacity of five Community AGenda Sites: Atlanta, Miami, Phoenix, Kansas City, Missouri. The Manual has links connected to a range of resources in the categories of - Positive Economic Impact of Age-friendly Communities; Toolkits, Guidelines and Resource Manuals; Promoting your Age-friendly Project; and Tools to Evaluate the Age-friendly Process.

[Click here to access](#) the Age-Friendly Communities Resource Manual.