



29 April
**European Day of Solidarity
between Generations**

Ards Intergenerational Showcase Event 2010

On the 29th April 2010 Linking Generations NI held an event in the Ards Town Hall to celebrate EU Day of Solidarity Between Generations. The event aptly showcased nine successful intergenerational projects from the Ards Borough involving schools, community groups and older peoples groups. The projects were completed as part of the Ards area grants scheme managed by Linking Generations NI and funded by Ards Community Safety Partnership.



The celebration event which was opened by the Mayor of Ards Councillor William Montgomery highlighted the benefits achieved by bringing generations together and building communities for all ages. Each group presented a snapshot of their project to a very captive audience of over one hundred people young, old and in between! The success of the groups was recognised on the day with a presentation of certificates to each by the Mayor. A booklet telling the story of all the Ards projects was also launched acting as a useful resource for the future.

OPA and NICCY Celebration in Belfast



the Belfast Community Safety Partnership.

On the 29th of April 2010 the Older People's Advocate and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People held an event to celebrate the EU Day of Solidarity Between Generations. This event was held in the University of Ulster Belfast campus and showcased intergenerational initiatives and also launched a photographic display of intergenerational projects. The event was attended by Northern Ireland MEPs Jim Nicholson and Barbara DeBrun as well as Junior Ministers Gary Kelly and Robin Newton. The majority of these initiatives had been financially supported through the Linking Generations NI Belfast grants scheme funded by

Funding from The Atlantic Philanthropies and the Community Safety Unit enabled LGNI to also offer beneficial training and support to these groups and others regionally during 2009/2010. The event generated a high profile and good publicity further emphasizing the success of LGNI and their continuing work across Northern Ireland.