

ALF NATIONAL NETWORK MEMBERS ACTIVE IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY ACTIONS THAT INCLUDE THE INTER-GENERATIONAL DIMENSION

Focus: Social Cohesion & Civic Participation			
	Organisation	Network	Profile/Relevant expertise
1	<u>Averroes Community Development</u> https://averroesfoundation.org/about-us	<u>Israel</u>	Community Gardens Initiative ("Hwakir"): Reviving traditional agricultural practices, this project transforms neglected spaces into green, communal hubs. It promotes environmental awareness, sustainability, social responsibility, and intergenerational collaboration, while reconnecting youth with cultural heritage and land.
2	<u>Generations For Peace</u> https://www.generationsforpeace.org/en/	<u>Jordan</u>	Generation for Peace does not typically run pure age-bridge projects where youth and older adults are the primary targeted participants together (e.g., seniors & adolescents in shared programming). Instead, adult involvement largely comes through staff support, facilitation, and mentorship, rather than inter-age peer-to-peer exchange.
3	<u>Lebanese Spot light</u> https://www.lbspotlight.org/	<u>Lebanon</u>	The organisation successfully registered 300 volunteers, running projects aimed at developing their city and its residents. Lebanese Spotlight serves as a collective platform for youth, steering them away from negative behavior while imparting essential life skills. The organisation strives to make a positive impact where the need is most evident. LSL stands as a home for youth, children, the elderly, and the entire community.
4	<u>Juzoor Foundation – Jerusalem Youth Parliament</u> https://www.juzoor.org/	<u>Palestine</u>	Juzoor collaborates with the Ministry of Social Development to enhance elderly rights, social inclusion, and healthy aging. Their Expertise Forum model actively involves older people in sharing skills, life experiences, and knowledge with younger generations—promoting intergenerational exchange and societal contribution.
5	<u>Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa</u> https://www.swedenabroad.se/en/embassie	<u>Sweden</u> (Operating from Jordan)	The development of guidance note on inclusive intergenerational dialogues

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	s/dialogue-institute/current/news/connecting-generations/		
6	Al Badil l'alternative Culturelle https://al-badil.net/	<u>Tunisia</u>	The organisation took part of Tandem project that was coordinated by the German network member “MitOst” (TANDEM — Cultural Managers Exchange). This flagship programme pairs cultural professionals from different countries—and often different age groups—to co-create long-term cultural projects.
7	S&G System and Generation Association https://www.systemandgeneration.com/en/	<u>Türkiye</u>	In 2013 the organisation has introduced a project that enabled 200 young and 100 elderly people living in the districts of Keçiören, Altındağ, and Çankaya in Ankara to engage in various activities together.
8	Mirsal ry https://www.mirsal.fi/	<u>Finland</u>	a national-level project at Mirsal focused on dialogue between teenagers and parents with a migrant background. https://www.mirsal.fi/mirsal_projects/intergenerational-resilience/
9	Africans and African-Europeans Association (afaes ry) https://www.afaes.fi/	<u>Finland</u>	Peer Support and Mentorship Groups: AFAES organizes peer support groups for both women and men, and a Youth Group under its organisational structure Afaes . These groups—by design—bring together members across different ages in mentoring, cultural exchange, and social support roles. Community Events and Cultural Workshops: Their events, such as festivals, storytelling sessions, and workshops (e.g. Africa Day, International Women’s Day, mental health workshops, story-telling for children/prospective authors), involve participation from youth, adults, and elders. These settings enable natural cross-generational interaction Afaesannalindhfinland.fi . Mental Health Workshops: For instance, the June 2024 series aimed at African men have attracted participants of various ages to discuss wellness, identity, and cultural stigma—cultivating intergenerational shared learning and support annalindhfinland.fi .
10	Young.euro.connect e.V https://young-euro-connect.de/	<u>Germany</u>	An association, which promotes political dialogue between young people in Europe and other regions, with a particular focus on endorsing tolerance in all facets and mutual understanding between nations.
11	Stiftung Shanti	<u>Germany</u>	Preponderantly focuses on the facilitation of personal encounters beyond the comfort zone

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	https://www.mensch-und-mensch.de/		as well as mutual exchange and understanding. This organisation particularly seeks to encourage the formation of new relationships between people from different backgrounds, perspectives and societal stratum.
12	MUBADERUN https://www.mubadron48.com/	<u>Israel</u>	The intergenerational dimension is actually a core principle in their work. They actively involve the older generation in all aspects of their activities, including environmental projects and consulting for younger activists. As you may realize, the intergenerational aspect is meaningful in the context of Palestinian society in Israel, where communities have experienced cultural erasure and are now reconnecting with their heritage. For example, in Fureidis, many of the elderly were born in villages that no longer exist after 1948, and their memories carry deep significance.
13	Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS) https://riifs.org/en/about-riifs/	<u>Jordan</u>	Head of Network organization HoN. RIIFS is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation that provides a venue for the interdisciplinary study of intercultural and inter-religious issues with the aim of defusing tensions and promoting peace, regionally and globally. It has evolved to an interdisciplinary institution, covering all fields of the humanities and social sciences that deal with cultural and civilisational interaction.
14	Our Common Future www.ourcommonfuture.org	<u>Luxembourg</u>	<i>Our Common Future</i> is a forward-looking association that experiments with innovative models of citizen engagement and democratic governance to help democracy rise to the challenges of our times. Rooted in the belief that active citizenship and inclusive dialogue are essential for a thriving future, the organisation creates spaces for people—especially those aged 18 to 40, but with a strong transgenerational approach—to imagine, shape, and co-create alternative futures. Through diverse social activities, creative projects, and participatory processes, <i>Our Common Future</i> strengthens civic competences, fosters intercultural dialogue, and supports individuals and communities in developing the skills they need to navigate and influence an increasingly complex world. Its work is grounded in hope, experimentation, and collaboration—empowering people to become drivers of democratic renewal. <i>Our Common Future</i> promotes intergenerational engagement by creating spaces where young people directly interact with policymakers, experts, and socially influential figures. One key example is the <i>Democracy Rally</i> , where youth participants collaborate with

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			<p>decision-makers across generations to co-develop skills, influence public discourse, and propose forward-looking policy ideas. These interactions are not limited to symbolic exchanges—they foster mutual learning, critical thinking, and concrete pathways for civic participation, bridging generational gaps in the democratic process. The initiative empowers young people while valuing the lived experience and institutional knowledge of older generations.</p> <p>https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/397421804 Examples of intergenerational activities: https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/929448313 https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/1102950661/562610902e</p>
15	<p>Formation et Sensibilisation Luxembourg</p> <p>https://www.fslux.lu/en</p>	Luxembourg	<p>FSL offers training and awareness-raising programmes focused on social cohesion, anti-discrimination, and equal opportunities. It works with schools, professionals, and the wider public to promote an inclusive society through education and civic action.</p> <p>Example of intergenerational activity: https://fslux.lu/living-library-event-2024-a</p> <p>The <i>Living Library</i> initiative by FSL is an intergenerational activity that fosters empathy and understanding through personal storytelling. At the March 2024 edition in Esch-sur-Alzette, women of various ages who have experienced discrimination acted as "living books", engaging in one-on-one conversations with visitors of all generations. The format encourages meaningful exchanges across age groups, particularly between younger participants and older women sharing lived experiences related to human rights and resilience. The event promotes intergenerational dialogue, challenges prejudice, and strengthens social cohesion through shared narratives.</p>
16	<p>Maison Citoyenne Mamer</p> <p>https://alf.website/en/?members=maison-</p>	Luxembourg	<p>The <i>Maison Citoyenne</i> in Mamer is a community space that encourages active citizenship, local engagement, and intercultural dialogue. It hosts participatory events, workshops, and social initiatives that empower residents to shape their community and foster solidarity.</p>

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	citoyenne		Examples of intergenerational activities: https://mamer.lu/en/the-fairtrade-breakfast-was-a-great-success https://mamer.lu/5e-fete-de-linclusion-au-site-kinneksbond https://mamer.lu/mamer-in-motion-une-journee-caritative-de-la-maison-des-jeunes
17	GO GREEN https://www.bidizelen.org/en/	<u>North Macedonia</u>	The organisation leads various green and environmental initiatives involving different generations, as well as projects that raise awareness among the local population.
18	ARNO https://arno.org.mk/	<u>North Macedonia</u>	The organisation recently opened the Center for Repairs, engaging craftsmen and volunteers of all ages. In addition, they have implemented projects for youth and mentors in the field of entrepreneurship.
19	Earth Civilization Network www.earthcivilization.net tgunersel@gmail.com	Turkiye	EC Network is a holistic synergy platform for Earthmates who contribute to the Earth Civilization-in-progress, which is based on the awareness of the limits of our planet and the possibilities of <i>glocal</i> (global and local) synergy for global democratic unification. The EC Network may be an inspiring simple model that could be a basis of similar EC Circles: Multi-continental, multigenerational and multidisciplinary. Autonomous EC Circles will be for co-evolution, focusing on the positive contributions of humanity. Each EC participant or member is already an active world citizen individually and/or in one or more other organisations. So, though there are tragedies, it is more fruitful to assume that each EC member is already concerned and active regarding those issues, without being absorbed by them on the EC platform. Meeting twice a month at “Earthmates’ Cafe” with a topic is fruitful for socio-personal development. We do not “argue” or “discuss”; we share info and views in a friendly atmosphere. It is possible to have an info-idea exchange group (like we have) on WhatsApp and/or Telegram etc. Our Earthmates Magazine (freely available on Academia.edu and elsewhere) gives an idea about our initiative. The first two issues have been published by poet Dušan Gojkov in relation to his Balkan Literary Herald.