

Intergenerational Learning (IL) is a way that people of all ages can learn together and from each other. IL is an important part of Lifelong Learning, where the generations work together to gain skills, values and knowledge. Beyond the transfer of knowledge, IL fosters reciprocal learning relationships between different generations and helps to develop social capital and social cohesion in our ageing societies. IL is one way of addressing some of the significant demographic changes and is closely linked to promoting intergenerational solidarity through intergenerational practice (IP).

The aim of IP is to bring together people from different generations in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities, which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building communities and neighbourhoods where people respect each other and are better connected.



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What is EMIL

- An innovative programme that provides a general overview of the role and status of Intergenerational Learning across Europe;
- EMIL uses the existing expertise of partner organisations working in the field to sustain a learning network for organisations involved in intergenerational programmes across Europe;
- By supporting both a European and global networking strategy, EMIL provides a sustainable method for collecting, exchanging, and distributing ideas and resources in the field;
- EMIL brings together organisations and partnerships from across Europe.

WHY is EMIL important?

- Intergenerational Learning (IL) is a way that people of all ages can learn together and from each other. IL is an important part of intergenerational practice, where the generations work together to gain skills, values and knowledge;
- IL fosters reciprocal learning relationships between different generations and helps to develop social capital and social cohesion in our ageing societies;
- IL is one way of addressing some of the significant demographic changes taking place in Society to promote active ageing for all;
- IL promotes intergenerational solidarity and cohesion;
- With such wide representation, EMIL collectively has the ability to influence the developing intergenerational practice debate.

HOW will EMIL accomplish this?

Using a coordinated approach to expand the knowledge base EMIL will continue to:

- Document and showcase intergenerational learning in policy and practice in Europe;
- Provide examples of good practice (case studies) for practitioners in the field;
- Disseminate key documents, studies and findings from IL projects across Europe;
- Encourage the mutual exchange of ideas and contributions from a wide range of stakeholders throughout Europe, and beyond;
- Develop funding applications to undertake research and project development activities within the project partnership;
- Plan and host a European Intergenerational Conference in 2012 to celebrate the European Year of Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity;
- Foster cultural exchange to reach a better understanding of IP and what it means for different cultures;
- Maintain a web based 'Intergenerational Learning Co-Laboratory' that supports these developments by providing a space for storing important information, supporting collaboration between interested stakeholders and providing a forum for public debate;
- In the medium term support a permanent and sustainable 'European Intergenerational Learning Network' in partnership with the International Consortium for Intergenerational Programmes.

