

Bringing the local to the Global - celebrate Global Intergenerational Week

We are so excited to be hosting Intergenerational Week (25th April to 1st May) and it is being celebrated in eleven countries across the globe, with lots of events that you can take part in (Australia, America, Canada, England, Ireland, Mexico City, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, and Wales). It's a week to learn about or enhance your intergenerational connections, everyone is invited to join in the fun and find out new stuff along the way. You may even make some new connections from a different generation and a different country. We invite you to join in the celebrations and be part of the week.

Or you may decide to share and celebrate Global Intergenerational Week in your own way, please let us know if you decide to celebrate, we would love to hear your stories. We are keen to hear your own stories that we will publish.



We are also keen to have a series of articles that may advance new ideas, share research findings, and develop critical insights on intergenerational relationships and programs. The week will highlight the work across the globe, and we hope that it may inspire and contribute to new research and profiles of intergenerational work carried out around our world and start to unite generations. The challenge now lies in going beyond a project or program here or there to making a larger commitment to intergenerational connections so that they become a part of daily life and the tapestry of our social fabric.

There are so many inspiring stories in our world that connect us throughout our lifecycle, and most of us would probably say that we are eclectic in our choice of things (music, film, clothes, hairstyles, food, sport, art) and it is the same when we make friends with someone new from a different generation and find out what they see, and share what we see. It's as simple as that.

Though there is so much more to the intergenerational than you may realise, the week aims to celebrate all that is part of it, with ideas, exploring opportunities and sharing good practice. Being intergenerational can be part of our world in our communities, towns, and cities whether it is in a playpark, community garden, or a newly designed community space. Bringing generations together will assist us to become friendlier communities that are safe to grow up and grow old in. We often separate our communities and our activities by age – young people in schools, older people in retirement communities or facilities. We talk a lot about all the ways we need to help people. But, perhaps, we can all help each other. It's the experience of life in an intergenerational, interdependent, richly complex community that, more than anything else, teaches us how to be human.

One voice brings thought, many voices bring change, that's what Global Intergenerational Week can do, bringing us all closer across the globe to celebrate and share and that is truly intergenerational. We know that social isolation and loneliness affect both younger and older people and so does ageism. We hope that you can join us for the week and take part in something on the programme.

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