



Platforms for Ageing Community Engagement - Exchange and Enterprise

Update on activities:

Welcome to Issue 3 of the PLACE-EE newsletter. We have plenty of exciting progress to report on:

Our Community Engagement Officers have been out and about, engaging young and older citizens and developing community coalitions in their area;

We have been developing a number of toolkits to assist engagement and community development, which will feature in an upcoming newsletter; and

Both young and older participants have joined the PLACE-EE project and workshops have begun.

Where are we now?

All demonstrator areas are following a schedule of single-age introductory workshops and intergenerational skill exchange workshops.

Our Community Engagement Officers are delivering the PLACE-EE toolkit and gathering content for the transnational archive.

We are frequently posting updates on our activities alongside related articles and projects to our social media streams and web page. Please see page 6 for details.

This issue:

In this issue, we reveal some key findings from our workshops, including feedback from our participants (pages 2-4); and we welcome Lisbeth, the new Community Engagement Officer in Skellefteå (page 4).

Upcoming events:

- PLACE-EE Partner Meeting, March 2019, Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.
- PLACE-EE Showcase Event, March 2019. Please see page 5 for event flyer and details of how to register.



Location of workshops in demonstrator area



Participating school(s)

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí



West Tyrone and Erne West



St Mary's High School, Brollagh; St Aidan's High School, Derrylin; and St John's Business and Enterprise College, Dromore

Initial workshops have run in both areas across the Fermanagh and Omagh Council region, and a group of older participants have visited the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI). In total, 21 older and 14 younger participants have engaged in conversations about genealogy and family history, and they have used technology together to assist in finding relevant information. Positive initial feedback has praised the social aspects of the workshops and some older participants have set up email addresses and bought iPads.



Fjarðabyggð, Iceland



FJARÐABYGGÐ



Breiðablik (Breibablik)



Verkmenntaskóli Austurlands



Between 10-15 older and eight younger participants have come together to share coffee and homemade baked goods and to discuss local issues within the Breiðablik community and Iceland in general. The workshops have helped them to develop their IT skills and become more active on social media, with some signed up to Íslendinga-App, a popular smart phone App that reveals family connections between citizens.

Limerick City & County Council



Newcastlewest

Desmond College, Newcastlewest

Limerick citizens have come out in force to take part in PLACE-EE workshops. In groups of between 28-37 older and 29 younger people, participants have examined potential barriers to services and contributors to social exclusion within their community, as well as existing knowledge and attitudes toward each other. All older participants now have email addresses and access to the Internet and are excited to see their digital skills progressing.



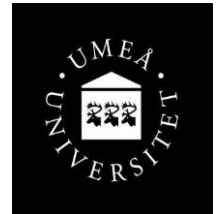
Umeå University



Umeå and Åsele



Umeå University



The "Senior-IT" group in Åsele have continued to meet in the town library, collecting materials about 'the old days' when they were young. They have mostly been writing stories but have also recorded the spoken word, often in the local dialect. A popular topic was how Christmas used to be celebrated when they were young. This group also has the opportunity to try VR and they imagined that they could visit famous places using this without needing to leave home.

At Umeå University, work has continued on development of the Transnational Cultural Archive. The first version is expected to be released soon and will allow the various regional groups and individuals to upload their own cultural materials in a variety of forms, as well as browse what others have contributed.

Skellefteå kommun



Skellefteå and
Kanalskolan



Kanalskolan

Virtual Reality (VR) has been a common activity and topic of conversation with young and older participants in Skellefteå. Twenty young people and nine older have attended PLACE-EE workshops, during which they engaged with VR and discussed e-health services and the application of technology in the lives of older people. They have enjoyed sharing IT skills, helping each other to access digital Apps and services, and the older participants have expressed a wish to learn more about e-health.

Ms Lisbeth Johansson



We would like to welcome Lisbeth Johansson as the new Community Engagement Officer in Skellefteå. Lisbeth has extensive experience working with older people and in recent years has specialised in dementia care, working closely with patients, families and health care staff, to improve the quality of life and educate those living with and managing the condition. She was involved in the early stages of PLACE-EE and is eager to learn how the project has progressed.

"I believe [the participants] can learn a lot from each other and I expect that we will have a lot of fun and interesting conversations in the sessions"



PLACE-EE Showcase Event

Friday 22 March 2019

Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen

10:30am - 12.30pm



Fermanagh & Omagh District Council invites you to an information session about the PLACE-EE (Platforms for Ageing Community Engagement – Exchange and Enterprise) project.

Join us to hear about this exciting project which is creating a skills exchange between older and younger citizens locally, as well as building transnational partnerships.

Speakers include RNIB and Omagh Volunteer Centre, with many other related organisations attending.

Refreshments from 10.00am and lunch will be served at 12.30pm

Please contact **Leza Cleary** on **0300 303 1777**
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Places must be booked by Thursday 14 March 2019



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