



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR
INTERGENERATIONAL PRACTICE

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Acknowledgement of Country

AIIP acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters, and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, to Elders past, present and emerging, and honour the ongoing cultural, spiritual, and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of all ages.

Who we are

The Australian Institute for Intergenerational Practice (AIIP) is a for purpose, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to advancing evidence-based intergenerational practice.

Established in 2021 by Emeritus Professor Anneke Fitzgerald and a team of leading researchers, we now serve as the peak body for the intergenerational sector in Australia and beyond, and a key leader for the global intergenerational movement.

Supported by a committed chair and board, operations manager, administrative team, advisory council, partners, friends, and volunteers, we unite a growing community of practitioners and advocates in fostering meaningful and sustainable connections across generations.

Intergenerational programs have now entered mainstream consciousness following the success of the ABC's Emmy-winning Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds and Old People's Home for Teenagers. Programs such as these showcase the benefits of age-inclusive communities and are backed by growing evidence linking intergenerational practices to positive social, health, and economic outcomes.

As a peak body, we advance research, share knowledge, resources, and networks, provide professional development, organise events, and advocate for a sustainable intergenerational future.

We connect research with practice by collaborating across generations, working with industry experts, care providers, and educational institutions. Through advocacy, we promote age-inclusive, integrated communities, and champion intergenerational practice as a key driver of positive social change in Australia and beyond.



Our Vision

We seek to empower communities, organisations, and individuals to adopt intergenerational practice as a way of life.



Our Mission

As the peak body in Australia for intergenerational practice, we support and advocate for evidence-based programs that foster mutually beneficial connections between generations. We ensure their success and sustainability through professional development, evaluation and ongoing research.

Our Purpose

We advocate for intergenerational practice to cultivate more age-inclusive and cohesive communities, offering a powerful model for positive social impact.

Our Values

- **Mutual Respect:** We promote respect across all ages, fostering intergenerational connections through diversity and understanding.
- **Collaboration:** We encourage generational collaboration to develop sustainable solutions to societal challenges.
- **Age-Inclusive Policies:** We advocate for age-inclusive policies to address the rights and needs of all age groups.
- **Lifelong Learning:** We support lifelong learning for continuous growth and development across all ages.
- **Intergenerational Diversity:** We celebrate generational diversity, promoting acceptance and appreciation of different perspectives.
- **Integrity and Accountability:** We uphold the highest standards of integrity and accountability in all our actions and partnerships.
- **Evidence-Based:** We rely on and advocate for evidence-based practices to ensure the effectiveness and impact of our programs.
- **Innovation:** We embrace innovation to drive creative, forward-thinking solutions for intergenerational challenges.



What is Intergenerational Practice?

Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial programs which promote greater understanding and respect between different generations and contributes to building more cohesive communities. Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the younger and older generations have to offer each other and those around them. (Adapted from [Beth Johnson Foundation](#), 2009).



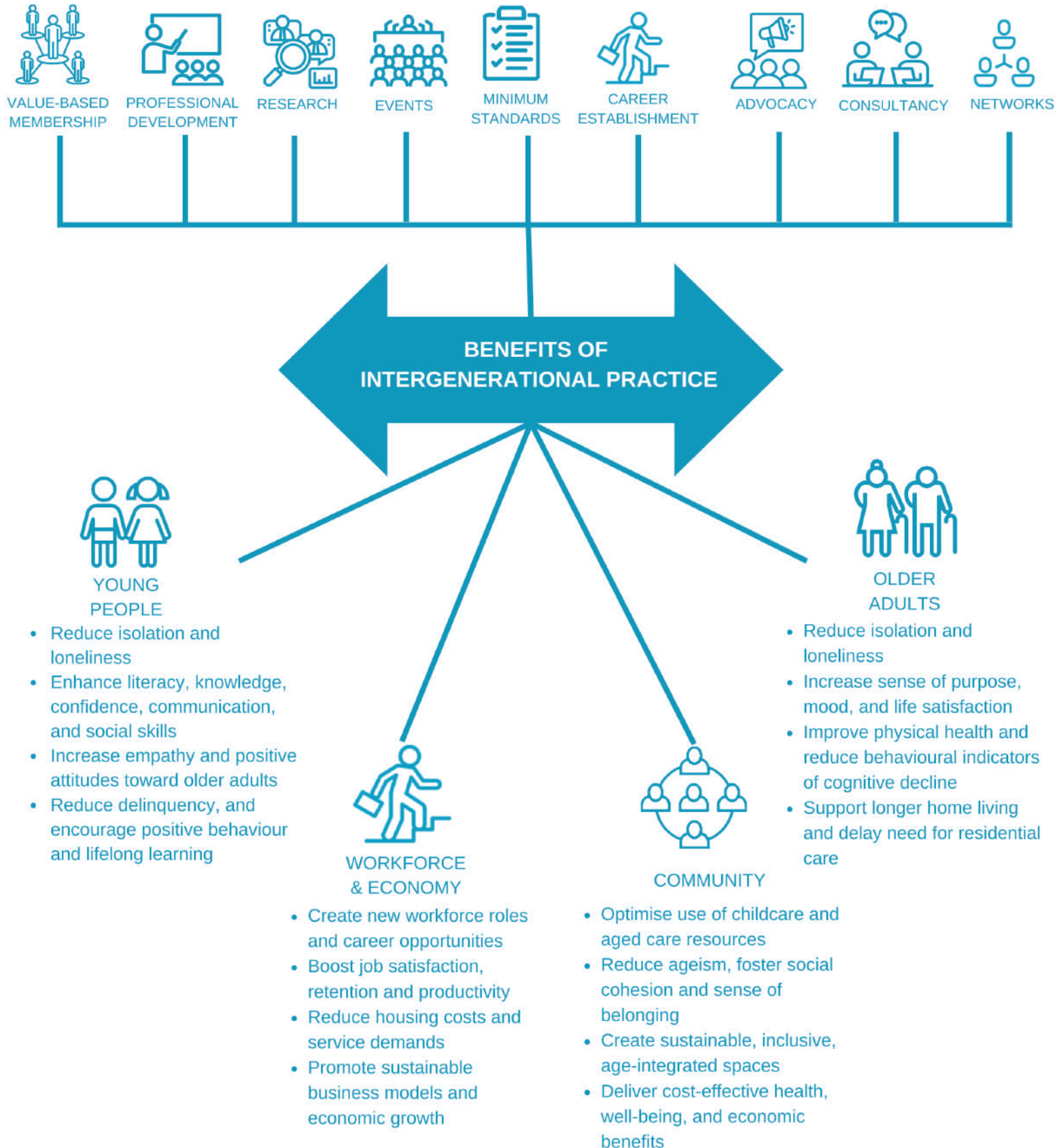
Intergenerational programs go beyond simply bringing different age groups together; they are structured, research-based, and purposefully designed to provide mutual benefits to both older and younger generations.

Unlike informal interactions, intergenerational programs follow a formal process involving planning, delivery, and evaluation. They are collaboratively planned in advance, using educational frameworks, and supervised by trained caregivers or educators.

Intergenerational activities are designed to promote engagement with the tasks and between generations, and to occur over time, to build meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships between generations.

Intergenerational practice can occur in a number of different modes such as shared campus, visiting campus, and video conferencing, and can be found in many different settings, including schools, universities, playgroups and scouting programs.

At a glance



What we do

MEMBERSHIP

We maintain and support a national register of members by sharing knowledge, resources, and networks, driving research, offering professional development, hosting events, and advocating for a sustainable intergenerational future.

Our memberships for individuals and organisations offer access to a wide range of benefits, including:

- Access to intergenerational practice resources
- Subsidised professional development opportunities
- Industry knowledge of the latest research and developments
- Member networking forums and events
- Voting rights in AIIP's development
- Eligibility for Board nominations
- Peak body membership certificate showing dedication to continuous improvement and professionalism.



BECOME A MEMBER

Scan the QR code for full details of membership benefits and to join AIIP

Membership type	Individual Annual Memberships		Organisational Annual Memberships			
	Standard	Concession	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Reciprocal
Annual Fee	\$195	\$99	\$550	\$1650	\$4400	
Number of log-ins						
Membership certificate	●	●	●	●	●	●
Membership badge to use on business cards and email signature	●	●	●	●	●	●
Voting rights	●	●	●	●	●	●
Eligible to nominate for a position on the Advisory Council	●	●	●	●	●	●
Invitation to member-only activities including KNext, Nice to Wise etc.	●	●	●	●	●	●
Access to exclusive website resources and content including webinar recordings, journal articles etc	●	●	●	●	●	●
Research and Funding Opportunities Bulletin (members only), newsletter, What's On	●	●	●	●	●	●
Discounted tickets to AIIP events	●	●	●	●	●	●

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Our members receive quarterly newsletters with the latest intergenerational research and updates, a monthly library bulletin of research publications, a regular bulletin with funding opportunities, and a variety of member-only resources.

We also host regular online members-only networking events, including **KNext**, a peer mentoring and networking gathering, and **Nice to Wise**, for discussions to extend an evidence base for intergenerational practice. These sessions are recorded and made available on the AIIP members' page.

NextGen is our community for students and early-career professionals offering a platform for networking, idea exchange, and collaboration in intergenerational practice. Members are supported with introductions, project brainstorming, and funding exploration, and quarterly virtual networking sessions.



Scan the QR code to find out more.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our self-paced **JOY (Joining Old and Young)** program offers comprehensive online professional development in intergenerational practice. Courses cover planning, implementation, facilitation, and evaluation, and include downloadable resources. Members receive ongoing support through reflection activities and expert drop-ins, and a certificate and continuing professional development (CPD) points upon completion.

JOY 1: Introduction to Intergenerational Practice: An 8-week course providing foundational knowledge in designing, implementing, and evaluating intergenerational programs. Topics include program set up, budgeting, recruitment, and basic evaluation. Participants earn 10 CPD points upon completion.

JOY 2: The Art of Facilitation: A 12-week course focusing on adaptive facilitation techniques for diverse age groups. Topics include working with various ages, addressing loss and grief, and using online communities. Participants earn 10 CPD points upon completion.

JOY 3: Evaluating Intergenerational Programs: Launching in 2025, this 12-week course will teach participants to evaluate intergenerational programs effectively, including planning, data analysis, and reporting. CPD points will be awarded upon completion.

We also offer tailored online, and in-person professional development courses customised for teams and workplaces. To find out more or express interest in the JOY courses, scan our QR code, or visit our website to complete the form.



Scan the QR code to find out more.



RESEARCH

We advance evidence-based intergenerational research in collaboration with expert academics and partners.

Our research enhances program outcomes, expands knowledge, and informs policy across various fields, including aged care, gerontology, early learning, socio-economic benefits, sustainable workforce, behavioural science, environmental studies, architecture and more.

Through ongoing projects, we generate enduring insights that shape the future of intergenerational practice and strengthen connections across generations within communities

EVENTS

Our annual conference each February provides our members with access to the latest in intergenerational practice and research. With keynote speakers, real-world stories, and networking, members gain insights, collaborate, and help strengthen global intergenerational connections.

We also organise national, local and member-only events, deliver Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) pre-conference workshops, and contribute to other key national gatherings.

In association with Generations Working Together, (GWT, UK) we are proud leaders for Global Intergenerational Week, inspiring and galvanising communities to celebrate and foster intergenerational collaboration and relationships.

MINIMUM STANDARDS

We have established evidence-based minimum standards that align with international benchmarks. Our minimum standards will form the foundation of an accreditation program, set to launch in 2025, to guide organisations in the effective planning, implementation and evaluation of intergenerational practice.

CAREER ESTABLISHMENT

We support new career pathways by equipping professionals in aged care, early childhood care, and allied health to become "intergenerational practitioners."

Through targeted training and development, we unite these sectors under a shared intergenerational goal, enhancing opportunities and addressing the Royal Commission's workforce recommendations.

ADVOCACY

We advocate to government and key decision-makers to promote and advance intergenerational practice and research for a thriving and sustainable intergenerational future.

CONSULTANCY

We provide various levels of consultancy to help organisations establish and maintain sustainable intergenerational practice

NETWORKS

We collaborate nationally and internationally to advance intergenerational practice. Our website features an interactive map showcasing intergenerational programs across Australia, which is regularly updated.

Internationally, we maintain active collaborations with organisations in the UK and USA, including Generations Working Together and Generations United.

We are working closely with the Uruguayan ambassador to enhance research and knowledge exchange in Uruguay.

In Singapore, we have strong partnerships with groups like GenLab Collective and the National University of Singapore, building on efforts from Global Intergenerational Week 2023.



How you can help

Want to make a difference? In addition to becoming a member, there are many ways to contribute and to be a part of meaningful social change.

FIND AND SHARE YOUR INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

To find a program or add yours to our national map, visit our website or scan the QR code.

If you have a story from the field you would like to share, we would also love to hear from you. Email us at admin@aiip.net.au.



MAKE A DONATION OR BEQUEST

Every day, we experience the joy and deep sense of meaning that comes from seeing generations connect—a feeling we're excited to share with our donors.

While much work lies ahead, our donors play a vital role in helping us achieve our goals and advance our vision to empower communities across Australia to embrace collaboration as a way of life.

If you are interested in donating or making a bequest, your generosity will make a lasting impact on many lives, including children, older adults, carers, families, communities, and a newly emerging workforce. We would be both grateful and honoured to share this meaningful journey with you. Please call us on 0410 609 832 to discuss your interest, scan our QR code, or email us.



SPONSOR AN EVENT, A COURSE, STUDENT, OR PUBLICATION

AIIP offers a range of sponsorship opportunities, including event and award sponsorships, as well as the chance to sponsor participants for professional development courses.

Additionally, sponsors can support research publications, covering costs such as dissemination, conference presentations, or academic journal fees. These opportunities allow sponsors to contribute to the growth of intergenerational practice while gaining visibility through event marketing and recognition on AIIP platforms.

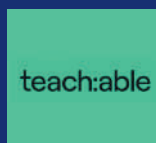
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PARTNER WITH US

Our progress has been possible thanks to the crucial support and encouragement of many national and international partners and friends who have helped shape our vision, advance research, or develop key program elements. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has joined us on this important mission. Please visit our website to see the those involved in this collective effort.

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