

EURAG-Symposium October 1st, 2017

Wiener Rathaus, Wappensaal

Fridrich-Schmidt Platz 1, 1010 Wien

„Intergenerational Co-operation and Solidarity“

- 9.30 Registration with Musical Accompaniment
- 10.00 (sharp) Official Opening
Viennese Welcome – Performance by students of the Amadeus International School Vienna
- 10.05 Welcome notes:
Dirk Jarré, President EURAG Europe
Dr. Susanne Herbek, Senior Citizens Officer of the City of Vienna
Prof. Dr. Ernst Wolner, President EURAG Austria
- 10.30 - Start of presentations/discussions
Chair: Erika Folkes, Dana Steinova
Dirk Jarré: **Ageing in a life course perspective - Issues, potentials, perspectives and recommendations”**
As we age we all develop, accumulate and alter a huge amount of capacities, knowledge, experience, good judgement and wisdom. This constant process never really stops as long as we are living human beings - even though its dimensions and dynamics change with age. It is of key importance for a cohesive and respectful society to fully acknowledge the capacities of individuals at all stages of life. Using and benefitting from the potentials of older persons is one of the best strategies to shape the future of society at large.
- 11.00 Monique Epstein, France: **How IT can help to promote intergenerational co-operation**
The aims of the association are to reduce the digital gap between the different generations by teaching the Internet culture. This way E-Seniors aims at increasing solidarity in the digital society by EMPOWERING seniors, making teaching proactive. Senior citizens pass over their cultural and historical heritage, help develop the European citizenship in dialogue with younger generations and by using new technologies.
- 11.20 Val Woodgaiger, United Kingdom: **Learning with Grandma**
The main aim of the project is to reunite the generations – using the internet as a bridge. It encourages cross-cultural understanding through the use of different languages in project work and thus has a tremendous potential by making room for voices which are not usually heard, and exploring other ways of breaking down barriers.
- 11.40 Ursula Hübel, Vienna Health Promotion: **„Moving Generations – Building bridges between children and older adults by means of psychomotricity“**
This project brings together preschool children (aged 3 to 6) and older adults (60+) in a weekly psychomotor intervention program. Psychomotricity was chosen as its underlying principles fit to those of health promotion, such as a focus on resources. 16 institutions (kindergartens and long-term care facilities) in Vienna belonging to 8 different providers are involved. The project highlights gender and intercultural aspects and aims – by means of training of involved staff – at sustainability.

- 12.00 Dana Steinova, Czech Republic: **Experimental University for Grandparents and Grandchildren**
- The Intergenerational educational project is organized in co-operation of the faculties of Prague universities and the Centre of Lifelong Learning. It is intended for grandparents and their grandchildren who form a team, studying and spending time together by going to a summer camp. This means a great enrichment for both, children and seniors.*
- 12.20 Jaap van der Spek, Netherlands: **Young & Old concerns about pensions**
- The Dutch approach to a hot topic of nowadays, pensions, is based on discussions about positions and feelings of people of productive and post-productive age. The Dutch government is supporting dialog between youth organisations and pensioner unions in order to reduce the tension and plan the future sustainable pension system all together.*
- 12.40 Discussion on the morning topics
- 13.00 – 14.00 **Flying Luncheon** (invitation) with background music
- 14.00 Ana Krajnc, Slovenia: **Silver Economy as the Condition for intergenerational Cooperation, Dialogue and Quality of Life**
- What we understand by silver economy, should be based on the right to both lifelong work and lifelong education, the right to be active and the right to participate in community life throughout life. The standard image of old age should be abandoned, as not to become a burden to older people themselves and other generations.*
- 14.20 Rosemarie Kurz, Austria: **Housing for Help**
- The project aims at resolving two problems: the problem of reasonable housing among the students and the loneliness and isolation of older people. Elderly students at Graz University established an exchange project to satisfy the different needs of both group*
- 14.40 Eva Nytrova, Czech Republic: **Intergenerational project: Looking through the eyes of generations**
- This intergenerational project is based on interaction of youth and seniors, promotion of intergenerational communication and understanding. It represents a model of mutual acceptance, with respect to specific needs and contributions of each generation, looking at each other with open eyes, minds and hearts.*
- 15.00 Moira Allan, France: **Global Program Exchange for Positive Ageing**
- Building Intergenerational dialogue about UN Issues using the existing infrastructure of the Model United Nations in New Ways with intentional connection to Age-Friendly Community Development: Age-Friendly Yarmouth, Massachusetts, USA, setting the example, presented by the “Pass It On Network”.*
- 15.20 Dana Pulenčika, Latvia: **Intergenerational co-operation as well-being promoter**
- This project has been created by two organizations together - "RASA" and "Seniors and Youth" The secret of well-being is to share knowledge between different generations. Together they can find out, how it is possible to live better, how we can be in good mood every day or to be in satisfactory condition of Existence, with good health, feeling happiness and live in harmony.*
- The delegation of seniors from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania salutes to the EURAG 55th anniversary*
- 15.45 Discussion on the afternoon topics
- 16.00 Dirk Jarré and Erika Folkes : **Recap of the day and Farewell**

16.10 Amadeus International School Choir: “Forever Young”

Free entrance

Registration required

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