



# Linking Generations NI

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## Atlantic Funding

As some of you may already know, LGNI has been successful in obtaining continued funding from Atlantic Philanthropies for the next three years. We are delighted that this will enable us to continue with your support to promote and develop intergenerational practice across NI. LGNI intend to build on the success of their introductory training by additionally offering training focusing on the new themes of their work. Funding will be available to groups in the form of small grants and must focus on the themes generational equity, social justice, age friendly communities, intergenerational aspects of building the peace and safer communities. If you would like any further information on how you can get involved in this work please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@lgni@bjf.org](mailto:info@lgni@bjf.org) 02891813022 or by watching this space!

## Newtownabbey intergenerational youth event.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September LGNI worked with a variety of youth groups within Newtownabbey, as the second stage of our intergenerational project with Newtownabbey CSP. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. LGNI worked with around 60 young people to gain a better understanding of their opinions of themselves and how they perceive older people. The event took place in Mossley Mill, where the younger people discussed different stereotypes about older and younger people from both perspectives and they considered older people who do not meet their stereotype.

*"The event was a huge success with great positive feedback from both participants and supervisors."*

*"This event has helped me learn that young and old people have a lot in common"  
"Older people are the same as us"*

The first part of this event took part with the older members of Newtownabbey. They were asked many similar questions to the youth events, gauging their stereotypes on the youth of Newtownabbey. This event was also extremely successful and received extremely positive feedback. LGNI hope to complete these projects with a final event were both the young and old meet and participate together.



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## LGNI Coordinator attends Generations United Conference in Washington DC

Vicki Titterington LGNI Coordinator attended the Generations United International Intergenerational Conference 'Rethinking and Revitalising Intergenerational Connections' held in Washington DC in July with Colleagues from the Beth Johnson Foundation. At the conference Vicki facilitated a roundtable discussion on the work of LGNI and fulfilled a required element of her university course with the University of Pittsburg. She is pictured here with course tutor Professor Sally Newman. A conference highlight was BJJ's Chief Executive Alan Hatton Yeo being presented with an Innovation Award in recognition of his leading role in the development of intergenerational practice both within the UK and internationally.



## LGNI Partners with National Museum's NI and Crescents Arts Centre

LGNI has joined forces with the NMNI and Crescent Arts Centre to deliver an intergenerational project with pupils from the Girls Model School Belfast and older people from Clonard Fold. The women's project 'Generations of Glamour' will focus on bringing younger and older women together to celebrate the creativity and lives of women through the ages. Activities will include jewellery making and history, beauty and makeup, dress and costume, dance, hairstyles and creative writing.

## Belfast Community Safety Partnership Funding

LGNI have successfully worked with BCSP supporting and delivering intergenerational practice within Belfast for the past four years. This year BCSP decided to provide funding to LGNI to enhance their community safety small grants programme by encouraging applicants to include an intergenerational element to their proposals and also to support those successful in the delivery of their projects. This method enabled LGNI to promote the benefits of IGP and influence groups recognize it as a good practice model for everyday working. One of the successful grantees Volunteer Now and Christian Brother's School Belfast have been receiving support from LGNI re their IG project focused on Fear of Crime. It will involve older and younger people from the Andersonstown area creating a short film on what 'Fear of Crime' means to the two generations. Watch this space for updates on their progress!



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## Belfast City Council Youth Forum and Brookvale Fold

LGNi in partnership with Belfast City Council have initiated an intergenerational project between members of the Belfast City Council Youth Forum and residents from Brookvale Fold. After preparatory single identity sessions ownership of the projects activities was given to the group with a budget provided by the council. The two generations have had great fun being involved in a quiz night at the fold, a trip to Dundonald Ice Bowl and are pictured here at the Excelsior private cinema in comber. The groups next get together will involve a grease night in the fold with fancy dress for all the Danny's and Pink Ladies!



## LGNI Information Session

As most of you will know Linking Generations Northern Ireland has been successful in obtaining continuation funding from the Atlantic Philanthropies for the next three years. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend one of our information sessions which we have tried to make geographically accessible for all of NI. At the sessions LGNI staff will present information about the new work plan, themes of work, training, small grants and funding opportunities. We would be delighted if you could join us and in order to do so please choose a session from the list below and phone 02891813022 or email [InfoLgni@bjf.org.uk](mailto:InfoLgni@bjf.org.uk) to reserve a space.

**N.B Please note that our small grants and funding opportunities are only available in Northern Ireland.**

Cookstown Rural Community Network 11:00am-12:30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

Londonderry/Derry Millennium Forum 2:30pm -4:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

Belfast NICVA 10:30am-12:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Craigavon The Hub 2:00pm-3:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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