

OUR PROJECT

The Linking Network were funded by The Dulverton Trust to work with 100 children and young people aged 10-14 in rural schools to create intergenerational connections and engage in youth social action.

1 TEACHER TRAINING SESSION

onboard the lead teacher for the project with principles of intergenerational practice and youth social action.

Create a project bespoke to school needs.

Agree dates, student or class group, location for sessions etc.

2 PREPARATORY SESSIONS

Students/pupils explore age/ageing, introduce youth social action and chosen focus.

Create video introduction or letter/postcard to share with the older people.

Parallel preparatory session with the older people to create video introduction, discuss project parameters and safeguarding.

Introductions exchanged prior to first joint meeting.

Baseline evaluation.

2-3 INTERGENERATIONAL SESSIONS

Conversation starter activities to generate connection.

Activity to explore chosen focus for social action—e.g zine or book making, collage.

Reflection at end of each session.

1 LISTENING EVENT

Intergenerational groups share their thoughts and call for change with a community audience/people in power e.g local council, faith and community leaders.

Guests 'attend' two different intergenerational groups of their choosing to hear from. Responses from the whole room shared at close and everyone invited to make a 'next step' pledge towards change.

SEE OUR RESOURCE PAGES FOR TEMPLATES, ACTIVITY IDEAS AND 'HOW TO' GUIDES

KEY STAGE TWO

Some Key Stage Two classes may benefit from a more practical form of social action.
Here are some ideas...

The social action can be as simple as the intergenerational activities itself. Skill swaps, sharing traditional and modern games, or reading together all work well. See our webpage for more ideas.

Create together a 10 acts of kindness programme where the two generations share their kindness with the local community.



Run a table top sale at the local fair to sell cakes or plants to raise funds for a chosen charity.

Revitalising a shared community space - litter clear up, bulb planting etc.