

# COUNTY DURHAM INTERGENERATIONAL NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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## Recent Activities Update

For more information about these projects please contact Caroline Evans on 0191 3839750.

**Burnopfield Youth Group** Held an Intergenerational community event in July. Various activities took place throughout the day including traditional toys and games, knitting, felt banner art and gardening. We also had a bouncy castle and bingo activities as well as head massage workshops.



A very diverse range of ages attended including grandparents with their grandchildren and older people from the community coming to take part who had worked previously with the young people to organise the event. In all we had over 100 people attending and more than 70 were aged 5-24 and aged 50+.



**Older people from Ouston** joined year 1 pupils from Ouston Infant School in a Traditional Toys and Games afternoon, learning about toys from grandparent's childhood and how to make toys of their own.



*"We've had a wonderful day and the children have enjoyed it so much. It has been brilliant showing them what I used to play with and remembering games I used to spend hours with."*  
(Older participant)

**Thornley School started knitting** in June with Grandparents and the pupils. Plans for September include opening group up to more people from the community and making a wall mural for the school.

**Oral History Training** has been delivered to students from Parkside School in preparation for a Local Heroes project. The Intergenerational Project funded the one day training which covered issues around talking to older people and getting the story recorded.

**Young people successfully achieved** their level 1 Intergenerational Volunteering award following a 5 week course. Another 2 courses are planned for Teesdale and Durham Areas in September.

## Network Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Caroline Evans the Intergenerational Programme Coordinator welcomed everyone to the recent network meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July at the Durham City Baptist church in Durham.

### Barnard Castle Bowls Club

Volunteers from the club have started working with young people to introduce them to the game of bowls. This is a great model for any bowls club wanting to set up something similar.

### Family Picnic in Teesdale

Eve Galloway is planning a family picnic with traditional family games such as rounders during summer 2011.

### Enjoy retirement Liz

Liz Tavner from Consett Libraries has retired and we all wish her well in the future.

### Volunteering Opportunity in Sure Start

Willington Sure Start is offering a volunteering package to people interested in volunteering for Sure Start. The course takes 10 weeks and discusses a variety of topics and issues.

### Sure Start intergenerational hopes

Skilled people who can knit and cook are being asked to pass on their skills to young parents from sure start. If you know someone with a suitable skill please get in touch.

### Tow Law Community Library

Is being set up in Tow Law Millennium Primary School and are looking for volunteers to help run it.

### Knitting Toys for families

Young parents are being taught the traditional craft of making knitted toys through Focus on Learning and improving their numeracy skills at the same time.

### Our next Network meeting

The next Network meeting will be held on the **16<sup>th</sup> November 2011** at Durham City Baptist Church in Durham City.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Film making opportunity

The intergenerational programme is planning to create a DVD on intergenerational work. Any older or younger people interested please get in touch with Caroline.

### Conference 2012

Plans are underway for the Intergenerational programmes next conference on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Initiations will be in the post in the New Year.

### Intergenerational Awards

We are creating awards for those groups and schools that hold excellent intergenerational activities. Applications forms will be available soon. Awards will be presented at the March Intergenerational Conference.

### Intergenerational Training Offer

Network Members can get help to prepare and encourage enthusiasm among participants. These include a **1 hour** informal session, a **10 hour** accredited course and a longer course accredited at Level 2 with OCNNE. Sessions can take place in venues and at times to suit you. Contact Caroline Evans.

### Benefits of Network Membership

- **Network** meetings to share information
- **Access** to a Members Area of the website
- **Resource** materials and information
- **Support** to develop activities
- **Accredited** training for volunteers

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