



What Makes an Intergenerational Community? Lessons from Manchester, England

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Today's Presenter



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Manchester: An Age Friendly City?

Generations United 16th International Conference

“All participants have the opportunity to rethink and revitalise the future of Intergenerational connections.....”

“.....Becoming part of something greater for the field



Over the next 30 minutes or so I will :

- Outline the work of the Beth Johnson Foundation
- Outline the Age Friendly City concept
- Explore 'Age Friendly' and the role of Intergenerational Practice (IP for IC) in relation to the aims of the conference

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it" - Atticus in To Kill a Mockingbird



IP – definition from the Beth Johnson Foundation

- Brings **people** together in **purposeful, mutually beneficial activities**
- Promotes greater understanding and **respect** between generations
- Is **inclusive and builds on the positive resources** that young and old have to offer each other and those around them

IP, the forgotten things.....

- The words in bold
- Culture, societal norms and the media
- The car
- Politics and power

Manchester's Generations Together programme 2009-2011

- www.manchester.gov.uk/generationstogether
- Thirteen connected Intergenerational projects covering urban design, community radio, food and cooking, mentoring and befriending, volunteers in schools, games, mental health, home improvement, LGBT issues and shared spaces
- Individual case studies, evaluation report, training and toolkit produced

Some learning about IP

- There are lots of ways IP can be carried out
- Its one approach in an arsenal to build social capital and community cohesion, Sense of Place, resilience, personal skills, reduce isolation
- But it can be hijacked and it isn't the way all of the time

Manchester: An Age Friendly City?

- World Health Organisation (WHO) Network of Age Friendly Cities membership 2010-2013. A Demonstrator Programme
- Based around themes of Housing, Transportation, Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Civic Participation and Employment, Communication and Information, Community Support and Health Services, Respect and Social Inclusion and Social Participation
- A collaborative with Beth Johnson Foundation and informed by Communities for All Ages



The Age Friendly City Concept

- Is there a conflict between the WHO concept of an Age Friendly City as being older people focussed rather than wider ages?
- Age Friendly City...or community (identity and place)...or neighbourhood.....or streets.....Age Inclusive and life-course?
- As people age, how different are their needs in an area, do they conflict and do relationships with areas change as we age?
- A Sense of Place? “Wherever I go there I am, but where am I?”
- An opportunity to rethink and revitalise...something greater for the field...

“It’s very simple to make things difficult and very difficult to make things simple” – Guy Browning

“My definition of insanity is doing the same thing again and again and expecting a different result” - Albert Einstein



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www.manchester.gov.uk/generationstogether

www.manchester.gov.uk/vop

www.manchester.gov.uk/communityengagement

www.manchester.gov.uk/senseofplace



Questions???



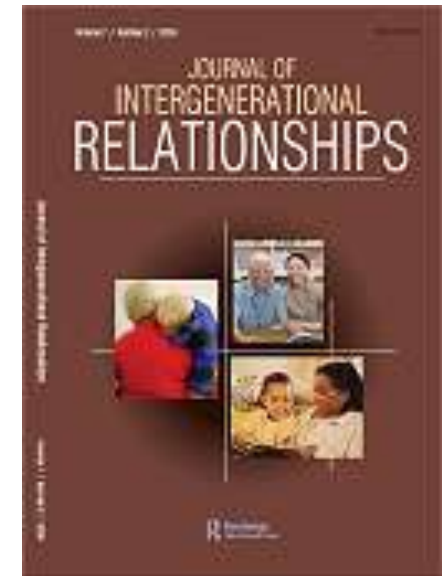
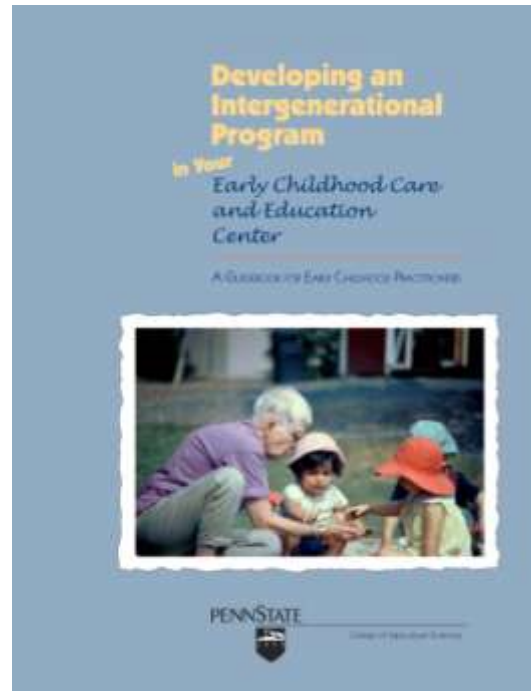
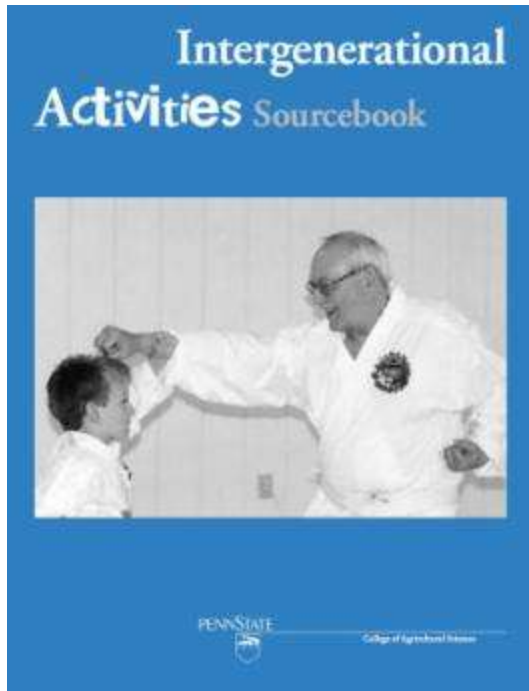
Best Intergenerational Communities Awards

- Generations United and MetLife Foundation will recognize up to 5 communities with the first-ever Best Intergenerational Communities Awards.
- Communities will be selected based on standard criteria that take into account a community's own demographics, services, programs and organizational structure.
- Communities will be recognized for their specific intergenerational successes, not as compared to other applicants.
- **For more information as well as eligibility criteria, please download the full application at www.gu.org.**

Intergenerational Communities Resources

- Beth Johnson Foundation Centre for Intergenerational Practice:
www.centreforip.org.uk
- Communities for All Ages: www.communitiesforallages.org
- **A Blueprint for Action: Developing a Livable Community for All Ages**, developed by Partners for Livable Communities and National Association of Area Agencies on Aging: www.n4a.org and www.livable.com
- **Global Age-Friendly Cities: A Guide**, developed by the World Health Organization:
[www.who.int/ageing/publications/Global age friendly cities Guide English.pdf](http://www.who.int/ageing/publications/Global_age_friendly_cities_Guide_English.pdf)
- **Livable Communities: An Evaluation Guide**, developed by AARP:
www.aarp.org/home-garden/livable-communities/info-2005/livable_communities_an_evaluation_guide.html
- **Viable Futures Toolkit: Sustainable Communities for All Ages**, developed by JustPartners Inc.: www.justpartners.org, www.viablefuturestoolkit.org

Intergenerational Resources



<http://intergenerational.cas.psu.edu/>

<http://jir.ucsur.pitt.edu/>

Save the Dates



- January 31: Deadline for **Best Intergenerational Community Awards**
- January 23, 1:00-2:00PM EST: **Learning Network Webinar**
Intergenerational Arts with Gay Hanna, National Center for Creative Aging and Jennie Smith, Elders Share the Arts
- February 16, 1:00-2:00PM EST: **Learning Network Webinar** Evaluation with Kevin Brabazon, New York University and Susanne Bleiberg-Seperson, Dowling College

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Friday, November 04, 2011

Save the Date: December 6, 2011

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