

United Across Generations

An Intergenerational Declaration

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1. We, younger and older people share common values and interests, facilitated by dialogue, opportunities to meet, collaborate and connect. Ageist stereotypes frequently focus on what divides the generations rather than celebrating what brings younger and older people together.
2. Younger and older people have faced common challenges. The financial crisis, the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and the climate crisis; all these occurrences have served to change every generation's views of the world and presented new realities for all ages.
3. Younger and older people frequently experience discrimination in various aspects of their lives and throughout their life-course purely based on their age, which hampers the equal enjoyment of all human rights at all ages. Certain groups of older and younger people in vulnerable situations also suffer from multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.
4. Intergenerational connection, dialogue and volunteering has the power to bring people together to foster greater understanding, to learn about commonalities and celebrate diversity. The COVID-19 pandemic reminded us of the importance of a strong solidarity between generations. We continue to witness this solidarity daily, on a local level, including through innovative intergenerational living projects as well as community activities which bring different age groups together.
5. In the context of the climate crisis - both older and younger generations are increasingly affected by climate change and are increasingly aware that it is not just their world that is at stake - but the quality of life and health of the planet for all current and future generations.
6. In an increasingly digital environment, it is necessary to ensure that no one is left behind due to the rapid emergence of new, often expensive technologies, while also prioritising access to a safe space for genuine dialogue online.

Therefore

1. We denounce all types of discrimination based on age. We call on the European Institutions to prioritise ending age discrimination during the 2024-2029 political cycle.
2. We encourage every citizen to act and engage, politically as well as sustainably, with an awareness of the future generations so that the decisions taken today leave a positive footprint for tomorrow, for people and the planet.
3. We advocate for the importance of intergenerational dialogue, understanding and connection at all levels in society, which allows for a deeper appreciation of current issues while ensuring better decisions for the future. These opportunities for connection and conversation - including intergenerational volunteering - should be celebrated and supported.
4. We specifically call on the European Parliament to recognise the complementary contributions that younger and older people make to society, and to protect, respect, and fulfil the rights of all people living in the EU.
5. Finally, we call for a healthy online space based on mutual respect - and the access to digital democratic conversations for all age groups.

