**NEWS FROM UNITED FOR ALL AGES – MARCH/APRIL 2024**

**BRING ON ‘APRIL FOR ALL AGES’!**

April is ‘opening up’ all things intergenerational in an explosion of activity. Global Intergenerational Week (24-30 April) aims to celebrate and inspire action by all ages together. #GIW24 will highlight new ways to connect generations. Sign up and support the Week here: [Intergenerational Week (generationsworkingtogether.org)](https://generationsworkingtogether.org/global-intergenerational-week) The Week will also feature the European Day of Solidarity between Generations on 29 April.

And in Northern Ireland, the month has been designated ‘April for All Ages’. Linking Generations Northern Ireland has awarded small grants to 40 organisations to support activities during April.

United for All Ages will celebrate April with an award for the most impactful intergenerational activity during the month. Please email us with details of what you are doing in April: [info@unitedforallages.com](mailto:info@unitedforallages.com)

**TIME TO REFLECT AND CELEBRATE**

**Brighter Together**’s latest impact report shows how the intergenerational charity is tackling isolation and ageism and promoting wellbeing [2022-23 Impact Report (brightertogether.org.uk)](https://www.brightertogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2022-23-Impact-Report-Final.pdf) No wonder new funders are helping the charity grow.

2023 was also a great year for **The Together Project** as reflected in its latest annual report [Annual Report 2023 (squarespace.com)](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/599b61ecf7e0ab255fb8df21/t/65df5e7f1ee95f5356623c8d/1709137551135/Annual+Report+2023+%284%29.pdf) Post-Covid, the charity has scaled up its activities, including its flagship project, Songs & Smiles, with parent and toddler groups visiting older people’s care homes.

**FOOD CONNECTS HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

A new joint research project led by Bournemouth University and [United St Saviour’s Charity](https://www.ustsc.org.uk/) is exploring how co-creating communal activities around food can support health, wellbeing and social connectedness as we age. The [LEMONADE](https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/research/projects/lemonade) (An incLusivE coMmunity fOod model for health wellbeiNg and sociAl connectedness of olDer pEople) project provides multigenerational social activities centred around food - such as growing, cooking, and meal-sharing - for older residents in Bermondsey. United St Saviour’s fabulous [Appleby Blue social housing development](https://www.ustsc.org.uk/almshouses/new-almshouse/)and its residents act as a central hub for the project.

**TWO AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENTS CREATING COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AGES**

In Lewes, Sussex, a former ironworks is being converted into a sustainable new community for all ages, created by Human Nature: <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2024/mar/17/the-phoenix-development-lewes-east-sussex-old-ironworks-jonathan-smales-human-nature-expedition-ash-sakula-mae-al-jawad-pike-material-cultures-charles-holland>

And in north west London a £36 million intergenerational living development will see students, key workers and older people living together from October: <https://www.pbctoday.co.uk/news/projects/birchgrove-and-hybr-to-launch-pioneering-intergenerational-living-scheme/137509/>

**MEASURING AGE DIVERSITY IN NEIGHBOURHOODS**

A team from Swansea University and University of Leicester has published its findings on measuring age diversity in neighbourhoods and the impact that living in more or less age diverse areas 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/>

**RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

Congratulations to **Ready Generations and Belong Chester** for winning a Third Sector Care Award for their co-located care-home nursery where older and young people interact every day. The Mirror also highlighted their work recently: <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/inside-pioneering-nursery-care-home-32371337>

**Care Home Open Week** from 24 June provides an opportunity to bring generations together through local care homes. More here: [Care Home Open Week 2024 • Championing Social Care](https://www.championingsocialcare.org.uk/care-home-open-day/welcome-to-care-home-open-week/)

**Dementia Care Awards** - [**Care Talk**](https://caretalk.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f288725a5765f05b33dcf4338&id=9346f8894a&e=035636fec7) **has launched the Dementia Care Awards to** celebrate excellence and innovation in dementia services. United for All Ages is supporting the awards, particularly the intergenerational category. Nominations close on 15 April at [www.dementiacareawards.co.uk](http://www.dementiacareawards.co.uk)

**On 6 April several new employment laws** come into force benefiting workers of all ages:

**Paternity leave** changes to how and when the statutory leave can be taken, and the notice requirements to take it

**Flexible working** becoming a day-one right and further changes to how to deal with requests

**Carer's leave** a new right to one week's unpaid leave a year for those entitled

**Extended redundancy protections** for those taking maternity and family-related leave

**AND FINALLY...**

It’s not often you get a media article that unites your love of a football team with your passion for intergenerational connection. But Matthew Syed has obliged in The Times: <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/0fcf41fd-d908-43cb-b00b-d8b8e20feb34?shareToken=150a52106fc61936f02d733dd43a42aa> Matthew is planning more articles on the power of sport to bring all ages together.

Enjoy April and please send us details of your most impactful activity uniting all ages during the month.

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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