



Intergenerational Principles for Leeds

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Aims

- Give a brief background to intergenerational approach in Leeds and our future plans
- Tell you about the development of the Intergenerational Principles for Leeds document
- Ask for your endorsement of our approach
- Formally situate intergenerational work under the governance of Harmonious Communities

What are intergenerational approaches?

The aim of intergenerational practice is to bring young and older people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities, which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contribute to building more cohesive communities

(Beth Johnson Foundation 2006)

The benefits of intergenerational approaches

- ❑ Empowers and engages individuals
- ❑ Values skills and experiences
- ❑ Brings people and communities together
- ❑ Tackles crime and the fear of crime
- ❑ Promotes good mental and physical health
- ❑ Promotes a lifelong engagement with learning
- ❑ Reduces isolation and loneliness
- ❑ Challenges negative stereotypes
- ❑ Supports inclusive, adaptable neighbourhoods
- ❑ Addresses inequality
- ❑ Endorses citizenship
- ❑ Encourages understanding and respect
- ❑ Raises attainment and develops the aspirations of all generations

The Leeds Model

- History of intergenerational practice
- Grass-roots development
- Local authority investment
 - Neighbourhoods for All Ages Network
 - Strategic Development Post
 - Building Bridges 1 and 2
 - Training, conferences, newsletter, support
 - Community Tensions Monitoring



Evaluation of Intergenerational Approaches in Leeds 2009

- Regeneration Funding (October – December 2009)
- Aims
 1. Describe the intergenerational activity that has taken place across Leeds
 2. Determine its potential to impact on the future delivery of strategic objectives
- 3 stages
 1. Desk-top evaluation of strategies and plans
 2. Stakeholder interviews and focus groups
 3. Community focus groups
- Recommendations include:
 - i) Embedding the approach, not a new strategy or 'one off' projects
 - ii) The need for focused, professional development and resources
 - iii) Quality not quantity - 3 focused areas/neighbourhoods and evaluate
 - iv) CRB and safeguarding working group
 - v) A set of Principles, for all to adopt to embed the approach

Intergenerational Principles for Leeds document

Aims

- To promote the adoption of intergenerational principles across Leeds, building on our history of support for intergenerational practice
- To embed and incorporate intergenerational principles in Leeds City Council and partners strategic and operational approaches
- To act as a resource for individuals and organisations who wish to implement an intergenerational approach in Leeds
- To use intergenerational principles to contribute to the development of cohesive and harmonious neighbourhoods and communities across Leeds where people of different generations better understand and respect each other.

Intergenerational Principles for Leeds continued...

- An Introduction to Intergenerational Approaches
- Aims/Objectives
- A Vision for an Intergenerational Leeds
- Wider Context and drivers
- Local Context and drivers
- Set of 6 principles
- Good practice guidance and case studies
- Implementation Plan

The Intergenerational Principles

- 1.** We acknowledge the value of bringing people of different generations together, in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities to encourage dialogue and skill sharing.
- 2.** We put people at the heart of our planning for Leeds and we value and celebrate the contribution that people of all ages make to our city.
- 3.** We strive to incorporate intergenerational approaches, not only as additional, short-term projects, but as a mainstream way to meet existing local and national priorities more effectively.
- 4.** We acknowledge and understand the impact of our work on people of different generations and on intergenerational cohesion.
- 5.** We recognise that in order to be effective, intergenerational approaches require robust planning and evaluation.
- 6.** We support the development of the Neighbourhoods for All Ages Network, to provide information and guidance to strengthen the Intergenerational Principles in Leeds.

Implementation and Action Plans

- Implementation
- Action Plan 2010/11



Timescales and Process in brief

January 14 – February 4th: Principles document being discussed, amended and agreed by partners and boards.

Feb – March: Design and finalising document, final agreements.

26th April: Launch of Intergenerational Principles at the Green Generations Festival

Questions and Discussion

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