Generation for Generation
What is intergenerational work?

Planned activities and experiences that are designed to bring generations together for their mutual benefit. These activities and experiences must be ongoing and systematic, must continue for an extended period of time at regular intervals and must benefit all participants—youth, older persons, and staff. (Henkin & Newman, 1985).
AIMS

- To bring the generations together;
- To study the efficacy of an evidence-based intergenerational engagement programme for Scottish primary schools;
- To promote health and wellbeing in adults aged 60 and over;
- To understand mechanisms underlying positive impacts of volunteering on wellbeing;
- To improve children’s success in school.
WHAT HAS BEEN FOUND?

- Improvements in reading abilities amongst pupils and school climate
- Improvements in age-related attitudes
- Improvements in health and wellbeing
DURATION AND TRAINING

1. Duration
   - 03 December 2018 – 28th June 2019: school engagement

2. Training
   - Child Protection Training
   - Shadowing
Assessment

baseline, 2nd meeting (November/December 2018- June 2019)

3 months later (April 2019)

after 6 months (June 2019)
Random assignment

All Volunteers

Group 1
8 hours/week

Group 2
A wait-list
(September 2019 start)
Volunteers' roles

- Assisting with Reading
- Assisting with Writing
- Assisting with Numeracy tasks
- Assisting with the Library
- Assisting pupils with tasks, either individually or in small groups
If we succeed...

- Benefits of intergenerational engagement will be confirmed.
- The evidence from this project may form the basis of future policy and practice in the UK.
Thank you