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**WELCOME TO THE
FIRST EDITION OF
THE
NEIGHBOURHOODS
FOR ALL AGES
NEWSLETTER!**

*We hope that you find
it interesting and
useful!*

We are hoping to send
this newsletter
quarterly – so if you
have any information or
good news stories
about Intergenerational
Work, please submit
them to Caroline
Starkey,
vsrg@opforum.org.uk
or 0113 3804911.

THANKS!



'Generations Together' meet PM!

As part of the celebrations for UK Day of Older People (1st October 2008), Leeds intergenerational project 'Generations Together' (part of Older Active People, a Leeds Neighbourhood Network Scheme) were invited to a reception at 10 Downing Street to meet Prime-Minister Gordon Brown.

With 150 'iconic' older people present at the special reception, Gordon Brown emphasized that the contribution of older people to society, was "massively important".



Generations Together, based at Older Active People work in the Headingley, Burley and Hyde Park areas of Leeds. The project, supported by an Intergenerational Development Worker, aims to bring older and younger people together through activities of mutual benefit. This has included work with primary schools, dancing, jam making, baking and Building Bridges Circle Time.

The reception was part of a series of events that were being held nationally under the banner of 'Full of Life', The Department of Work and Pensions 'UK Older People's Day' celebrations. In Leeds, this was celebrated with over 40 events throughout the city from the 6th – 10th October. For more information visit: www.direct.gov.uk

Launch of 'BB2' in Leeds!

Following on from the great success of 'Building Bridges', for Primary Schools, Leeds Neighbourhoods for All Ages and Education Leeds are pleased to announce the launch of 'Building Bridges 2'! This version, aimed at Secondary Schools, was launched at an event at the Derek Fatchett Learning centre on November 6.

Training in Building Bridges 2 for school staff and community workers will start in the New Year -contact Sean Duggan at duggansp01@LeedsLearning.net

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*What is the
Neighbourhoods
for All Ages
Network?*

We are a network of organisations that have a particular interest in Intergenerational Approaches.

Our network currently has over 100 member organisations from both child and adult sectors.

We organise regular Network meetings on specific topics and also run free training events and conferences in Leeds. We have also designed a FREE 'Getting Your Intergenerational Project Started' Resource Pack.

Evaluating your intergenerational project – FREE TRAINING!

Training by the Centre for Intergenerational Practice...using a new tool kit!

4th February 2009, 10am – 12.30, Leeds Central Library (3rd Floor Meeting Room)

Suitable for:

- Voluntary sector groups
- Extended services co-ordinators
- Schools
- Youth groups

PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED...TO APPLY FOR A PLACE, CONTACT SUFIA KHAN, 0113 247 4575 OR sufia.khan@leeds.gov.uk BY JANUARY 21ST 2009.

Mapping Leeds Intergenerational Projects

We are currently undertaking an audit or 'mapping' exercise of all the Intergenerational Projects or activities happening in Leeds, as at the moment, we don't have any comprehensive picture of all the good work that is taking place.

If you would like your group to be featured in this audit – please contact Sufia Khan...there is a quick template to complete, so it won't take too long! sufia.khan@leeds.gov.uk (0113 2474575).

Leeds Project Manager Honoured!

The project manager at Armley Helping hands is to join the Leeds roll of honour. **Dawn Newsome** is among a group of people receiving the **Leeds Award** launched to honour people who have made an outstanding contribution to the city.

Dawn was nominated by Children from Pudsey Grangefield School for her contribution to older people services and her contribution to intergenerational work with young people.

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Leeds Intergenerational Strategic Action Plan

For a couple of months now, we have been drawing together a 'strategic action plan' for Intergenerational Work in Leeds.

The aim of the plan is to ensure that Intergenerational Practice is taken into consideration in all high-level strategic documents in Leeds, so that its value can continue to be recognised and developed.

The Neighbourhoods for All Ages Steering Group have approved a draft plan and we are currently working with various city council and health departments to finalise some of the details.

If you would like to see a copy of the draft plan, or even assist in its development, please contact Caroline Starkey at Leeds Older People's Forum, vsrg@opforum.org.uk or 0113 3804911.

NETWORK MEETINGS!

We have held two full Network meetings in the last 6 months

- June 2008- Funding intergenerational projects
- Oct 2008- Intergen opportunities in extended schools/services

Look out for the next Network meeting- sometime in the New Year.

Approved Provider Standard

Congratulations to *Generations Together* at Older Active People which was awarded Approved Provider Standard in September by the Centre for Intergenerational Practice/Beth Johnson Foundation.

Neil at *Generations Together* says it was quite a straightforward process and very useful and helpful to *Generations Together* in its work.

For more information contact:

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What do you think of our first newsletter? We would love to hear your feedback or any news for the next edition...the deadline is 1st March 2009!

For more information about anything listed in this Newsletter, or to join the Neighbourhoods for All Ages Network (its FREE!) please contact **Sufia Khan**, sufia.khan@leeds.gov.uk or 0113 2474575