**NEWS FROM UNITED FOR ALL AGES – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022**

**OPENING UP, LEVELLING UP, JOINING UP?**

Britain is increasingly a land of contrasts as we emerge from Covid, the cost of living rockets and ‘levelling up’ drives much domestic policy. People are keen to get mixing again but not surprisingly many are cautious or anxious about opening up. We now need government, locally and nationally, to join up policies and practices for people of all ages from housing, health, education and care to sport, arts and digital media, and ensure all generations benefit.

The next six months offer many opportunities to promote and celebrate intergenerational interaction. Some major new projects will be launched in the coming weeks including The Together Project’s Crafting Connections and Move & Groove led by Intergenerational Music Making and Youth Sport Trust. Mixing matters for the future of our communities and our country – let’s make it happen!

**INTERGENERATIONAL HOUSING NETWORK – NEW OPPORTUNITIES?**

The Government recently announced a new taskforce to explore how to increase housing options for older people. Is this an opportunity to develop intergenerational housing and living? A special Intergenerational Housing Network meeting will discuss the best ways to seize the opportunity on **Tuesday 22 February** at 10am for an hour long discussion. Please reply to this email if you want to join the meeting.

**Gateshead** council’s regeneration of its high street area was the topic of a presentation by the project manager, Caroline Hargreaves, at a recent meeting of the Intergenerational Housing Network on Tuesday 1 February. Caroline’s slides can be accessed here: <https://www.unitedforallages.com/news>

**RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

**The *LaST*** **Platinum Jubilee Resource Pack (Part One)** is now ready and free to download from [www.learningandsharingtogether.org.uk](http://www.learningandsharingtogether.org.uk). They are trialling the resources on Zoom with Year 5 children from St Peter’s CE School and residents and friends of Perry House sheltered housing scheme in Burnham and will be adding more resources over the next few weeks. Follow them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/lastburnham>  and Twitter  <https://twitter.com/lastburnham>  For more information about the Jubilee Resource Pack and/or the LaST Intergenerational Programme, please email Shirley Shaw at enquiries@learningandsharingtogether.org.uk

**Generations Working Together** has announced the date of its next virtual conference, with a range of speakers and intergenerational themes. The conference programme is now [available](https://generationsworkingtogether.org/downloads/61e025c505a1c-GWT%20Conference%20programme%20FINAL%20.pdf). [**GWT Intergenerational Conference**](https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events/intergenerational-conference-2022-07032022) will be on 7–10 March.

**Are you interested in developing intergenerational work within your organisation or community?** If you or your organisation would like to learn more about applying an intergenerational approach to your work, intergenerational training from GWT is now available online and across Scotland. Lorraine George will be delivering the one-day [Intergenerational Training](https://generationsworkingtogether.org/training/intergenerational-training) session online on 16 March. Book [here](https://generationsworkingtogether.org/training/intergenerational-training-for-trainers-and-practitioners-16032022).Please email Lorraine if you have any queries- lorraine@generationsworkingtogether.org

**Scottish Intergenerational National Network** - its next meeting will be a hybrid hosted by the Citadel in Leith on 16 February at 10.30am. The programme will include Old’s Cool: an ‘end of project preview’, New Spin: an update, and Citadel Love Stories: an intergenerational storytelling project. Glasgow Science Centre is hosting a hybrid meeting on climate change for the network on 28 February from 10.30 to 12. Alison McLachlan and her colleagues will deliver a presentation around their involvement with COP26 and the follow-up developing and delivering climate change related projects/activities and resources. To sign up for both meetings, contact patscrutton247@gmail.com

**Housing Learning and Information Network:** listen again to a successful session at the Housing LIN Summit in December on intergenerational living. The recording and slides are now available at: <https://www.housinglin.org.uk/HLINSummit2021/agenda/intergenerational-housing/>  Housing LIN also partnered Homes England recently on one of their Winter Learning Programme events. It was a day in two parts on Retirement Housing and Intergenerational Living. The sessions featured several speakers from last year’s Housing LIN’s HAPPI Hours including Lovell’s Paula Broadbent, Adrian Patru Architects and Levitt Bernstein architects with Phoenix Community Housing on Melfield Gardens – see the Housing LIN case study: <https://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/Melfield-Gardens-Lewisham-an-intergenerational-housing-scheme-for-older-people-and-students-designed-to-a-Passivhaus-standard/>

**Planning ahead** – big events to look forward to and take part in this year: Global Intergenerational Week (25 April-1 May) led by [Generations Working Together](https://generationsworkingtogether.org/global-intergenerational-week), and Care Home Open Week (27 June-3 July) led by [Championing Social Care](https://championingsocialcare.org.uk/care-home-open-day/). The Intergenerational Linking Project is setting a challenge to young people and schools to link with their local care home in the ten weeks from 25 April to 3 July – more details [here](https://myhomelife.org.uk/community-engagement/intergenerational-linking/).

For more about the above and about United for All Ages and our work, please contact us.

All the best

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