

Linking Generations NI

In 2009 and again in 2011, Linking Generations Northern Ireland (LGNI) received funding grants for two and three years, respectively, from The Atlantic Philanthropies.

At present LGNI is the only organisation in NI that promotes the value of intergenerational practice (IP). For LGNI, the value of IP is also linked to creating a more age-friendly NI.

This means age groups should not be segregated and always be encouraged to work collaboratively together. LGNI strive for all-age approaches to be implemented at the community level as well feature strongly in all government policies.



Impacts and Successes

LGNI **worked alongside** Policing and Community Safety Partnerships to demonstrate how **intergenerational approaches** can help tackle community safety issues and reduce the fear of crime

Along with Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership and Belfast Age-friendly Cities, LGNI worked in Cregagh Primary School to help **develop an age-friendly school**

With the Public Health Agency, LGNI engaged with more than **1,000** people across NI to celebrate the **EU day of solidarity between generations 2015**. 38 groups across NI planned events promoting intergenerational work

Based on the success of the BIG Lottery-funded **Digital Age Project**, the Dept of Finance and Personnel supported LGNI to deliver **intergenerational digital inclusion** pilot activity in **four** primary schools in 2015

Sustainable Practices

In terms of sustainability, LGNI has worked hard to guarantee the application of intergenerational practices across Northern Ireland in the future. This has involved:

- Delivering 20 training courses (lasting a total of five hours) across Northern Ireland, with an average attendance of 16 people per session
- Working with sheltered housing providers to explore the potential benefits of digital inclusion activities in new development schemes
- Promoting intergenerational practice in local schools and developing relationships between the wider community and local older people
- Developing an approach that does not compete with but looks to add value to the work of other organisations
- Working at and across three levels: the community, the organisational and government policy arena

The purpose of the Atlantic grant was to ‘promote intergenerational practice in Northern Ireland by supporting the Linking Generations project, which will bring generations together to build more age-friendly communities’

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