



**Generations
Working
Together**

National Conference 2021

Biographies: Guest Speakers

Webinar 1 - Darren Phillip - Intergenerational Faith Communities



Darren is a youth and children's development worker for the Church of Scotland. Based in Livingston, he is working to build an intergenerational community where all ages play a full part in the life and worship of the church. He has a keen interest in how the rediscovery of ancient practices can help faith communities unlock the potential of young and old working together.

Webinar 2- Jennifer Challinor - Places for intergenerational encounters and connections



Jennifer is the Project Officer for Ageing Society and Wellbeing at the Crichton Trust in Dumfries. Jennifer has worked with communities and co-produced in the social enterprise sector for almost 20 years. She is currently leading the Trust's work on making the grounds, facilities and activities age-friendly and encouraging intergenerational community connections in the region. She is also building the business case to develop a rural demonstrator of a 21st Century village, creating a new intergenerational community of almost 500 homes on or near the Crichton Estate.

Webinar 3- Jordan Giberson and Luke Price - Let's Get Rid of Ageism



Jordan works for Guild Living, with a primary focus on developing and growing Guild Living's STOPageism campaign. She focuses on building and maintaining its partnerships, and managing all campaign initiatives. She also works on the broader Guild Living partnerships, with an aim to develop new programmes. Previously, Jordan worked in several industries, including the technology industry, airline industry, and marketing agencies. She has a cheerful spirit and has a passion for people.



Luke is an Evidence Manager at the Centre for Ageing Better, a charitable foundation that funds policy and practised focused research. He leads Ageing Better's work on reducing age bias in the recruitment process, and has been heavily involved in other ageism related research projects including most recently their work on reframing ageing.

Webinar 4 – Tilly Robinson-Mills, Donna Borokinni, Alison McKinnie and Yvla Haglund - Food & Relationships



Tilly is Impact and Policy Officer for Eat Well Age Well. Tilly works to measure the outcomes from Eat Well Age Well's project activities and ensure findings and learning are shared with key stakeholders. Tilly studied Human Geography at the University of Sheffield, before specialising, through a Masters, in Food Security and Food Justice. She has completed research in a range of contexts, both in the UK and internationally, specialising in food security and older people, particularly the social role of food and its importance for wellbeing in older age.



Donna has been working as Scotland's Engagement Officer on the Get Togethers team, at the Soil Association since August 2019. Donna began her career in community development more than 20 years ago. She set up a Food and Health Consultancy and training company; Happy Cooking. She sees food as a valuable tool to engage with people. Donna has worked with a number of organisations to set up food initiatives, food hubs, community meals and provided REHIS training to service providers and users. She has been working closely with schools to train parents and children in cookery skills and teach food and health.



Alison joined Zero Waste Scotland back in 2006. Her role is to help build a strong, long term and sustainable market to support the organics sector in Scotland, particularly the end use markets for compost, digestate and biogas. Initially Alison worked with compost but over the last few years with Anaerobic Digestion (AD) as this has become increasingly prevalent. As well as driving material to AD and composting, the focus is on the quality of both input and output material. Increasing interest in the value of food waste and digestate in Scotland through higher value products is rising and Alison is supporting Zero Waste Scotland's Circular Economy programme in this work.



Yvla is Food Waste Campaigns Manager at [Zero Waste Scotland](#). She holds degrees in Communications and International Communication and has delivered behaviour change and advocacy campaigns on environmental issues in Scotland for 14 years. She is part of the Food & Drink team within Zero Waste Scotland, who work toward meeting the Scottish Government target to reduce Scotland's food waste by a third by 2025, as set out in [Scotland's Food Waste Reduction Action Plan](#). Her work on food waste prevention has included delivery of Love Food Hate Waste in Scotland, a campaign aimed at helping householders reduce their food waste, projects to reduce food waste in the hospitality sector, such as via the 'Good to Go' doggy bags scheme, and work to remove barriers to increased redistribution of surplus food.

Webinar 5 – Jason Blyth and Edel Roddy - Innovation



Jason has been Principal Teacher of Music at Bertha Park High School since it opened in August 2019. Before becoming a teacher he was a professional musician, touring with Franz Ferdinand. As well as leading on music technology, he still makes appearances as the official mascot of St Johnstone Football Club and has written more televised entries for the Eurovision Song Contest than anyone else in the school.



Edel Roddy joined Generations Working Together in January 2021 to work with the team in sharing existing resources (Kinnections resources) and developing new online resources which can enhance connections between people of all ages. Edel has previously worked as Project Lead/Research Fellow on an Appreciative Inquiry research study exploring the topic of community in care homes. She holds a fascination for how words and images can inspire our imaginations to think anew, and is experienced in using strengths-based approaches to develop resources which forefront building connection with one another and oneself.

Webinar 6 – Dr Louise Brown Nicholls, Professor Anneke Fitzgerald, Greg Cronan - Research and Innovation



Dr Louise Brown Nicholls is a Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. Her core research investigates cognitive abilities like memory and attention in young and older people. Louise is also interested in how we can maintain and even improve our cognitive functioning, for example by considering lifestyle approaches to healthy ageing. She is currently leading a programme of research that investigates older adults' outcomes of participating in primary school-based intergenerational engagement. Louise previously worked as a postdoctoral research fellow at Glasgow Caledonian University and The University of Edinburgh, and as a Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University. Louise is Director of the Strathclyde Ageing Network, comprising multidisciplinary ageing-related researchers and professionals based at Strathclyde and beyond. She is a Fellow of the Psychonomic Society and the Higher Education Academy, and a Chartered Psychologist with the British Psychological Society. Some of Louise's research on ageing has been funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Chief Scientist Office.



Coming from a technology design and implementation background, **Greg** has applied unified communications and telehealth solutions into an 'intergenerational learning using video conferencing' program.

After completing studies and research about intergenerational learning at Griffith University, Greg in conjunction with **Professor Anneke Fitzgerald** – have developed and implemented this program for the last 18 months.



Professor Anneke Fitzgerald (FACHSM) is Professor of Health Management at the Griffith Business School. Prior to joining academe in 2002, Anneke worked 20+ years in the health industry in clinical and managerial positions at different levels. Since becoming an academic, Anneke completed a PhD in Commerce. Specialising in organisational behaviour and health service management, she has significant experience in leading projects involving both technical and clinical stakeholders, involving complex organisational cultures. She has secured more than AUD\$26 million in research grants, produced over 120 peer reviewed journal and conference publications and completed 15 Higher Degree by