



# **Greenwich**

**Intergenerational  
Community  
Cohesion Project**





### Our aim:

To improve younger and older people's experience of living together in their community.



'We are all  
different, but deep  
down we all have the  
same struggles'

Vikki

## What we do:

### Conflict workshops

- We run workshops with local residents and secondary school students.
- The groups plan a positive response to conflict in their area.

### Skill sharing activities

- Local residents visit primary schools.
- Younger and older people build relationships by sharing skills like gardening, games and reminiscing.

### Train the trainer

- Younger and older people get trained on how to run an intergenerational event.
- We support them to run their own activities, such as a roast dinner event, sports tournament and trips.

### Training organisations and professionals

We run training sessions in schools and other organisations.

Our training is:

- Tailored to suit your work
- Built on our experience and toolkit
- Practical (sharing activities, games, resources)
- Free!







*Things that we have in common ....*



*Full of fun and great moments....*







Muriel

I was involved in the children society for years  
or more. I found it more interested working with young  
people. also with the young people who work with me. is very  
good + pleasing. To talk with me + demonstrate. also change  
over. making chocolate biscuits. and the children was  
enjoying the making of sweets.





Chloe

We have nice Teachers and Ther's  
lots of good Things to do like Sowing and  
Cooking.



Eileen

I NOW HAVE LOTS OF NEW LITTLE FRIENDS WHO SAY  
HELLO WHEN THEY SEE ME.

ALSO THE CHILDREN NOW KNOW THAT WE ARE  
BASICALLY THE SAME AS THEM, JUST AN  
OLDER VERSION.



Ewa

We all enjoyed it, got to know new people and  
got some new experience.



Mollie

I have gained more  
confidence.  
meeting new people and  
made new friends.



Doreen

INTERACTING WITH THE CHILDREN WAS GOOD  
I THINK THEY ENJOYED IT TOO. WHAT IS  
SURPRISING IS THAT THEY STILL CALL OUT TO  
ME IN THE STREET BY MY NAME.  
I THINK THAT WE ALL LEARNT SOMETHING  
FROM THE EXPERIENCE



Destini

Meeting new people of different ages  
when we went to South end it was nice  
interacting with people of different ages and  
Generations. Gil cracks a lot of jokes and makes  
things enjoyable, I had no idea that meeting  
and talking to older people could be so

FUN!







Bernard

The elder generation mix with the  
young. The elders give their ideas



Eunice







June

We have enjoyed talking to the children, as they can understand about older people now. We are not all miserable. Also are here at the centre every week so they know they can come and talk to us if they wish.

It's good for the children to say hello if they see you out.

We have made friends with the children, who have <sup>all</sup> been polite to us.

Enjoyed being at school very much.

Going out to 0.2 was good to we all joined together to look at every



Ashleigh



JodiAnne

I got to talk to the old people and  
I got to take my picture.





*Alan Clifford*





Oliver-Mark



Alan



EVERYONE NEEDED NO AGEISM YOUNG OR OLD  
ALL DIFFERENT EXPERTISE. ALL AGES LEARN  
FROM ONE ANOTHER



Nazarine

In my opinion, this project makes it possible to be linked with the new and coming generations. Exchanging of ideas among the young and the elderly, can only be good, it helps to unite all people: bringing them together, learning together to help each other with the changing society.



Steve

it is good to be able to get to  
to enjoy the things that they  
they are young.





Eileen



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OLDER VERSION.






Kanice





Tom

I  learning from the youngsters  
I think they learn quite a bit off of  
us. I enjoyed working with them



Ola



Fatima



I learnt how to understand the older generation, instead of judging them before - and I liked all the stories they told us about their life time and what did they do when they were younger.





Theresa

They were well behaved and lively children  
to work with. They make the old feel young!



Nazra

I enjoyed this project because it gave me the chance to work with different people and generations. I particularly enjoyed the event because the people that came were very friendly. Organising the event was fun because I got to know the people better and have fun at the same time. The event boosted my confidence and this will definitely help me in the future!

Overall, this project was amazing!! 😊





Cynthia

I find working on this project with the young people very interesting. The young people were friendly, obedient, helpful, happy and a joy to meet and work with. I am sorry this project is coming to the end. I do hope there will be others.



Georgina

The best thing about  
this project is meeting  
the young people, interacting  
with them and learning about  
how they think and meeting  
other people from all other  
cultures.



Laura

This project is memorable, as it was able to interact with a group of people with a difference and it was able to experience different cultures while doing various activities and showing off my creativity, skills, and improvise and comedy.



Jasmine

The Best Part is  
meeting a multi cultural  
group of people so I can  
experience different  
Things.





Pat Peach





Maureen

I have enjoyed the project very much  
meeting young children and playing games.  
also we had some good days out.  
the children are all very friendly and  
well behaved





 Hannah

I really enjoyed working with the elderly people and getting to work with new people I haven't worked with x.o.



Shanik



Pam

✓  
Very good.



Tom



Dione



Millie

The project brings young people and elderly people together. It helps the elderly recall their younger days and I am sure it helps the young get an insight into what old people are like. The project makes for good interaction.





Marie





Debbie



Ellie



Diane

It has bridged the gap between  
younger and older women and  
taught me a lot of interesting  
things about the past and now.



Joy

I have enjoyed every session  
and meeting with The School  
pupils and adult members and  
learnt a lot.





Freddie

We get to make and do exciting activities  
we learn about the past from the older adults.



Ivy

Enjoyed meeting the children



Tadesola

cake and food also finding out knew games because it  
fun and something knew I love making it



Joy

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and meeting with The School  
pupils and adult members and  
learnt a lot



Janet

I enjoy working with the young people and enjoy the conversation between old and young. The activities are all very interesting and it's fun helping each other.



Jean

It is so interesting meeting  
& chatting with the children  
& how they interact with  
us.





Nam



Leonni

Meeting interesting people from different  
backgrounds & ages very enjoyable. Steph  
was very good helping small children with  
individual designs



Rebecca

If Ma Hes me happy I see  
other jeharashots frow the  
Parst.



Jenny



Sidney

This is my ~~2~~ Second time doing this but im so  
enjoy this and I enjoy making pancakes.



Stan

enjoyed myself with all the  
company we had. I look forward to  
doing it all again!





Motunrayo

Making with people  
 Showing ideas  
 People showing interest in the  
 general presentation.  
 Tasting new foods  
 People loving the  
 idea and the to  
 know more about what  
 we presented  
 I enjoy communicating with different  
 people on this presentation today.  
 Also I love the Rangle presentation  
 I love the team work it  
 make the whole thing event perfect



Steph

I Really enjoyed this project because it gave me the opportunity to interact with elderly people and talk about a lot of different topics. I think the topic "food & feasting" was a good topic because we all shared past recipes and dishes new and old and also learn new things. I Really enjoyed talking to Muriel as I felt I could relate to her and we both had similar personalities which allowed us to interact and make conversation easier.



Pauline

Very very happy with the behavior of  
children, very lovely kids  
They knew so much



Joan

We went to middle Peak School  
we did cooking with them and  
played games they were lovely  
children.



Clair



It has been very nice talking to older  
People and built up my confidence. And  
I loved the whole project.



Debbie





*Debbie and Freddie*



Claire Stainer

It has been very nice talking to older  
People and built up my confidence and  
I loved the whole project.



Kajul

I thought this project was really interesting because I met lots of new people at different age and I thought there experience was really interesting. I have learn lots of things during this project about elderly and myself. The suprising thing was that we have some of the things in common like the way we think and, activity we do. It was a pleasure working with the elderly.



*Deborah Adeniji*

*I got a chance to meet people I normally wouldn't talk to and it was really fun.*










Anna Balogun

This project has really made me realise that older women are just the same as us. I also learnt that old people aren't as mean as I thought they were, after hearing what friends said about them on the buses.

Anna Balogun 9h. 



Isabelle Chisholm

Something good about this project was getting to meet the elder people and bond with them.



Hannah





Joanne Thunthercliffe

That the story Because i Loved  
the storys that the older people  
told us and i have had lots  
of fun with the project.  
From Joanne.T.



*Lin*





Maisie Barnes



Joseph Jonson

It fun and we make lots of  
projects.



Nkwasi Ndila

I like playing in the <sup>the project</sup> ~~the project~~  
I like to meet new people.



Lucy Brown

You get to meet people who are <sup>older</sup> ~~older~~ than  
you



Sam Burns

It gives you a chance to experience what things are like for older people when they were young and for us to see what it was like (such as games and entertainment).



Rebecca





Olivia Carpenter

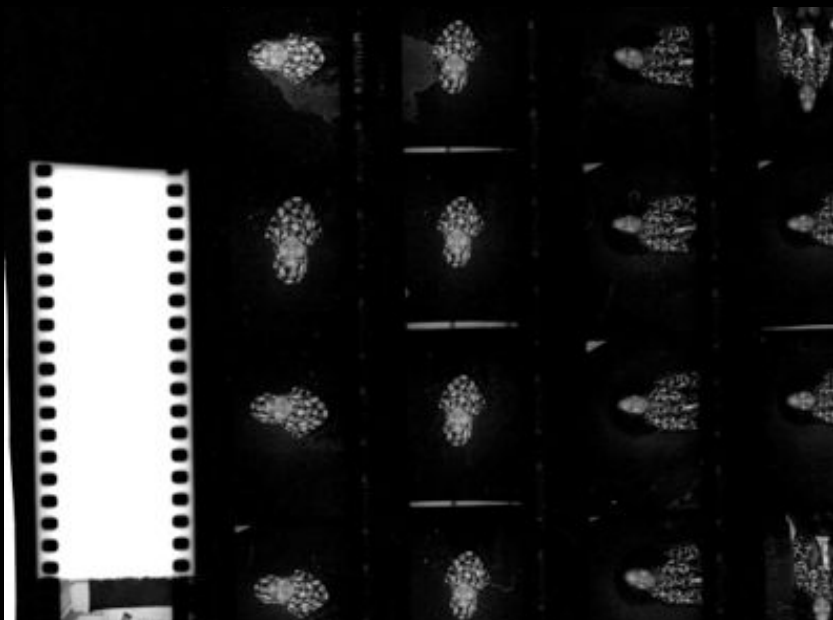
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our about people and  
what there talents  
are and what they  
can do

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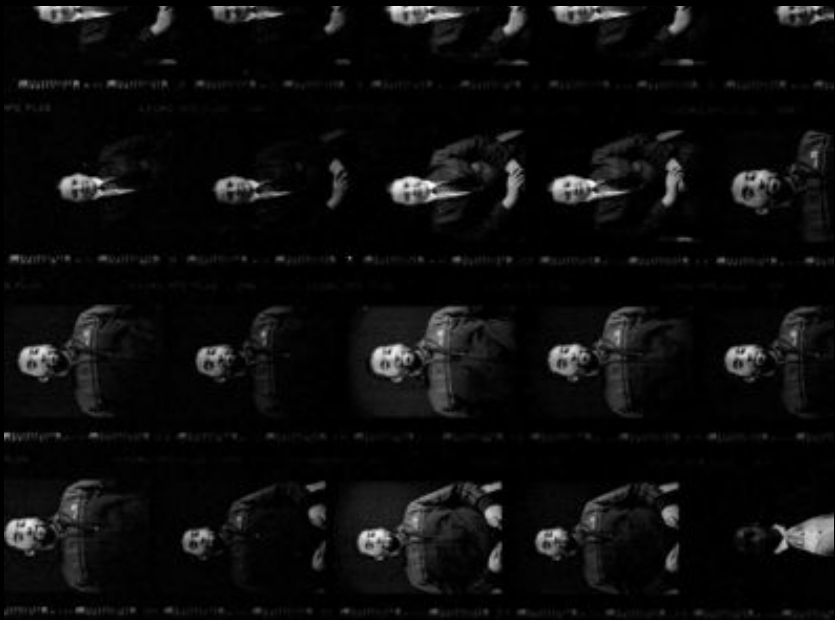
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### Key facts about the project:

- The programme runs for three years  
September 2010 – September 2013
- We work in four areas in Greenwich:  
Horn Park, Middle Park, Glyndon and  
Plumstead Common.
- We work with young people (aged 10 –  
17) and older people (aged 50+)



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# FOTOSYNTHESIS PARTICIPATORY PHOTOGRAPHY



Fotosynthesis is a Community Interest Company that uses participatory photography to give a voice to people, develop skills and encourage social cohesion. We run a darkroom and a studio space to offer a platform for self-expression where both community groups and individuals can access affordable photography training and facilities. In celebration of the Greenwich Intergenerational Project 2010 - 2013, Fotosynthesis was commissioned by the Children's Society to deliver photography workshops, portrait studio sessions, design a photobook and curate an exhibition.

We worked together using our imagination....







....to get to know each other and express ourselves.

*A special thanks to Caroline, Faye, Sarah and  
Lorna who led the project.*





*This book has been made by Julia Ceballos*







