

## Pro Forma for Participation Works Network for England regional case studies

<b>Region: North East</b>	
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Please indicate which sector this case study is an example of:	
Voluntary sector activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Statutory sector activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corporate sector activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ( <i>please specify</i> )	
Please indicate which themes this case study can be used to support ( <i>tick all that apply</i> ):	
Arts & creativity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hard to reach groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inclusive practice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Learning & research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Measuring change	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rights/citizenship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workforce development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth-led project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other ( <i>please specify</i> )	
<b>Name of project: Darlington Intergenerational Project</b>	
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Contact information for further details <a href="http://www.darlington.gov.uk/living.intergen.htm">www.darlington.gov.uk/living.intergen.htm</a>	
<b>Aims of the project:</b> To bring together young and old members of the community and address issues, common to both groups	
<b>Timeline for the project (expected start and finish date, if known):</b> Oct 2005 – Dec 2007	
<b>Please name any other organisations involved if this was a project developed as a partnership:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darlington Youth Assembly</li> <li>• Darlington Youth Service</li> <li>• Growing Old Living in Darlington (GOLD)</li> <li>• Connecting with Communities.</li> </ul>	

**Who funded this project?**

The initial project was funded via the three main partners at £500 each; we then received funding from Connect Youth to support the second phase of the project.

**How many young people were involved?**

The initial phase involved five young people to develop the project; following this we had 7 young people to deliver workshops in 2006-07 to a variety of groups across Darlington.

**How were children & young people involved in decision-making?**

Every aspect of the project was discussed and developed by young people, from the scenarios in the DVD to the marketing material.

**What changes has children & young people's involvement led to?**

The project highlighted that young people are concerned with issues in the wider community and a lot of these issues affect them in a similar way to older members of the community. The Intergen project has raised some questions with elected members re ASB and young people's participation across Darlington.

**What did children and young people involved in this work achieve from this experience?**

Young people involved in this project have received recognition from their peers, elected members and community partnerships for highlighting serious issues in a light and interesting way. Some members of the group have gone onto become members of staff with Darlington Youth Service and now work with a variety of media projects. Two have since become Members of Youth Parliament (MYP) for Darlington.

They were also photographed and included in the National Youth Agency's (NYA) Youth Action & Engagement: building intergenerational relationships case studies special in May 2008.

**What next for the project?**

Intergenerational is an ongoing theme, as we developed our Four Area Youth Forums and link them with the adult community partnerships/resident groups, so far this has been received very well.

**What next for the participants?**

Many of the group have since moved on, but we do still have contact with those who are now working for the Youth Service and in their role as MYP for Darlington.

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