**NEWS FROM UNITED FOR ALL AGES – JANUARY 2024**

**BRING ON 2024 FOR ALL AGES**

Happy new year! January always heralds promise and fresh starts. 2024 will be a particularly critical year for people of all ages in Britain. We need better economic and social policies, bringing hope for us all.

Intergenerational action can contribute much to making Britain a happier, more connected and successful country. Our first newsletter of the year below shows why – and will be followed by much more in 2024.

**MEASURING AGE DIVERSITY IN NEIGHBOURHOODS – AND ITS IMPACT**

After months of modelling and number crunching, a team from Swansea University and University of Leicester has published its first findings on measuring age diversity in neighbourhoods and the impact that age diversity has on health and well-being.

Led by Professor Martin Hyde and Lizzie Evans, the research project is supported by United for All Ages. To see more, including blogs and papers, check out: <https://www.agediversityinneighbourhoods.com/>

We look forward to your feedback.

**MORE NEW CARE HOME-NURSERIES**

Following the success of the McGoff Group’s first co-located care home and nursery in Lymm, they have announced plans for a new £13 million intergenerational development in Bowdon, South Manchester. See more here:

[Puma provides £13m loan to fund intergenerational development in Bowdon, Manchester (developmentfinancetoday.co.uk)](https://developmentfinancetoday.co.uk/article-desc-9844_Puma%20provides%20%C2%A313m%20loan%20to%20fund%20intergenerational%20development%20in%20Bowdon,%20Manchester)

**WORKPLACES AND WORKFORCES FOR ALL AGES**

Growing numbers of employers are exploring how to make multigenerational workforces work better for employees of all ages and employers. The age diversity and well-being agenda is being debated at events and online such as: <https://employeebenefits.co.uk/dont-be-age-blind-when-supporting-a-multi-generational-workforce/>  Please let us know about good practice or if you are looking for advice.

**UNITED FOR ALL AGES COMMENT**

Our letter in The Times on 2 January about Labour’s plan for childcare and making it happen (scroll down!): <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/times-letters-practice-and-principle-of-the-honours-system-t7zxsj5dz>

**GET PLANNING FOR 2024**

* **Global Intergenerational Week** will take place on 24-30 April. Find out more about taking part in #GIW24 at <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/global-intergenerational-week>
* **Care Home Open Week** from 24 June provides an opportunity to bring generations together through local care homes. More here: <https://www.championingsocialcare.org.uk/care-home-open-day/>
* **Dementia Care Awards** - [**Care Talk**](https://caretalk.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f288725a5765f05b33dcf4338&id=9346f8894a&e=035636fec7) **has announced the launch of The Dementia Care Awards.**These awards will celebrate excellence and innovation in dementia services, recognise the dedication of care professionals and pay tribute to people living with dementia who make a real difference to the sector and their communities. United for All Ages is supporting the awards, particularly the intergenerational category. Nominations close on 31 March 2024 at [www.dementiacareawards.co.uk](http://www.dementiacareawards.co.uk)
* **Hourglass annual conference** - the UK-wide charity Hourglass is calling time on harm, abuse and exploitation of older people. Its 24/7 helpline, community response service and policy unit aim to help save and change lives of older people across the UK. On 19 March it will hold its annual conference in Brighton with the theme: Towards a Safer Ageing Society. More at: [www.wearehourglass.org](http://www.wearehourglass.org)
* **Intergenerational National Network** in Scotland’s next meeting is on 24 January at the Water of Leith Conservation Trust, Edinburgh EH14 1TQ from 10.30am. Living Streets Scotlandwill be talking aboutWalking Places, their pilot project to develop and enhance intergenerational working through closer collaboration between schools and communities. Email [Pat Scrutton](mailto:Pat%20Scrutton%20%3cpatscrutton247@gmail.com%3e) for details.

**AND FINALLY...OUR TOP THREE IN ‘23**

2023 was the year that mixing between generations came back with a vengeance post-pandemic. Here are our three favourite intergenerational developments from the last twelve months:

**1 A major new source of training and qualifications** in intergenerational practice was launched by Apples & Honey Nightingale, the first co-located nursery and care home. See more at their new website: [Intergenerational Training - AHN Intergenerational Education & Training (ahnintergenerationaltraining.co.uk)](https://ahnintergenerationaltraining.co.uk/)

**2** As above, 2023 saw several new developments where children, older people and all ages inbetween can mix at co-located sites around the country. Also **intergenerational activities in older people’s housing and care homes have multiplied** through charities like [The Together Project](https://thetogetherproject.org.uk/), [InCommon](https://incommon.org.uk/) and [Intergenerational Linking](https://thelinkingnetwork.org.uk/intergenerational-linking/).

**3 An all ages approach is increasingly being adopted nationally and globally** to promote ageing well and tackle ageism. ILC-UK has published lots of ideas in [One hundred not out: a route map for long lives](https://ilcuk.org.uk/route-map-for-long-lives/) and shared lessons in ageing well from across the world in its global [healthy ageing and prevention index](https://ilcuk.org.uk/preventionindex/) ranking 121 countries. Meanwhile the World Health Organisation’s new [Connecting Generations](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240070264) publication promotes intergenerational action to combat ageism.

Please contact us with any queries about the above, United for All Ages and our work creating a Britain and communities for all ages.

All the best

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