Teachers, students, seniors - keep on going!

generations@school events all over Europe

Since March 1st 2012 more than 300 schools in all over Europe are participating in the generations@school competition about activities in their schools together with elderly people! Within the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity 2012 this special project invites schools all over Europe to open the doors of their classrooms to older generations to explore how the dialogue between generations can contribute to a better education and a better understanding of each other.

Over 60 schools already shared their intergenerational experiences and photos in the *generations@school* panoramio group, which you can consult and get inspired, but we have also selected for you a few great examples to follow!



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The smiles on the children's and elderly faces, the testimonies from the students, show that organizing a generations@school activity means a lot of *fun and a lot of mutual learning for all participants!*

To participate in the *generations@school* competition share your event in the panoramio group until 30th June.

Teachers, students, seniors – keep on going! You can still organise such a great activity with your class children and the older people in your community, why not to do it? If you are doing already an intergenerational project or if you have recently done an event, share your experiences with us!

To participate is simple and we have all resources and help on the website to assist you! If you are also interested in organising a *generations@school* activity, we would like to know about it! Just write us an e-mail with the name of your school and the class(es) that will participate as well as a date: <u>generationsatschool@paueducation.com</u>



Students from the school **GBS in Tervuren**, **Belgium**, went to an elderly care centre and washed all the wheelchairs!



The **Secondary School in Galway City, Ireland**, rehearsed with the elderly of their community a theatre play. Their public performance of "The Wizard of Oz" will be in May 2012.



Students of the **High School W. Shakespeare in Timisoara**, **Romania**, created together with seniors from a day care center a giant daisy like flower from recycled materials – a symbol of purity and children's souls.



Pupils from the **"Ary dos Santos" primary school in Montijo, Portugal**, performed with the elderly of their town a theatre play called "History staged". In a common lunch with self-made sweets, the students and the seniors collected forces for the rehearsals







In **Tervel, Bulgaria**, representatives of three generations celebrated together with the **Kindergarten "Detelina"** Easter: singing, dancing and painting eggs together made their Easter holidays unforgettable!

Students from **the "Escola Secundária Poeta António Aleixo", Portimão, Portugal** invited seniors of a near elderly care home. This senior spotlighted is 97 years old and was eager to share his life experience from childhood on to retirement age. The students were very interested since it allowed them to gain knowledge about the differences in education and human rights at different times.

Students from the **SCUOLA MEDIA 3 P.TOLA in Sassari, Italy**, invited seniors to their school and to join their drawing lessons. Together they designed a project logo, printing for everybody t-shirts and backpacks.

Visit the *generations@school* website for more information and to download a resource kit to help you in your preparations. (http://www.historypin.com/gats/en/)

Questions on the *generations@school* project can be addressed to <u>generationsatschool@paueducation.com</u>.

For further information on the European Year, visit http://europa.eu/active-ageing-2012