



## Platforms for Ageing Community Engagement - Exchange and Enterprise

### Update on activities:

Welcome to Issue 4 of the PLACE-EE newsletter. We have made significant and exciting progress since Issue 3 in February 2019:

The first series of single-age and intergenerational workshops have been completed;

Participants have attended PLACE-EE certificate ceremonies (highlighted in this issue);

The Community Mapping Toolkit is complete and available to download (see page 4 for details); and

The PLACE-EE Transnational Cultural Archive will be ready to view in early 2020.

### Where are we now?

Community Engagement Officers (CEOs) are working alongside participants to gather and upload content to the online archive;

CEOs are preparing for future workshops;

Partners in the Northern Ireland Public Health Agency are planning the PLACE-EE hackathon (see upcoming events);

Continued public engagement and updates via social media; and

Elder participants continue to practice their IT skills.

### This issue will:

Highlight the activities and skills exchange that occurred during workshops; and

Showcase artefacts from our demonstrator areas.

### Upcoming events:

- PLACE-EE Showcase Event and Partner Meeting, 17-18 September 2019, Fjarðabyggð, Iceland.
- PLACE-EE Showcase Event, 17 October 2019, Limerick, Ireland.
- PLACE-EE Hackathon, 25-26 January 2020, Ulster University, Coleraine, Northern Ireland (see page 4).

## Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC)

Since February 2019, FODC have completed a second phase of workshops, including an additional elder-only trip to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), a student educational workshop run in collaboration with partners in Linking Generations NI (LGNI)\*, and further intergenerational sessions. In total, 32 younger and 37 older people were recruited from this area and one group of participants continue to meet in Derrylin to discuss local history.

FODC CEO Leza is currently consulting with local older person clusters to understand what courses they would like in the future and is meeting other local groups to deliver IT training and reduce social isolation. For the next stage of PLACE-EE, FODC also plan to work with primary schools in two other areas of the district.



PLACE-EE participants in Dromore, County Tyrone



Historical artefacts in FODC

\* For further information on LGNI: <https://linkinggenerationsni.com/>

## Fjarðabyggð, Iceland

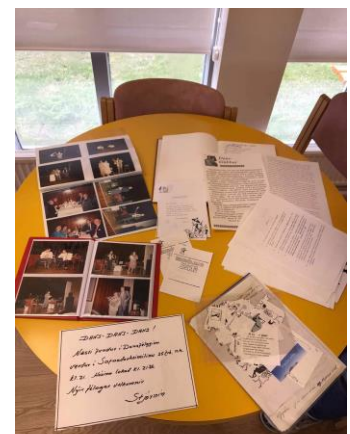


Participants in Iceland had a wonderful time getting to know each other and gathering together for PLACE-EE workshops. They found the experience to be incredibly educational and they especially enjoyed discovering new smart phone Apps and discussing family history together.

Elder participants explored how IT can help them in their everyday lives and they brought coffee, homemade baked goods, and a wealth of artefacts and personal stories to share with the younger attendees.



PLACE-EE participants in Fjarðabyggð



Personal artefacts shared by participants

## Limerick City & County Council (LCCC)

The success of the first workshops in Limerick has continued, with an average of 21 younger and 23 older participants attending sixteen workshops. Topics of conversation focused on local heritage, knowledge, and culture, resulting in many stories, photographs, and memories being shared between generations. Participants also discussed how artefacts could be digitally captured for the online archive and they continue to work together to implement this. To complement the PLACE-EE workshops, LCCC ran a series of IT training sessions for older people, which have been very successful.



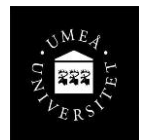
A PLACE-EE participant sharing a cultural artefact in Limerick



All participants and facilitators at the final intergenerational workshop in Limerick

## Umeå University

The "Senior-IT" group in Åsele, coordinated by the Q-Life Research Group ([www.qlife.se](http://www qlife.se)) and supported by Åsele Municipality, have continued to meet in Kulturhuset, the local library, to develop their IT skills. They have also enjoyed an outing to Hembygdsområdet to research local culture and history for the online archive.



Umeå University have completed development of the PLACE-EE Transnational Cultural Archive and the platform is now ready for content to be uploaded from each of the demonstrator areas. The archive will be ready to view online in early 2020 and details of how to access it will be included in the next issue of our newsletter.



Elders visit Hembygdsområdet to research local history





Skellefteå kommun

Skellefteå Kommun have run a total of eleven workshops so far, attracting 25 younger participants and 10 elders (an average of 8 elders attended the workshops). Participants continued to engage with Virtual Reality during their meetings and students assisted elders with technology in a designated 'tech corner'. They also discussed online safety and local culture and history, often focusing on the regional dialect 'bondska'. A wrap-up celebration was enjoyed by all during the final joint workshop.



An intergenerational workshop in Skellefteå

## Certificates of Achievement

PLACE-EE participants celebrated their achievements and received certificates during presentation ceremonies following the first series of workshops. Two student volunteers in Limerick were also recognised for their commitment to the PLACE-EE project at an awards ceremony in May 2019.

All photographs from awards events and intergenerational workshops can be viewed on the website under 'Outreach Groups' (website information on page 5).



PLACE-EE participants with their certificates of achievement in FODC



PLACE-EE participants and facilitators at the presentation of awards in Limerick, May 2019

## For your information:

To download the PLACE-EE Community Mapping Toolkit and other project outputs please visit 'Outputs and Results' on the PLACE-EE website (details on page 5).

For further details and updates on the PLACE-EE hackathon, please see 'Events' on the website and follow PLACE-EE social media accounts. Website and social media details are listed on page 5.

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