

Intergenerational Work

Our Intergenerational work with schools has been a key pillar in the Age Friendly Island project, and we have worked with children aged from 7 up to those in further education.

Our Age Friendly school assemblies to raise awareness about the challenges older people face, were met with interest, curiosity and a keenness to make things better.

Attending assemblies often led to further partnership work on specific projects with a year group or the School Council. Binstead Primary School's Council elected to organise an 'Intergenerational Day' and put on a Christmas meal for older people living in Farriers Southern Housing accommodation.

A representative from Farriers said, *"Both myself and the residents would like to send a big thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas meal. The residents really enjoyed themselves spending time with the children, and they came back to The Farriers filled with Christmas spirit"*.

Similar Intergenerational events include a Christmas party at Arreton Primary, Coffee & Games at Newport C of E Primary and St. Thomas' Primary organising Games & Gossip.

We partnered with the Digital Inclusion Project to deliver three Solve IT Surgeries at the Isle of Wight College. Students volunteered at the surgeries, to provide on-site digital support for older people experiencing computer problems. We also joined up with the Digital Industries students to create augmented reality versions of old photographs for the older people who attend Age UK Isle of Wight's Active Minds Social Clubs.

It is vital to encourage young people to consider the needs of older people, and we were delighted to run some workshops with Shalfleet CofE Primary School to help the students gain an insight into the challenges of getting older, including hearing and eyesight loss, mobility, dementia and ageism. The students looked at current projects aimed at assisting older people on the Isle of Wight and set about designing their own programmes. In the evaluation, 100% of the students who attended said they enjoyed taking part in the three sessions.



"Your assembly helped make the children think and become more aware of the older people within their community and family. During a PSHE lesson they spoke about difficulties and problems older people may experience, and put their thoughts and ideas down on paper for ways they felt could help."

Broadlea Primary School

We have worked with

35 schools and more than 5000 students



"Thank you for making the sessions so informative. The children really gained a greater understanding of older people. We really appreciate your support in helping us to make rounded and caring children."

Brading Primary School