



Linking Generations NI

contribution to:

**Beyond the silos: An 'all-age' approach
to strengthening communities**

3rd October 2014

Derry/Londonderry



Purpose of presentation

- To tell you about the work of Linking Generations NI
- Outline the rationale for an all-age approach
- Tell you about the practice we have built in incorporating intergenerational approaches to good relations activity



Tackling ageism



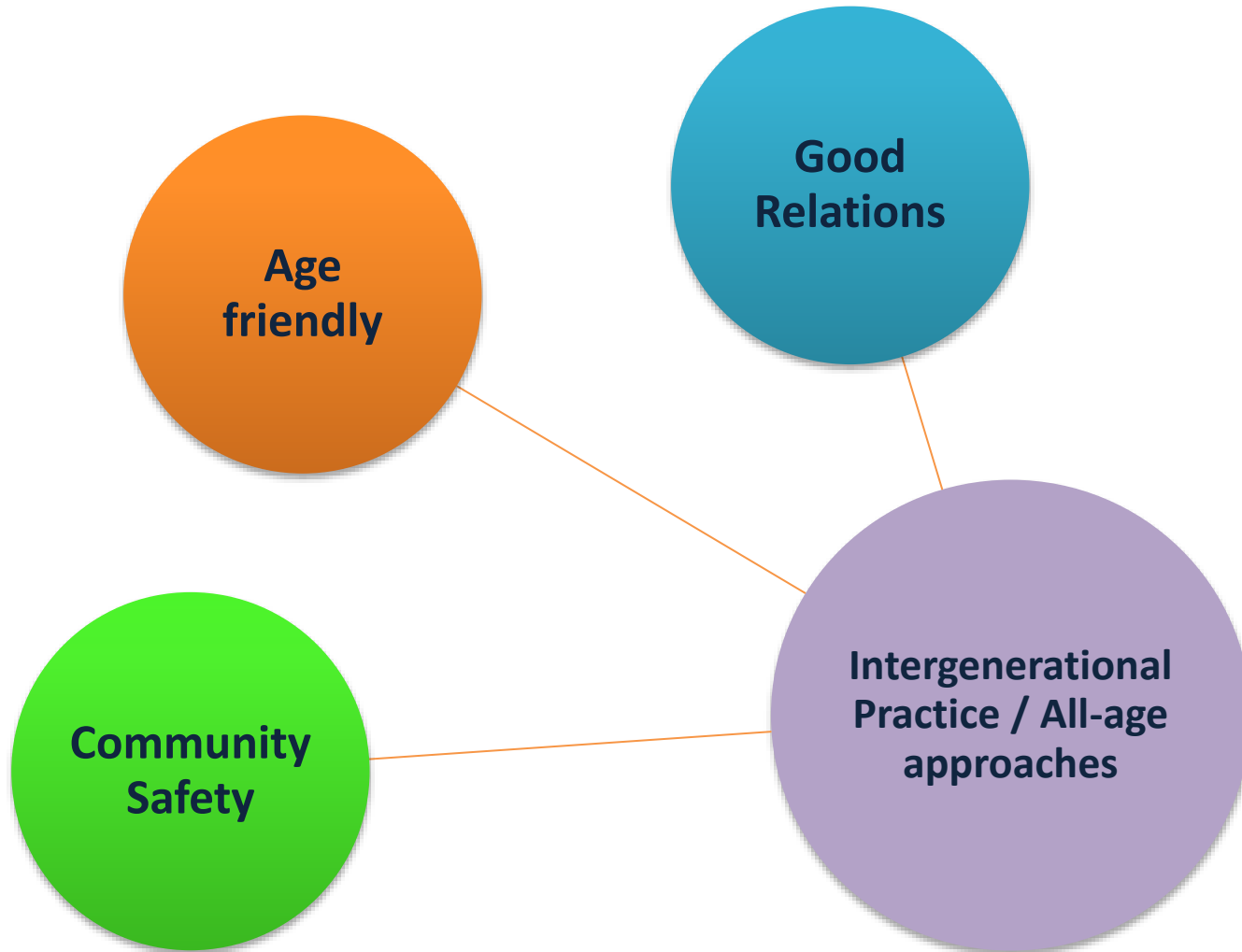


LGNi is the only organisation solely advocating the development and promotion of intergenerational practice as a catalyst for social change in Northern Ireland.





Current social change priorities





Our Approach





The all-age approach

Intergenerational practice is based on people of all ages working together to create understanding, respect and strong vibrant communities. (LGNi, 2014)

*'Ageing begins with the moment of birth, and it ends only when life itself has ended. Life is a continuum; only, we -- in our stupidity and blindness -- have chopped it up into little pieces and kept all those little pieces separate.'
(Maggie Kuhn, 1978)*



Rationale for the all-age approach

- Age is as big a divider as gender but is not yet recognised as such
- Economic and social policy is not responding effectively to the ageing of the planet
- Ageist stereotypes intersect a range of social issues
- Age-stereotyping is perpetuated by age-segregated practice



LGNI and Good Relations

**Linking
Generations
NI officially
launched
regionally in
2009**

**AP funded LGNI
to investigate IG
and peace-
building
(2011 – 2014)**

**2012 to
present:
Partnership
activity with
Cooperation
Ireland**



Developing our all-age practice with Cooperation Ireland

Louth Peace and Reconciliation Partnership:

‘SRIRAL for schools’

‘Schools Connecting Cultures’

North West Peace III Cluster

‘Generations for Peace’

Lisburn-Castlereagh Peace III Partnership

‘Connecting 4 Culture’



Moving forward

- ***LGNi undertaking an analysis of the barriers and catalysts to incorporating IG element in GR activity (work in progress)***
- ***We also hope to be able to evidence the impact of the all-age approach on***
 - ***Schools***
 - ***Families***
 - ***Good relations outcomes***



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Thank You 😊

Any questions?

- And my question to you:

How can you incorporate an all-age approach in your work/life/community?

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Figure 1.1
Key Policies and Frameworks in Northern Ireland

