



Linking Generations Northern Ireland

*‘Collaborating Towards an
Age-friendly NI’*



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Who are LGNI???



LGNI is the NI intergenerational initiative managed by the Beth Johnson Foundation. We officially launched in 2009 and are the only organisation solely advocating the development and promotion of intergenerational practice as a catalyst for social change in Northern Ireland.

LGNI An aspirational vision for the future

Northern Ireland will be age –friendly. For LGNI, this means that age groups will not be segregated and ageism will not exist. All-age approaches will be commonplace at community, organisational and policy level.



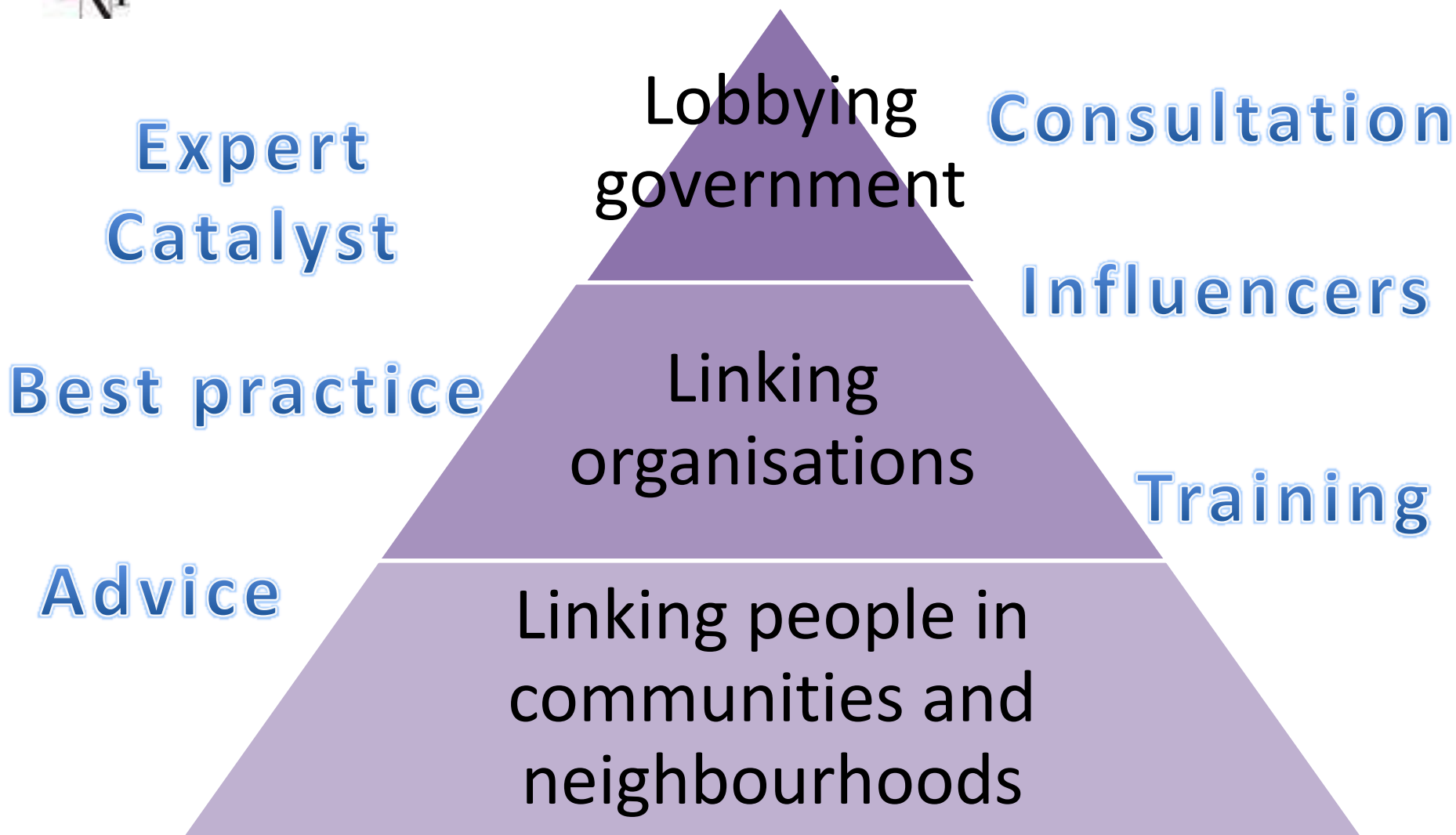
An aspirational vision for the future

Our approach in helping to achieve this is to:

- Take a collaborative approach to all our work as we recognise that this vision cannot be achieved by working in isolation.
- Inform and engage at community, organisational and policy levels in order to tackle age segregation in society.
- Keep our work rooted in social justice and in particular, tackling ageism and disadvantage across the life-course.
- Position ourselves as the experts in all-age approaches. We will be recognised throughout Europe as the Northern Irish organisation of choice for advice, guidance and networking on all-age approaches.



LGNi Approach





LGNi & Belfast City Council



Belfast Community Safety Partnership Support

- funding for projects and development worker time
- Atlantic Philanthropies fund in 2009 – regional including Belfast
- Intergenerational Youth Awards – LGNI
- Provision of rooms for events & steering group meetings



Beginning of Age-friendly linkages

- HASP, BCC Youth Forum and LGNI linkages
- BCC Youth + Brookvale Fold Project
- BCC Youth Forum + GBSCF Age-friendly consultation
- Crossborder Age-friendly exchange Project
- LGNI An Age-friendly School Project – Cregagh
- Age-Friendly Belfast Toolkit & Training





Age-friendly Belfast



Our Vision:

Belfast will be a city where older people live life to the full

Our themes:

Age-friendly Image – creating a positive view of ageing

Age-friendly Lives – reducing life inequalities and isolation

Age-friendly Neighbourhoods – creating friendly places to live in

One of the key commitments in the Age-friendly Plan under the theme of Age-friendly image is to champion intergenerational work and deliver a coordinated city wide approach.





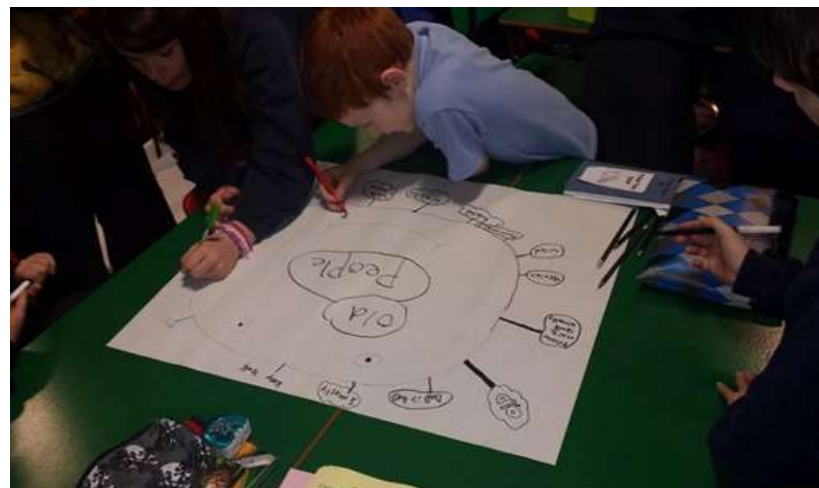
Cross Border Intergenerational Age-friendly Exchange Project



European Year of Citizens 2013
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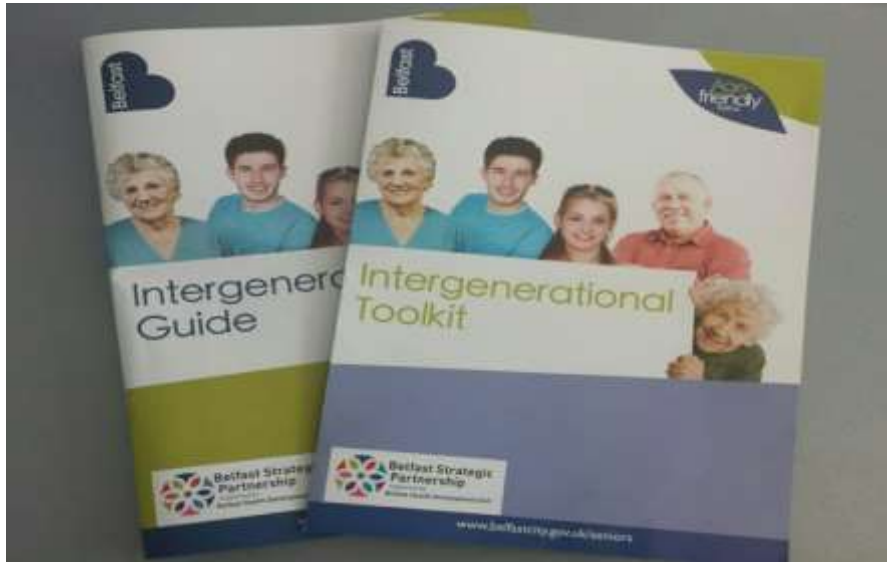


An Age-friendly School Project





Age-friendly Belfast Intergenerational Toolkit



- Embedding of IG approach
- Collaboration key element
- Training 17th November
- Good model for other Councils





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