I am so pleased to share with you all that has been happening with LGNI over the recent months. It has been a really exciting and busy period.

Read on to hear a little more about all of our projects.

Please remember to sign up to our new website! You can choose to register for your own location and for whatever topic areas are of particular interest to you. We are in the process of building all of these networks up.

Thank you again to all of our excellent funders, partners and supporters.

Best wishes from all of the team,

Vicki

Manager, LGNI
News Bites

Watch this space for dates for further LGNI Information workshops coming to a council area near you!

LGNI is very pleased to be partnering with a new UK-wide £5m project to use “good food” to change lives in disadvantaged communities in Northern Ireland. A new £5.1m project to tackle loneliness and improve health in Northern Ireland using “good food” has been launched by the Soil Association’s Food for Life programme. The project, funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, will use the power of good food to connect people of all ages through growing, cooking and eating together.

Watch this space for info on getting involved!
We were delighted to have received such a great response to our intergenerational small grants scheme again this year. We were able to hand out 51 grants to a wide variety of organisations, averaging £150 per group.

Here are a few lovely quotes!

"Young and old side by side laughing and learning, a brilliant night was had by all."

Voice of Young People in Care

"What a great afternoon! It really is a joy to see everyone connect, the residents just love love love seeing the children."

Boogie Beat Music & Movement

"The Primary 6's of Harmony Primary School really enjoyed their bingo session this morning with some of the residents of Forthriver Fold and the local neighbourhood policing team!"

Belfast Community Sports Development

Full list of grantees: Derrylatinee Primary, Ballyspallen Cricket, Westwinds Primary School, Millverne Residential Home, Spectrum Centre, Jolly Pirates Preschool, Limavady Community Luncheon Club, Forthriver Fold, Harmony Hill Community Group, MindWise, Libraries NI, Lagan Village Youth and Community Group, Sing Club Limavady, Mount Vernon Court, Annahilt and Magherconlouse, Bradley Manor, Jolly Rodgers Day Nursery, Ravenscroft Nursery, Holywood 55+ Club, Holywood Scouts, Gaeil Ruairi Og Agus Gaeil Na nGlinti, Railway Lodge Care Home, Cosy Corner playgroup, Vibe Youth Club, Alexander Dickson PS, McClintock PS, Dunonald PS, St Finians Pre School, Older People North West/ Age Concern Derry, REACH Across, Remember When Ltd, Oakmont Lodge Care Home, Creggan Preschool, Acorn Women's Group, Tempo PS Rhythm and Rhyme, Happy Hatchlings, Priory Integrated College, Voice of Young, People in Care, ST Marys PS, Rainey Endowed School- Librarians, Gilford Toddler Group, Moneyreaich Community Church, Tullysaran Community Association, Friends of Enniskillen Nursery, Bright Lights, Keady and District Angling Club, Hope Limavady, NI Blind Golf Association, Comber Regeneration, Slemish Nursing Home, Fintona.
LGNI had a fantastic opportunity to deliver two EngAGE projects in partnership with PCSP, PSNI, Nendrum College, Glastry College and local older peoples groups.

The project aspired to challenge anti-social behaviour issues and influence community safety in the local area. Both younger and older people were engaged and contributed to the design and planning of the project activities, ensuring the project was locally driven.

The groups enjoyed meeting up and took part in activities such as tribal drumming, gardening, board games, reminiscing and crafts. The PCSP is committed to helping build more cohesive and safer communities. This project was designed to break down barriers between generations and promote better understanding of one another.
It has been lovely to hear how all of the groups have chosen to spend the money they received from this initiative. The initial Christmas Song singing has now led to further intergenerational get togethers and hopefully long lasting connections.

BELFAST CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP AND LINKING GENERATIONS NI INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OUR:

INFORMATION SESSION

Come along and find out about intergenerational work and how you could receive free training and funding towards your very own intergenerational project.

16 May 2019 | 6.30PM to 9.30PM
3FiveTwo Training Academy, Belfast

To attend the information session, please register online via the Childcare Partnership website: http://childcarepartnership.hsni.net/training-quality/

Singing Generations

Coming soon...

Linking Generations NI invites you to:

INTERGENERATIONAL SCHOOLS

FREE MULTI-AGENCY EVENT
A PRESENTATION FROM PROFESSOR PETER WHITEHOUSE, PRESIDENT OF INTERGENERATIONAL SCHOOLS INTL, USA
HOW CAN IG SCHOOLS HELP YOU?

25TH JUNE 2019
2.30-5PM
NENDRUM COLLEGE

CONTACT INFGNI@BJF.ORG.UK TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
LGNI are involved in the European funded project PLACE EE project which brings together partners from N.Ireland, Ireland, Sweden and Iceland with the goal of helping older people in rural communities to be more connected to their communities. The project has an intergenerational focus utilising the IT skills of young people to support older people to get online.

**Catch Project**

We were involved in two sessions at the CATCH Project (Challenging Attitudes, Changing Horizons) with Co-operation Ireland in Belfast. These round table Q & A discussion sessions involved a total of over 100 teenagers aged 13 - 15. LGNI's subject of 'stereotyping teens & intergenerational misunderstandings & mistrust' led by Lynne B prompted very interesting discussions.

Vicki and Lynn H attended and took part in the 'Generations Working Together' AGM Conference in Scotland.
The end of March saw the celebration events of the three care homes engaged with local schools in arts projects that aided older people to overcome loneliness and social isolation. Castle Lodge Antrim linked with Antrim Primary School. Abingdon Manor North Belfast linked with Mercy College and Sunnymead Care Home with the Royal School Armagh Preparatory Department.

These were very successful projects which ended with great celebration events. They were all very valuable in engaging older people in Art and in forming real relationships.

The benefits of taking part are immeasurable and to quote one participant, “I’m learning to live my life again!” says it all!

The six projects involved in EngAGE Art have been so positive that we will be seeking further funding to create a greater momentum between a wider range of care homes and their local communities.

Until next time... please do keep in touch!

Best wishes from all at LGNI