Solidarity between Generations in Ireland

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Launched in April 2011 to

- Raise awareness of intergenerational work in Ireland
- Provide guidance, advice & support
- Provide training workshops
- Organise Intergenerational events
European Year of Active Ageing & Solidarity between Generations 2012

Our role for EY2012:

• Advising on a suitable direction and motivation for the Year

• Planning events throughout the year as part of the National Steering Committee

• Partnership approach to intergenerational solidarity working with The National Youth Council of Ireland

• Emphasising the Life Cycle aspect of Positive and Active Ageing – not two separate groups of young and old but everyone on the same path.
What have we done during the European Year 2012?

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<th>Event / Activity</th>
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<td>EY2012 Launch Event – Workshop (February 2012)</td>
<td>150 people</td>
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<td>3 Learning Workshops – Dublin, Galway, Cork (March / April)</td>
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<td>Funding &amp; Support Scheme for 13 Projects (May to date)</td>
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<td>Phase 1 and 2 of Intergenerational Mapping Report</td>
<td>28 Projects – 15,344 people to date</td>
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<td>EMIL Consultation Event (October)</td>
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<td>Intergenerational Showcase Event (28 November)</td>
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# 13 New Projects Funded during EY2012

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<td>Bringing Memories to Life</td>
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<td>Positive Age</td>
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<td>Pavee Point</td>
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EMIL Consultation Event – *Creating A Society for All Ages*

23rd October 2012

Questions were asked around:

1. Understanding of Intergenerational Solidarity?
2. Social Justice and Intergenerational relationships?
3. Active Citizenship and Intergenerational initiatives?
4. Priorities for Intergenerational Relationships?
5. What can policy makers do to make better connections between older and younger people?
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Key Themes that arose Include:

- Loyalty & Respect
- Tackling Stereotyping and Peer Pressure
- Communication
- Shared spaces / common ground
- Equal rights & responsibilities
- Equality & Fairness
- Media Portrayal
- Education and Access to information
- Access to services
- Sense of Community – lost?
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Some Key Suggestions around Policy:

• **Implementation of ABCD** – Asset Based Community Development – where a community is consulted on the change it wants to see and asked what each individual can contribute to that change. There is buy in from the start and people commit just to what they can. Involves the key principles of – change, consultation, and responsibility - as well as rights. Needs a top down approach.

• **Mandatory Quotas** – every group funded locally, regionally, nationally by the State or representing people at state level, should be intergenerational by law. County councils, The Dáil, European Parliament should all be intergenerational (there should be young as well as older voices there)

• **Education and Access to Information** about intergenerational solidarity and how to become an active citizen e.g. how to vote – it was felt by young and old that the sooner and the younger people learn about these kind of issues, the better. It should not just be confined to a CSPE (Civic Social Political Education) class or transition year.
One Island All Ages
North South Event – 6th November
A bringing together of voluntary and community sector organisations from across the entire Island to share experiences and look to the future with the aim to:

• Provide an opportunity for networking and relationship building across sectors and between North & South
• Identify potential small scale prototypes through a design approach
• Seed collaborative projects as a legacy for the Year of Active Ageing
• Project Prototypes available at: www.oneislandallages.com
Our Plans going forward and beyond 2012

• Further Training and Support
• Small Grants scheme 2013 (subject to funding)
• Incorporating Project Prototypes into Work Plan for 2013
• Cross Border Initiatives
• Look at opportunities during European Year of Citizenship
• Consultation events / Research
• Mapping Report – phase 3?
• Promotion of relevance and benefits of Intergenerational initiatives to: Community Groups/Voluntary organisations, Communities, Schools & Youth work, Government...
Possibilities for research & policy for Solidarity between Generations

• Evaluation of benefits of Intergenerational Initiatives e.g. Impact on Community Development, Impact on Health, Wellbeing and Quality of Life

• Research / Consultation with Communities

• Sustainability – needs to include all ages

• Promotion of Partnership Approach e.g. Age Action & NYCI

• Attitudes towards ageing – life cycle approach – we are all at different stages of the same journey through life.
Thank You!

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