

## 2011 EU Day events

In 2011 Linking Generations (LGNI) celebrated this EU Day during two events held in May (due to the Royal Wedding on 29th April!). Both events outlined below gave LGNI Regional and Ards grant recipients the opportunity to showcase their work and meet other people involved in Intergenerational Practice.

### **Regional Grant Scheme Showcase Event**

To mark the completion of the twenty intergenerational projects that have taken place across Northern Ireland a celebratory event was held on 12 May at Mossley Mill, which houses Newtownabbey Council Offices. Between eighty and ninety people came from all parts of the north and we were pleased to welcome some colleagues from the Republic as well. Eight of the groups showcased their projects. Each group received a certificate to mark their achievement. There were also presentations by a younger and an older person giving their perspective on what intergenerational practice means to them.

Sarah Cherry from Juniper Consulting gave a brief overview of her interim evaluation of LGNI and the morning was rounded off by Tom Cairns who launched the Booklet which encapsulates the work of LGNI from 2009-2011. Tom was instrumental in supporting the development of intergenerational work in Northern Ireland and we were delighted he was able to do this for us.

### **2010/2011 Regional Projects:**

- Alzheimer's Society – 'When I Was Ten'
- Breakthru – 'Breakthru Two Cook'
- Citizens of Senior Years (COSY) – 'In Stitches'
- Cloney Rural Development Association – 'Bare Feet to Facebook'
- Cloughmills Community Action Team – 'Incredible Edible Cloughmills''
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – 'Take Your Grandparent to School'
- Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership 60th Feile Committee – 'Link IT'
- Destined – 'Bridging the Gap'
- Dunloy Development Association – 'Yoga Class'
- FARM Support Group – 'Farm Drivers'
- Hostelling International Northern Ireland – 'Looking Back, Looking Forward'
- Lesbian Advocacy Service Initiative – 'Women's LGBT History Month Podcast'
- Magherry Community Association – 'Closing the Gap'
- Moyallon Primary School – 'Moyallon at Money Penny's Part 2'
- Opportunity Youth – 'Intergenerational Dance'
- Sunnymead and Saints & Scholars Primary School – 'Streetwise'
- The LOGIC Cafe – 'Full Circle'
- Volunteer Now – 'Unlocking Potential'
- Warrenpoint Community Partnership – 'Reminiscing, Sharing and Belonging'
- West Winds Res. Assoc. – 'Crossing Bridges, Learning Respect & Tolerance'

## **Ards Grant Scheme Showcase Event**

To mark the completion of the thirteen intergenerational projects that have taken place in the Ards Borough a celebratory event was held on 19 May in the Queen's Hall. Over 150 people were present, coming from all parts of the Council area. Twelve made short presentations to showcase their achievements. Sarah Cherry also presented a brief overview of the Ards evaluation.

We were delighted that the local MP Jim Shannon was present to welcome everyone and that Patricia Lewsley, the Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Mayor of Ards were also present. The three guests shared the task of presenting the certificates and Patricia Lewsley launched the Booklet at this event. To view, please click on LGNI Booklet 2009 - 2011 below under Related Documents.

Tributes were paid to Project Coordinator Vicki Titterington by many of the speakers for her outstanding support during the year which left her...almost... speechless!

### **2010/2011 Ards Projects:**

- Andrews Memorial Primary School – 'Building a Legacy'
- Ballygowan Senior Citizens & Alexander Dickson Primary School – 'A Sign for Ballygowan'
- Ballywalter Youth & Community Co-operative – 'Horticultural Showpiece'
- Carrowdore Primary School – 'An Eco Garden Grows'
- Comber Primary School – 'Generations Together'
- Eastend Residents – 'Blast from the Past'
- Glen Ward Community Development Association – 'Bits n Pieces'
- Killinchy Senior Citizens & Killinchy Primary School – 'Mosaic Project'
- Kirkistown Primary School – 'Common Threads from Cloughey to North America'
- Millisle Youth Forum – 'Who Are We? Who Are You?'
- Movilla High School and Towerview Resource Centre – 'Our School Days'
- Portaferry Integrated Primary School Parents Council – 'Blooming at All Ages'
- St. Anne's Primary School Intergenerational Group – 'The Victorians'