

Invitation to take part in “Generations on Screen” – an intergenerational engagement project

Generations Working Together has been recently awarded a grant of £10,000 by Big Lottery Fund to run an innovative and exciting intergenerational project.

We are currently seeking primary schools & care homes located in Paisley - Ferguslie Park/Glenburn and Johnstone area to take part in this intergenerational project called “Generations on Screen”. With the aim of positively engaging younger and older people, this project will encourage those involved to develop further intergenerational projects with the aim to build long standing relationships between the Primary Schools and Care Homes to support this intergenerational approach to sustain beyond the life of this project.

By breaking down barriers between generations we build new ways of working and living together, build stronger communities and create more opportunities for change by addressing and tackling negative stereotyping of both the young and old.

About this project

“*Generations on Screen*” has been developed through our extensive work with care homes across Scotland, whose staff and carers have been keen to increase intergenerational relationships for their residents with younger people.

We shall work with 4-5 care homes within the Renfrewshire area involving groups of 10-15 residents who will partner with 10-15 primary aged children from a local primary school to work alongside a professional storyteller and filmmaker to create a series of short films sharing stories across the generations.

They will collectively explore topics such as; what are our similarities and what are our differences, what are our achievements and what are our goals, what are we most afraid of and what do we dream for. These stories will be interwoven, spinning fact and fiction, real life with imagination to create a tapestry of words and images. All of which will be captured on film to be shared across our national and international network, demonstrating the power of intergenerational approaches. In total, approx 150 individuals will engage in this programme of work, with a total of 6 workshops per care home and 1 joint screening event with an audience of family and friends.

Why get involved in this project?

Loneliness is an epidemic currently impacting on the most vulnerable in our society, older people, even those living within supported accommodation, rank highly as those most at risk of suffering the negative effects of loneliness including depression and reduced mental and physical well-being.

We have identified Renfrewshire as an area of focus as 61 of the data zones within the locality are amongst the most 20% deprived in Scotland. Also, it is documented by the Glasgow Centre of Population health that deprived areas have a greater prevalence of isolation and loneliness and that poverty is a contributing factor.

Benefits for the younger and older people and for the community

Through our experience we predict the following outcomes from this programme of work:

- 90% of participants will voice increases confidence and self-worth
- 90% of participants will have increased health and well being
- 90% of participants will have gained new skills and knowledge
- 80% of participants will feel less isolated and alone with stronger community connections

How we will evaluate this project?

We will fully evaluate this project through both quantitative and qualitative methods including:

- Baseline and end point questionnaires
- Case studies on both young and older participants
- Photographs and quotes
- Feedback from care home staff, families and schools

The final screening event will be an opportunity for all participants, their families, teachers and carers to come together and celebrate their collective achievements.

We are looking forward to hearing from you, and hopefully working with you in the near future.

To find out more about this project or to express interest, please contact Sorina Oprea, Project Coordinator, by email at Sorina@generationsworkingtogether.org or by telephone at 0141 559 5024