



Unite Generations for Creative Collaborations

BACKGROUND

UNESCO'S PRINCIPLE

"A SOCIETY FOR ALL AGES" (1991) advocates intergenerational equity yet today there is still a lack of multi-generational involvement in human development planning. Why is that?

Intergenerational contact, particularly from younger to older adults, is often tainted by age-based prejudice, which is prevalent around the world (Riley, & Leach, 2003), especially in Canada (Palmore, 2004).

This condition is reflected in our recent pilot study of ageism in the Lower Mainland (Anderson, Yon, Research Team). The results from our

study show that ageism is not just between youth and old persons but is reflective of societal norms where 82% of near 600 respondents reported experiencing ageism and:

- 29% of participants reported being ignored and not taken seriously because of their age;
- 26% reported being patronized or talked down to;
- And 22% reported being treated with less dignity and respect

The above three items were strongly correlated and represent an attack on self-esteem. Current conditions indicate a need for tools to increase understanding.

TIP ACTIVITIES

DIALOGUE

Community dialogues with youth and older persons increasing awareness of age inclusiveness.

Toolbox

Best practices and Strategies for communities to encourage and facilitate intergenerational collaborations.

Intergenerational Roundtable Network

Interested groups and individuals dialogue about the benefits of intergenerational relations and how to support it in their community.

Multimedia

Document project with a variety of media and develop a web site with resources created during TIP.

Community Photography Exhibit

First Annual Photography contest will be celebrated with an Exhibit

Be a TIP Partner

- Write a letter supporting TIP
- Participate in the Roundtables
- Volunteer to review a book
- Submit an Intergenerational photograph
- Help build an intergenerational network
- Sponsorship

In appreciation for your assistance we will include your organization's name on the project's web site, print and multimedia materials.

Age Inclusive Communities

INCREASES

- mutual understanding
- increases collaboration in civic volunteer participation
- cohesive family and societal upbringing

Celebrating Intergenerational Images



First Photography contest for young and old amateur photographers. The contest is for the best photograph taken by a younger or older person of younger and older people together, that demonstrates the importance of intergenerational connections.

Themes include: Celebration of Diversity, Emotional Expression, Humorous Situations, and Intergenerational Activity Portrayed.

Photographs can be submitted on CD or print. Contact us for more information.

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