

Intergenerational Small Grants
Christmas Connections Grant
2025

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:

joyce.savage@bjf.org.uk

by

Tuesday 28th October 2025 @ 12.00 noon

If you have any queries, please contact

joyce.savage@bjf.org.uk

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

Small Grants 2025

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 from **each** age group)*

Older People:

Younger People:

3.3 This funding is for activity **during December 2025** - 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?

4. Project Costs

Successful activities will receive a maximum grant of **£125** in advance.
(These grants are designed to support activities, not capital costs)

How much will the activity cost and what will you spend the money on?
(Please note we would urge you to use existing resources where available)

Item / Activity	Amount needed
Total NB maximum available is £125 per project – (Please spend the entire amount)	£

5. Bank Details

Please give full bank account details of your organisation (**please ensure these are accurate as otherwise our payment may not go through**)

Bank Account Name

Bank Name:

Branch Address:

Sort Code:

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Account Number:

6. Organisation Governance Checklist

Please tick to confirm you organisation has the following governance arrangements currently in place:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| A signed and dated constitution or governing document | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A bank account in the name of your organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our accounts are annually audited | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A relevant child protection policy (for groups working with children under 18) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vulnerable adults' policy where appropriate | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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
Tuesday 20th January 2026 midnight*

Thank you for completing the application form to take part in LGNI's
'Christmas Connections Small Grants'.

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 Tuesday 28th October preferably by email to: **joyce.savage@bjf.org.uk****

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

Tuesday 28th 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 Small Grant 2025

Conditions of grant

1. If successful you will receive a **grant conditions and reporting pack** from LGNI and **£125** 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 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 **Tuesday 20th January 2026**.
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 **Tuesday 20th January 2026**.

Please indicate the date, time and venue for your Christmas Connections Activity, 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 2025.***

- 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 Small Grants

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

This Christmas small 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. These Christmas Connections events/activities are an opportunity to bring people together to help combat loneliness and isolation.

Christmas Connections Small grant 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



Linking Generations
Northern Ireland

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 Connections Small grants report for inspiration and ideas!

[Christmas Connections Small Grants Report 2024 launched! – Linking Generations NI](#)

