



MAGIC OF INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS



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Introduction to Aging Dynamics

Aging Dynamics helps you create impact through community-based solutions. We help organizations reach their goals by analyzing the whole picture, identifying local-level impacts, and designing solutions with long-term impact.





SERVICES PROVIDED



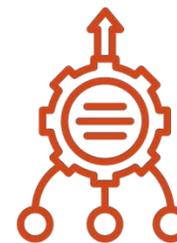
Strategic Planning & Implementation



Capacity Building



Community Engagement



Creating and Strengthening Coalitions



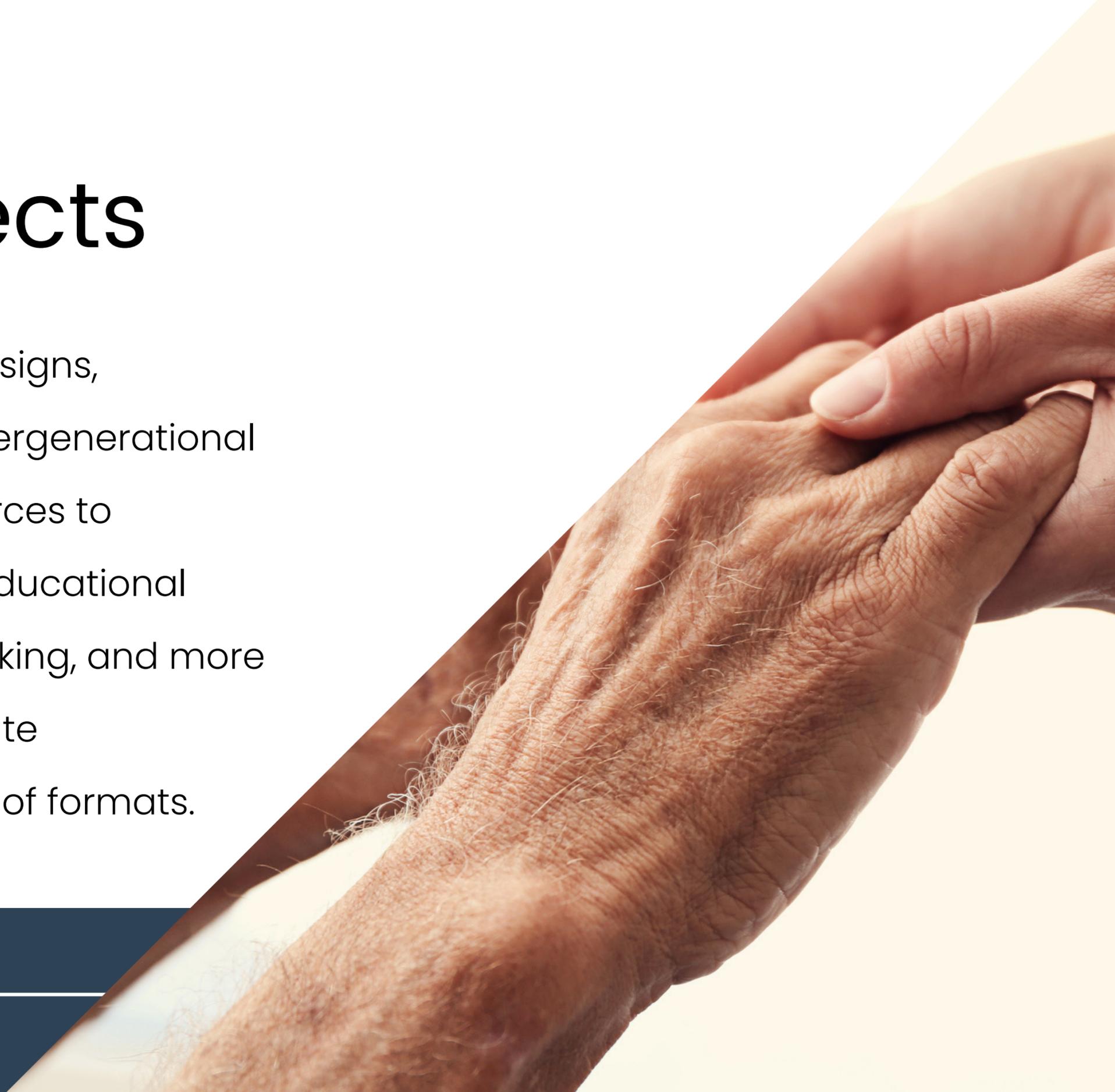
Facilitation of Board and Staff Retreats



Presentations

Introduction to LinkAGES Connects

LinkAGES Connects, established 2018, designs, facilitates, and sustains high-quality intergenerational programs and capacity-building resources to strengthen our field. We provide tools, educational resources, coaching, evaluation, networking, and more to entities and people seeking to facilitate intergenerational programs in a variety of formats.

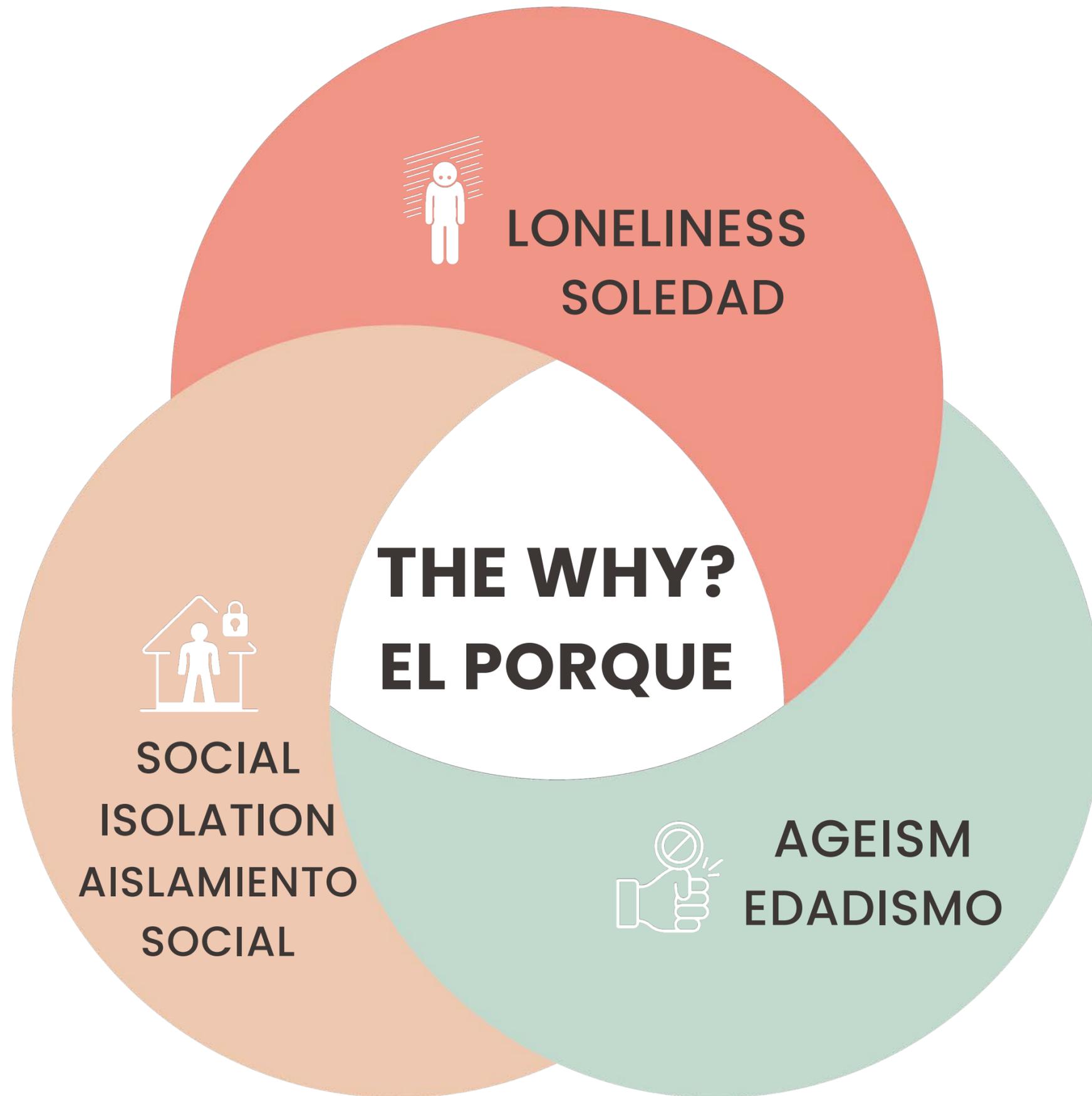




DEFINING INTERGENERATIONAL

Intergenerational programs provide opportunities for different generations to come together to serve as resources for each other and to their communities by sharing experiences, knowledge, and skills that are mutually beneficial and foster positive long-term relationships

(Henkin & Butts, 2012)



BENEFITS

RESEARCH ON YOUTH PARTICIPANTS SHOW:

- Improved academic growth
- Increased empathy
- Increased confidence and social self-esteem
- Decreased negative stereotypes and agesim

RESEARCH ON OLDER PARTICIPANTS SHOW:

- Improved health and well-being
- Improved cognitive function
- Enhanced quality of life
- Greater sense of purpose
- Decreased social isolation

CONCLUSION:

Intergenerational connections lead to stronger, more vibrant communities where people feel socially connected.

REMOVING BARRIERS TO INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING



Designing programs

Demonstrating
impact

Raising funds

Collaborating

Generations United and Eisner Foundation
2018 plus LinkAGES' Evaluations 2018-23



THE PROGRAMS

SHALOM PARK NURSING HOME: TOGETHER AT PLAY AND SONG (T.A.P.S)

Participants: Preschool-age children, primary caregiver and nursing home residents

Program: Intergenerational music therapy

Toolkit available at <https://www.LinkAGESconnects.org>



In-person sessions



Virtual sessions

VS

Unboxed – Storytelling Experience for the LGBTQIA+ Community

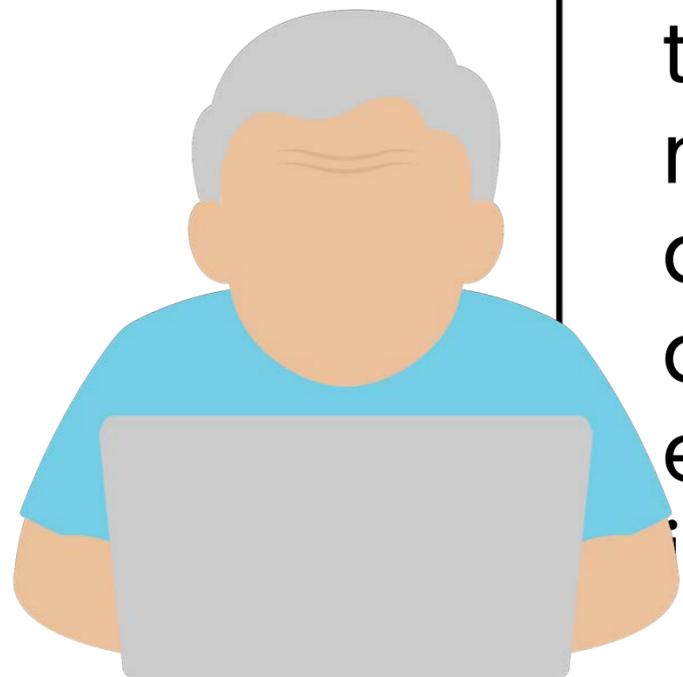
Participants: Teens/Young Adults and Older Adults who identify along the LGBTQIA+ spectrum

Program: Through six facilitated sessions, participants learn and tell their stories through creative digital storytelling techniques, discover their own power through personal storytelling, and deepen connections.

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I appreciated this program because...



"I learned a lot from the young people. I realized that while they have access to the Internet and more resources than I had, they still face prejudice and discrimination. They come out at a younger age and face homophobia and transphobia as early as grade school. I admire their courage and integrity."

– Older adult

Connecting with older folks gave me...



"Hope. The only queer people I know are my age, and we all have the same questions and are confused and scared together. Meeting older queer people who had survived and even thrived made me feel I could do the same."

-Youth

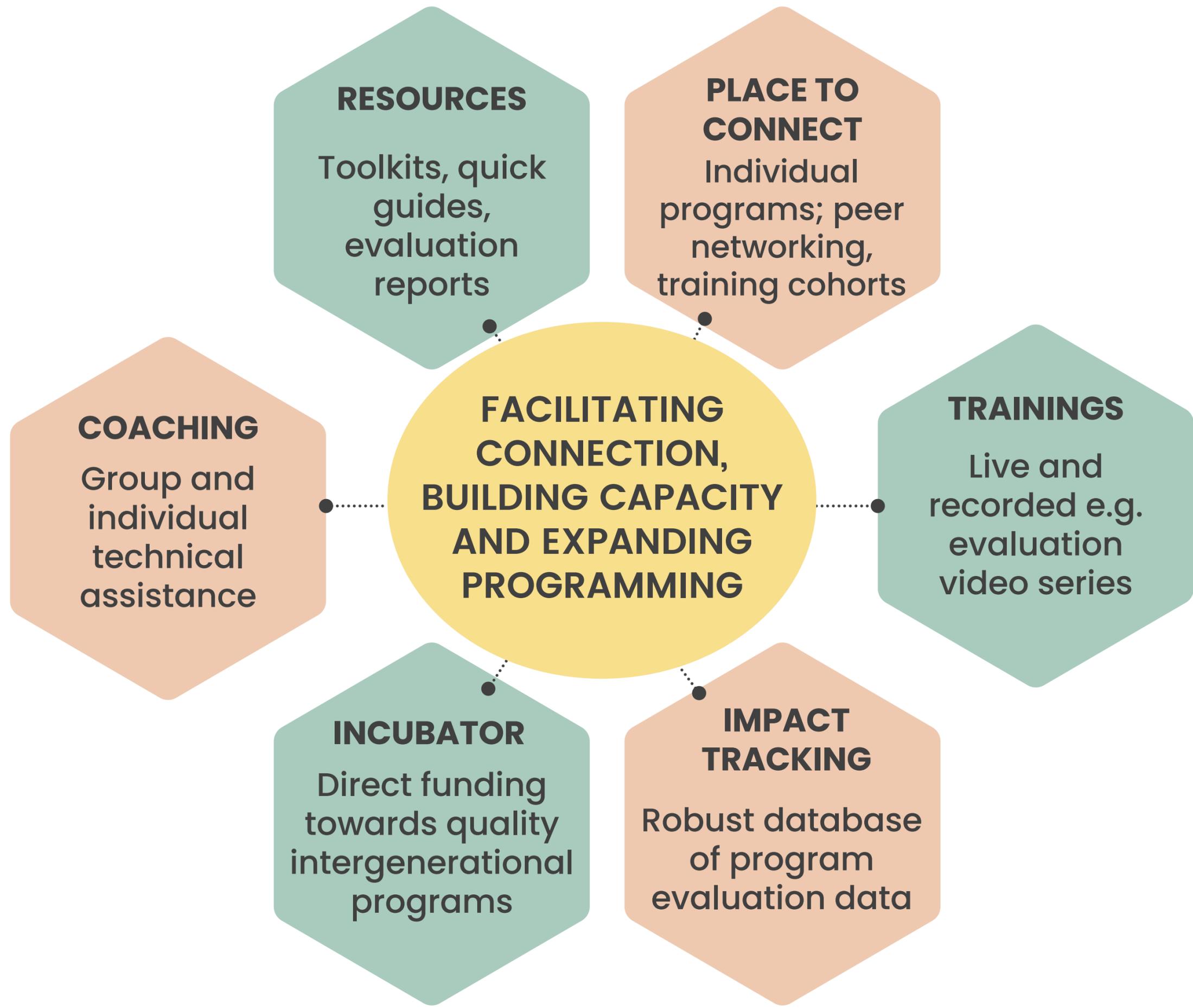


LinkAGES Hub

Participants

Organizations

Funders



GET INVOLVED

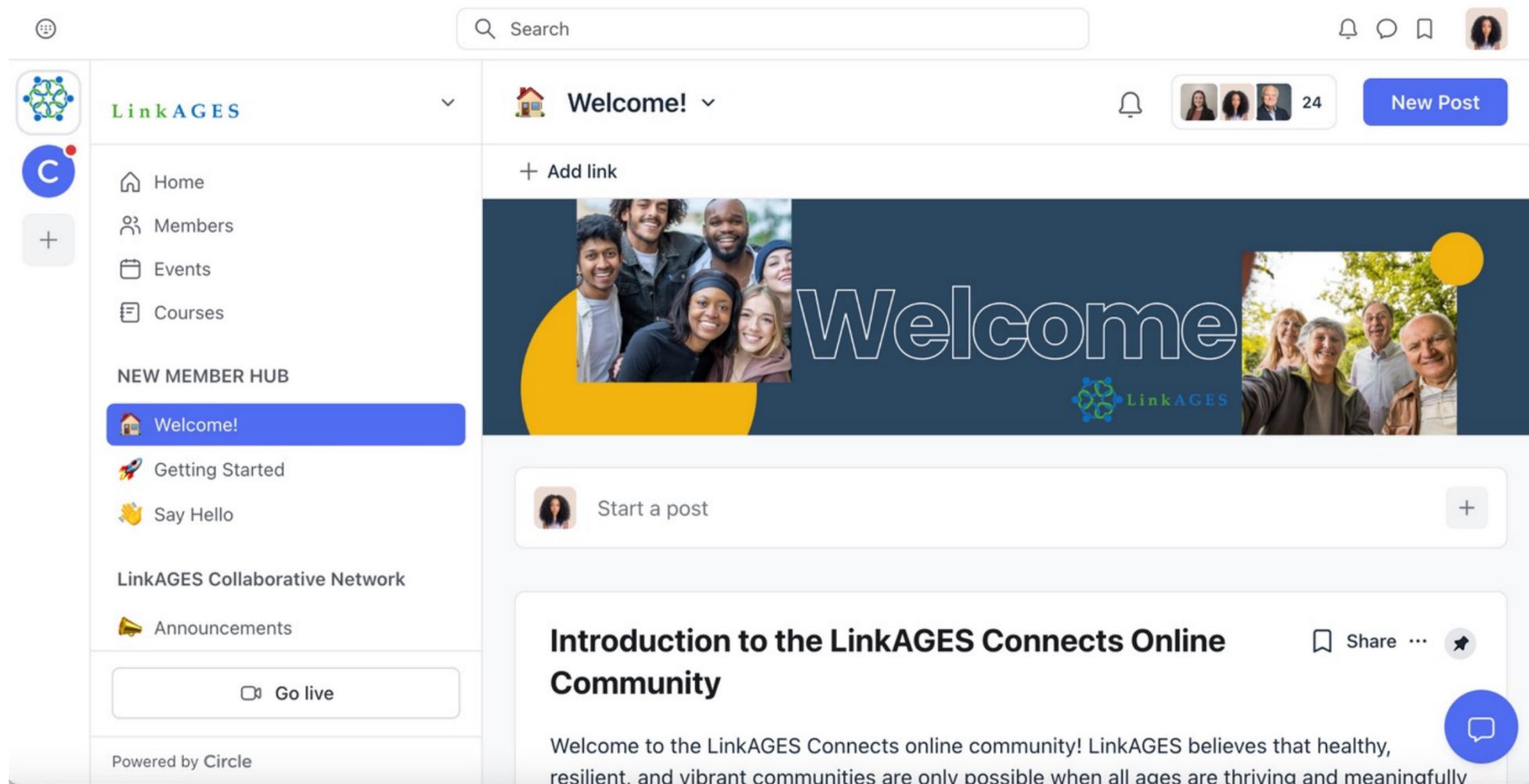
COLLABORATIVE NETWORK MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 11:00AM MST

Who this is for: Any organization interested in intergenerational connections and programming, e.g., youth-focused organizations, older adult and aging-focused entities, parks and recreation, public health organizations, housing providers, schools, intergenerational program managers and facilitators

Register at www.LinkAGESconnects.org

GET INVOLVED

COLLABORATIVE NETWORK ONLINE HUB



STEPS:

- Fill out the registration form
- Receive your email invitation
- Create your account!



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