

NCVO/Carnegie UK Trust 'Bridging' Social Capital Seminar Series

Intergenerational Connections

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Where we are up to

- 'Exploratory' phase (2007-2008)
- 'Foundation' year (2008-2009)
- Mainstreaming (2009 onwards)
- The challenges

'Exploratory' phase

(Jan 2007 – Mar 2008)

Development of strategic partnership with Beth Johnson Foundation to:

- Map current practice
- Stakeholder review/interviews
- Review of city strategy
- Develop exploratory action plan
- “Looking Back, Looking Forward” launch

What did this mean?

- Staff training
- Demonstration projects
- E bulletin launched
- Intergenerational 'champion'
- 'City for All Ages' calendar 2008
- Citywide learning event
- Members Steering Group

Learning

Barriers

- Time constraints on schools
- 'Balance of power'
- Lack of confidence in younger people
- Managing expectations
- CRB legislation
- Change of personnel

Outcomes

- Shared skills/knowledge
- Accessing unusual venues
- Enthusiastic contact
- Dispelling myths
- Mutuality of purpose
- Promoting cohesion
- Improved educational attainment

'Foundation' year

(April 2008 – Mar 2009)

- Political 'drivers'
 - local
 - national
- Corporate sign-up
- Strategic steering group
- Further development of external partnerships
- Conferences and presentations

What does this mean?

- Expansion of programme of training workshops
- 3/4 core demonstration projects
- Effective evaluation
- Citywide learning network
- Development of online resources

Mainstreaming

- Embedding in the mainstream agenda
 - Local Area Agreement
 - Community Strategy
- Adequate resourcing for strong citywide programme
- External evaluation of economic impact

The challenges

- Corporate ownership
- Tangible outcomes – evaluation
- Longer term strategic lead
- Dedicated resources

Questions?

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