Researching intergenerational place-making

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An intergenerational age-friendly ecosystem ....

...enables people of all ages to find support, feel comfortable, interact and participate in activities together, and ensures everyone feels respected, regardless of their age. It is a psycho-social and physical place that makes it easy for older people to stay connected to others that are important to them and to meet and engage with new people, ideas, services, supports and activities in a mutually beneficial way.

Why is this important?
• Place matters: Ageing well in the right place
• Challenge ageism, change mindsets
• Prevent age segregation/age silos
• Shared learning, understanding, service provision and opportunity
• Normality!
Project aims & objectives

• Aim: To unpack the concept of an age-friendly, intergenerational ecosystem to support and provide opportunities for people of all ages to integrate together as valued and contributory members of society.

• Objectives

• Bring together different sectors, disciplines and nations to imagine a more integrated system of opportunities and supports for active, healthy ageing

• Develop an intergenerational model-of-practice with older people at the centre but connecting across generations, services and sectors to lever opportunities and provide supports.

• Then COVID-19 happened
6 VIRTUAL CO-CREATION CAMPS
TRANS DISCPLINARY WORKING IN THE NEW NORMAL

- VCC 1: What is an Intergenerational Age-Friendly Living Ecosystem (AFLE)?
- VCC 2: Co-creating an AFLE
- VCC 3: Researching AFLEs
- VCC 4: Developing an AFLE
- VCC 5: Exploring AFLE policy and practice
- VCC 6: AFLE: Knowledge translation & impact
What makes an intergenerational ecosystem?
Spotlight on Children:
Play
Learn
Bond
Support
Respect
Be…
4 Key Themes

1. Space & Place
   - Flexibility for use & change in circumstances
   - Feelings & emotions in design

2. Culture & Relationships
   - Relational trust & community belonging
   - Create familiarity & safety/noticing
   - Change narratives
   - Normal society

3. Connecting & Learning
   - Shared activity/provision
   - Service and leisure provision and opportunities work together
   - Global intergenerational ideas

4. Participation
   - Involvement Council
   - Rights to city/community
   - Rights to participation in design
Connect projects with common themes in different countries

Stirling can help engagement - what makes people want to be involved

Societal
Community
Physical
Social
Individual

Dementia friendly design

PROJECT APPROACH IDEAS & DISCUSSION
Concluding Remarks...

- AFLE can change negative age-related stereotypes and attitudes and avoid age silos
- An AFLE involves a design that embeds and facilitates service provision and leisure/learning opportunities for individuals of different ages to connect through shared activities/experiences.
- Achieved by addressing needs, interests & relationships.
- Involves ecosystem design for senses, emotions, safety, enjoyment, playing, working and learning. Place matters to ecosystems.
- Together place and programming are designed to be flexible, useful, accessible and mutually beneficial to diverse people of all ages.
- Consideration of national/cultural contexts and relationships are essential to produce effective AFLEs.
- Rights based approach. Community-level participation the design of AFLEs presents challenges and opportunities.
QUESTIONS

*Intergen Survey:*

dundee.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/the-intergen-survey-questions

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