Dear Friends,

It's been a busy few months for LGNI phew! I'm delighted to share this newsletter with you all to show what the LGNI team and our supporters have been up to. We also have lots of opportunities coming up, some of which are included in this newsletter others will be sent out via our networks so remember to sign up!

Our approach to LGNI's work moving forward is to engage with our supporters by council area with each area having a designated member of LGNI staff. We will be hosting network meetings, delivering training and providing support including funding in all areas of NI over the next couple of years. We are a VERY small but dedicated team so be patient with us while we adapt our website to make it easier for us to engage with you all and vice versa. Sign up using the link to the left to ensure you receive our information.

Lastly I would like to share my news with you all, I'm having a baby! I will be off on maternity leave from Christmas time returning mid 2020 until then I will leave you in the capable hands of the LGNI staff team including a new member of staff starting in November. Please welcome them with open arms!

Best wishes and thanks for your continued support

Vicki
Manager, LGNI
Would you like to get involved in intergenerational work? …and promote healthy eating? …and receive a small grant to do it?

Visit our website for more info and to download a pack!

These upcoming network meetings will focus on providing information on our new partnership project 'Food For Life Get Togethers' with a small grants opportunity as part of this project.

This scheme is open NI wide and £150 is available per group for an intergenerational Food Themed ‘Get Together’.

The grants scheme is open to apply 1st October- 4th November
We are really pleased with the interest and attendance as our first network meetings have taken place! These network meetings are all about providing support, advice, opportunities and inspiration to our supporters and network members. Please contact us if you would like to partner on a meeting with us or have a topic you would like us to focus on. See examples of our latest meetings below-

Our 'Intergenerational Schools' event at the end of term was a great success. We were pleased to invite Professor Peter Whitehouse from Intergenerational Schools USA to speak. We also partnered with and had speakers from our own Department of Justice, Education Authority and Department For Communities. The meeting closed with a fascinating Q and A with the various speakers and an interactive Menti Metre presentation that all attendees could be involved with.

LGNI hope to hold 2 network meetings per year in each council area using specific themes to interest everyone. So far we have held a network meeting in Ards and North Down focusing on generating intergenerational ideas for the councils participatory budgeting grants scheme and in Belfast to provide information on our Food for Life Get Togethers Project.
We have really enjoyed seeing what all our All Ages April grantees got up to this year! As always so many new connections have been made and lots of fun had by all involved. Here's a few picture and comments from some of the activities and those who took part. A full report and video will be available on our website soon.

"I got to learn things I did not know and meet people I did not know"

"We got great laughs and had a lovely day"
We are delighted to have been awarded Arts Council NI Arts for older funding! We will be working in partnership with 4 Day Centres including Older People North West Derry, Inniscoole Rathcoole, Ballyoran Centre Ballybeen and Meadows Portadown!

Great Expectations' Mural Project

We partnered with Belfast Childcare Partnership to deliver bespoke Early Years Intergenerational training to their members. To recruit trainees we delivered an information session showcasing some of our supporters success stories including Puddleduck's and Bumbles Day Nursery. In September we delivered our first training session with a very enthusiastic group of early years practitioners and look forward to welcoming them to their second and final training session! LGNI will be offering training in the near future to our network members but can also provide a bespoke service just give us a call.

In association with Graham Bam and BHSCT, we are running a project to create a mural for the new RVH Maternity Hospital. This is a great project and is both intergenerational and cross-community based.
In addition to the various networking events and community planning & development meetings, our small team has been travelling far and wide. Vicki attended & spoke at the Generations United Global IG Conference in Portland USA.

Lynne B is shown here at one of two Positive Ageing events that we attended recently.

Lynne B is also pictured below in Dublin presenting at The IG Approaches to Loneliness event.
We are pleased to reveal this year's Christmas initiative!

Our Hopes are:

- Intergenerational, fun and enjoyable events will take place that might otherwise not have happened.

- Benefits of Intergenerational work will be highlighted to the wider community.

- Sustainable connections will be created.

What you need to do is:

- Film a video of your intergenerational group singing a Christmas song

- Put the video on Facebook tagging LGNI by 6th December. LGNI will share all of these on 9th December and the most likes on the posts on the LGNI PAGE on 16th December will be the winner.

Until next time... please do keep in touch!
Best wishes from all at LGNI