

# European Certificate in Intergenerational Learning

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## EMIL's Report on the State of Intergenerational Learning and Practice in Europe

Through this report, EMIL aims to explore and compare existing examples of key trends, research, policy and innovative initiatives in Intergenerational Learning and Practice throughout Europe. Through a consultation process with EMIL members, a number of national profiles will be completed of countries throughout Europe that are engaging in IP.



EMIL's national profiles will highlight:

- Key trends involving intergenerational practice/learning (IP/IL) in member countries;
- Key (practice based) Initiatives/ Programmes that exemplify experimental and innovative character in IP/IL in member countries;
- Key Policy and/or Research documents produced in member countries.



Overall, EMIL's State of Intergenerational Learning and Practice in Europe Report will explore and compare what the status of IP/IL is in many EMIL member countries, as well as providing examples of ways in which IP/IL in member countries is connected to wider EU intergenerational practices, research, and policies.

*If you are interested in contributing to this report and/or producing a national profile for your country, contact the EMIL project coordinator: Julie Melville: [EMIL @bjf.org.uk](mailto:EMIL@bjf.org.uk)*



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## 5th European Intergenerational Film Festival - The Silver Screen Festival

This Festival promotes the idea of healthy ageing and improving quality of life for older people. And since going to the cinema is a popular part of our culture and heritage, the main activity will be based around showing films to intergenerational audiences in community groups, schools and cinemas. These films will portray positive images of older people, and interaction will be through a mixture of activities, e.g. having a Silver Screen Lounge with tea and coffee, film discussions with directors, actors, film experts or other interested local partners working in the field of health promotion for older people.

The festival aims:

- To establish an annual event in European partner cities;
- To create new opportunities for an exchange between old and young;
- To further cinema visits and social exchange for the 50+ target group;
- To be part of a European network and to look at pro ageing with a European perspective.

Festival activities 2014

- 20 – 23 June in London, Golders Green.
- 30 June – 4 July in Frankfurt am Main and Hanau.
- 7 – 10 October in Mannheim, Heidelberg and many other cities in the Rhine-Neckar area.
- Lisbon and Manchester to be announced

By inviting senior citizens and decision makers from all over Europe, the [Silver Screen Festival](#) and its partners plan to foster the links between cultural activities and healthy ageing and provide support for new steps towards creating “Pro Ageing Europe”. Become part of it and join us!

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## Message from UK



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Homeshare International is a UK charity set up in 1999 to encourage the development of new homeshare programmes around the world and to forge links between them. Homeshare enables two unrelated people to share a home for their mutual benefit. Typically older householders with a room to spare are carefully matched with a younger person who provides an agreed level of support in exchange for their accommodation. This support might include help with daily tasks, some financial support or a combination of these. Homeshare also provides companionship to both partners. It recognizes that both have needs and something to give.

Homeshare programmes are known to be running in at least 13 countries. Homeshare International has published a review of their work, covering the last 10 yrs – [The comfort of strangers: Homeshare in action around the world 2004-2013](#). This review celebrates many new homeshare initiatives launched across the globe in the last decade.



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Message from Sweden



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## Forte Talks

On 25-26 March 2014, the conference Forte Talks was arranged in Stockholm. The aim of the conference was to create a forum where prominent international and Swedish researchers and policy makers could meet to discuss the increased gaps within the Swedish society. How is the situation today and what will it look like in the future? How can research contribute to wise and informed solutions?

Professor James Vaupel held a presentation on longevity and the possibilities of redistribution of work, which could have an impact on the intergenerational understanding between different generations. He gave a European perspective as he is from Germany, lives in Denmark and presented his ideas in Sweden. If people work longer, they could have more hours out of work in their middle ages when they have children and need time for them.

Forte is a government agency under the Ministry of Social Affairs and funds research within health, labour and welfare



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## Message from Bulgaria

**BIMEC – a Bulgarian adult training organization is a partner in a new intergenerational project, supported by the European program Grundtvig. The project, named "IGTrain" will improve the employability for older people (50+) and provide additional skills to the younger employees.**

The IGTrain project makes a significant contribution to the Europe 2020 strategy, promoting the increase of the employment rate and the inclusion in the life-long learning of the population aged 20-64.

People aged 50+ have knowledge, skills and experience, which cannot be taught in school and which they have acquired in more than 30 years of work experience. Enhancing intergenerational learning and cooperation at the workplace will benefit the employers and employees and positively influence the employability of older people.

The IGTrain consortium will develop for 2 years (ending October 2015) - an innovative train the trainer course for people aged 50+ in aimed to improve their training skills for intergenerational transfer of knowledge. In additional, this gives them merit in the eyes of their employers by allowing them to be successful on the job trainers and mentors.

