

Intergenerational Small Grants
Christmas Connections 2023
Application Pack

Small grants of £125 per group for events and activities to bring generations together through fun activities and shared experience.

Please complete this application form and return to:

elaine.brownlee@bjf.org.uk

by

Friday 27th October 2023 @ 12.00 noon

If you have any queries, please contact elaine.brownlee@bjf.org.uk

Please refer to the guidance notes at the end of this form before you complete the application

Small Grants 2023

1. Contact details

Name of group/organisation:

Council Area:

Name of contact person:

Address:

Telephone no:

Mobile no:

Email address:

Does your group use social media? If yes please give Facebook / Twitter addresses below:

Facebook:

Twitter:

(FYI we are Linking Generations NI on Facebook & @LinkGenNI on Twitter)

Website

2. Tell us about your group e.g. what do you do? What geographic area do you cover? Have you done activities with people of different ages before?

3. Your Christmas Connections Idea:

3.1 Please tell us what you plan to do for your Christmas Connections event, why you think it is important to bring generations together and what the benefits will be to all involved.

(Please use a separate page if necessary)

3.2 Approximately how many people will be involved in your project? *(There should be at least 6 - 8 of **each** age group)*

Older People:

Younger People:

3.3 This funding is for activity **during December 2023** -can you confirm this timescale is possible?

YES.....

NO.....

3.4 Have you any existing partnerships that would benefit from this activity? e.g. how will you recruit participants? What preparation work do you need to do?

7. Who will be responsible for the financial claims for this project?

Please sign your name below to confirm that the information provided in this form is correct and that you will be the person responsible for the grant.
(We will accept electronic / typed signatures)

Name:

Position in the group:

Signature:

*If you receive a grant **all claims and receipts** must be returned by
Wednesday 31st January 2024*

Thank you for completing the application form to take part in 'Christmas Connections'.

A panel will meet to choose the successful projects. The panel's decision is final. Award of grants will be conditional on applicants signing a contract and payments made where possible by BACS.

Our privacy policy is on our website;

<https://www.bjf.org.uk/privacy-policy/>

The information you supply will be held in the Linking Generations NI database and will be used to inform you of future events and any other relevant information. Your information will not be passed to a third party without your consent, unless required to do so by law.

Completed applications should be returned by 12.00 noon on Friday 27th October preferably by email to: elaine.brownlee@bjf.org.uk

or posted to:

**Linking Generations Northern Ireland
43-45 Frances Street
Newtownards
BT23 7DX**

****If you have sent us an application and have not received an acknowledgement of receipt within 7 days, please contact us to ensure that we have received your application successfully****

Contract for payment of funding: between you and LGNI.

Please read, sign and return to LGNI along with application by

Friday 27th October @ 12.00 noon

If successful I (***insert your name***) agree to the following as conditions for the receipt of £125.00 from Linking Generations Northern Ireland for the Christmas Connections Get Togethers 2023

Conditions of grant

1. If successful you will receive a **successful applicant pack** from LGNI and **£125 grant** will be released and paid by BACS in to the bank account details you have supplied.
2. You will adhere to the evaluation guidance in your successful applicant pack including providing photos and evaluation feedback (**please ensure all photo permissions are in place**).
3. All grant aid expenditure will be accounted for using the form supplied by LGNI – including **originals or copies** of all receipts/invoices by **Wednesday 31st January 2024**.
4. Appropriate child protection and vulnerable adult procedures will be in place during activities.
5. The project will be beneficial for all age groups and where possible, planned by all ages together.
6. Publicity for, and recognition of the project will be sought locally. Reference will be made to Linking Generations Northern Ireland and the Public Health Agency NI.
7. Please contact us if you want these logos.
8. You will return all evaluation and financial documentation to LGNI by **Wednesday 31st January 2024**.

Please indicate the date, time and venue for your Christmas Connections Get Together, so that we can keep track of what's happening and when.

Where	
When	
Time	

Sign below to confirm your agreement with the above conditions and ensure a quick turnaround on funding provision if your application is successful!

Name: Signed:

On behalf of (name of organisation/group)

Thank you for your application and contract, good luck 😊

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Guidance Notes

We will apply the following criteria to score the activity you have outlined in your application:

- 1. Activities which use the principles of intergenerational practice and our good practice guide – please refer to our website for more detail:**

www.linkinggenerationsni.com

Principles of intergenerational practice summary

- Mutually beneficial to both age groups
- Participants help to plan it
- Uses existing resources
- Well planned
- Locally connected
- Strengthens community
- Challenges ageism
- Connects organisations

- 2. Activities that connect generations through fun, conversation and activities during December 2023.**
- 3. Activities which bring another generation into an environment that is generally used by one generation only (eg schools, care homes, youth clubs, older people's housing, services/organisations that usually work with just one age group).**
- 4. Activities that are fun and involve all ages and that show good value for money.**
- 5. Activities which engage older people who don't get out much.**
- 6. Activities that tackle loneliness and isolation for people of ALL ages.**

About Christmas Connections Get Togethers

A Christmas Connections Get Together is any event where different generations come together to have fun. **Christmas Connections Get Togethers** are about people coming together and giving people of all ages and backgrounds a chance to connect.

This Christmas Connections grant is to support local people to connect with their community through a range of fun activities. We are giving people of all ages and backgrounds the chance to get to know each other.

Today around 200,000 older people go over a month without chatting to a friend or family member. More than 9 million people often or always feel lonely. Christmas Connections get togethers are an opportunity to bring people together to help combat loneliness and isolation.

Christmas Connections funding aims to create connections across generations and organisations that wouldn't normally work together. LGNI's vision is that these connections and relationships will continue long into the future.

Please have a look through the resources section of our website for inspirational ideas, as to what your Christmas Connections Activities could involve.

www.linkinggenerationsni.com/resources/



LGNI Ideas and Support



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Check out LGNI's website for intergenerational ideas and sign up to your local intergenerational network!

www.linkinggenerationsni.com/sign-up

Or engage with our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/LinkGenNI/>

Have a look at last year's Christmas Get Togethers report for inspiration and ideas!

<https://www.linkinggenerationsni.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Christmas-grants-report-22-final-1.pdf>





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10 Ideas to connect generations!

LET'S HAVE FUN CREATING MULTIGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS THIS CHRISTMAS
THAT CAN LAST THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH!
HERE ARE OUR 10 TOP WAYS OF CONNECTING INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANISATIONS!
PERFECT FOR SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, OLDER PEOPLE'S SETTINGS!....

Always approach your local Care Home, Sheltered Housing Scheme or Older persons' group or school BEFORE you plan to connect with them or create for them and adhere to current covid guidelines to keep everyone safe.

- 1 Arrange a Christmas Party** - sing carols & Christmas songs, play pass the parcel, make Christmas crafts, wear fancy dress!
- 2 Organise a Christmas theme quiz/Bingo** - set up intergenerational teams, fun team names and give out prizes!
- 3 Create and exchange Christmas Cards, gifts, letters** - visit your local older people's setting and distribute gifts, meet up with a local seniors group to exchange gifts, have tea, juice and festive snacks!
- 4 Involve all ages in your Christmas Nativity/Activities** - Why not invite local older people and grandparents to your nativity? Or do a face to face or video performance for a local Care Home? Invite children and young people to attend your older peoples groups Christmas activities!
- 5 Make Christmas Decorations** - bunting, cards, hats, Christmas crackers and compare your creations! Keep, exchange or share with others!



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Reminiscence session - Compare and contrast traditions of Christmas past and present! Swap stories, Christmas memories, favourite songs, food and best bits! Bring treasured items to Show & Tell! Share Your 'mantra' - favourite saying/advice for life or your Christmas wish for everyone/the world....

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Create a Christmas wishing tree - decorate a large fir tree branch in a pot with labels or cut out shapes and hang with ribbon on branches. Write positive Christmas wishes and messages for others and sign your name. Deliver to a different age setting. Decorate a tree in the neighbourhood as above -or- Christmas sweet tree , decorate a fir branch in a pot with wrapped colourful sweets to deliver to a different age setting/ neighbour to enjoy.

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Host a mini Christmas Talent Show - songs, poems, tricks, jokes, performing skills, etc. to share and watch together.

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Christmas rocks! - Paint and decorate pebbles and stones with Christmas images and goodwill messages as an intergenerational group. Or why not Take to local care settings for display in garden or window sill (or inside) where residents can see and enjoy.

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Write your own Christmas Story- Organise into intergenerational groups decide on characters get each group to write a section e.g. the introduction once upon a time, the middle, the end expand as you please! Read the completed story out to the group or you could even record it to share!

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS OBSERVE/ ASK FOR FEEDBACK, COMMENTS, NOTICE THE IMPACT AND TAKE PHOTOS WITH PERMISSION) DURING ACTIVITIES FOR PROMOTION PURPOSES AND ALSO TO PLAN FOR FUTURE INTERGENERATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS.



LET'S CREATE SOME POSITIVITY & HAVE FUN!
PLEASE SHARE YOUR ACTIVITIES & PHOTOS WITH US!!!

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