Intergenerational Linking

“My mum’s never going to believe I’ve got a new friend who’s 100!”

Children in the choir at Dixons Allerton Primary have been visiting Crossley House Care Home to share some songs and then take part inl Remembrance Day crafts. The residents have been talking about how fantastic the visit was two weeks later and are already looking forward to December when the children will visit again.

The children also really enjoyed the visit, describing it as,’Even better than breaktime!’

Children and older residents creating some Remembrance crafts together. One child reported, ‘I never knew older people were so fun and cheeky!’

Children from Shipley CE Primary School visited residents at Anchor Peaselands (above)

Intergenerational Reading

Sharing books between generations can be a great way of connecting and starting conversations.
Two intergenerational links have been sharing stories this month

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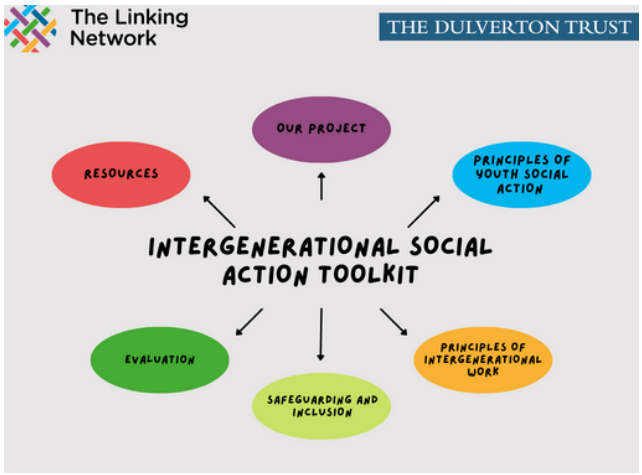

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Intergenerational Changemakers - new digital toolkit

The Linking Network is pleased be able to share the resources and evaluation from our unique and meaningful programme which connected students aged 10-14 with older people living in their local rural communities. Together different generations took part in shared social action around issues that were important to them.

“When we met the older people, we realised that they weren’t actually much different from us.”

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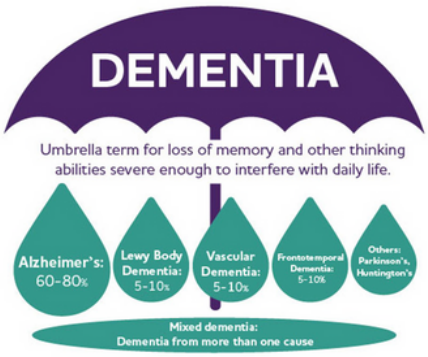
Dementia Ambassadors

This term The Linking Network has been working with a number of secondary students to develop a ‘Dementia Ambassador’ programme.

Students have learned more about diseases that causes dementia, symptoms of dementia and how we can all be more dementia friendly.



Upcoming Dates

As we enter the festive season, there are lots of opportunities for intergenerational activities and connections. Here are a few ideas:

- Exchange Christmas or winter cards
- Create some festive crafts together
- Visit to listen to carols or nativity performances
- Take part in some festive cooking together
- Share winter memories together. Perhaps some artwork could depict the memories. See a previous example.
- Christmas themed curiosity questions
  - Instructions
  - Christmas questions ideas

Remember to look at the resources section of our website for more ideas

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