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Intergenerational practice is an opportunity to establish special relationships between people of all ages and to foster between different generations an understanding of each other. I have seen special relationships forming between primary children and those in day care, between secondary children and people in the community and students and individuals in care homes. The sheer range of relationships forming emphasises how the intergenerational gap can be bridged between anyone.



KESS 2 PARTICIPATION HIGHLIGHTS:



I had many experiences during my research period with KESS 2 that I will cherish for a long time. One of those experiences was organising a conference on Intergenerational Studies in Bangor with my supervisor Dr Catrin Hedd Jones, also a KESS Alumna, my business partner Gwynedd Council and Grwp Cynefin. It was a treasured experience and a great opportunity for me to network with those who were interested in the field and those who were working in it on a day-to-day basis across Wales and beyond.



I had the opportunity then to attend several conferences; from some in Wales, to one in Glasgow, Scotland and further still to a conference in Portland in the USA. Certainly, one of my favourite highlights as a KESS 2 postgraduate researcher was attending the Generations United conference in Portland. It was an amazing experience to learn from academics and practitioners from around the world and to present a poster, and it's nice to have been able to make contacts who I have remained in touch with.

I hope over the next few months to work on a paper for Gwerddon and for a dedicated journal for intergenerational writing. This will be an opportunity for me to revisit my findings.

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