



GOOD PRACTICE – Learn with Grandma

Where it comes from (*Where did you encounter it?*)

I founded Learn with Grandma. Let me introduce myself. I am 'retired' 77- a great granny living in the Welsh hills. LwG is my Retirement project/mission to share good news and ideas of how to use the internet to break down the digital age gap by sharing skills; love & knowledge across the generations. Throughout the world most elders do not use ICT - most young people do. ICT has divided the generations - it can be the bridge to reunite them! I decided that the best way I can help is by sharing ideas and making practical suggestions of things people could do that are achievable; affordable & sustainable - Encouraging self-sufficiency. For years I worked on EU projects; very enjoyable but not sustainable. ALL came to an end when the funding stopped. I now only suggest projects that are affordable; achievable & sustainable.

Context (*Please describe which organisation/entity is providing/organising/leading the GP and in what context?*)

Learn with Grandma is a not for profit NGO registered in Wales reg no. 8259039. LwG is an international network with 44 FB groups around the world (23 in Africa) helping to empower elders & young people by encouraging intergenerational learning; sharing ideas of how to use the internet as a bridge to reunite the generations and help break down the digital age gap by sharing skills; love & knowledge across the generations. Good projects are happening in many countries.

Target audience (*Who are the beneficiaries or the target group of the good practice?*)

Intergenerational means ALL generations – specifically elders & young people.

Objectives and outcomes (*What is the aim/objective of this GP? And what challenges have been addressed?, What learning outcomes have been achieved from this GP?*)

Learn with Grandma aims:

1. To create an international organization to promote intergenerational learning and fun.
2. To record all that is good from our histories, culture, traditions, heritage, and skills, etc. etc.
3. To create an international library, accessible to all, where all can be stored for future generations.
4. To encourage parents and grandparents to instil a love of learning, create lasting memories, and have fun together.
5. To encourage respect between the generations and show that each generation has skills they can learn from the other.
6. To encourage people to learn skills from each other.
7. To create local Internet support networks for grandparents, parents, and children.
8. To research, create, and provide learning material and resources and encourage a reading culture.
9. To work with organizations in other countries to promote our aims internationally.

Impact (*What methodology has been used in order to address the initial issue and led to a successful outcome? What was the impact on target audience?, When possible, please support it with evidence such as testimony of people involved in the benefit of Good Practice?*)

The potential impact is vast.

Here are some examples of projects I have initiated – ALL are **achievable; affordable and sustainable!** There are LOTS more. As well as sharing stories of how Grandparents are interacting; learning from & teaching their grandchildren here are a SOME projects I have initiated & encouraged.

I have been speaker at e-learning Africa 3 times Tanzania 2011; Uganda in 2014 & Egypt 2016 – I am no longer interested in big international conferences. I can prove that e-learning conferences in their country are better – gets the message to the grass roots in a cost-effective way.

Most Teachers cannot afford to attend the big international conferences so I while in Uganda I suggested a post-conference seminar to the Head Teacher of Trinity College Nabbingo (my 'home' for 2 months). It was very successful – 293 Head Teachers came from all over Uganda & decided to make this an annual event.

The 4th conference - 23/24 February 2018. at Makaree Uni Business School Kampala – a 2-day conference was supported by the Ugandan Ministry of Education. & Addressed by The Permanent Secretary of Education.

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Despite it being a 2-day conference, the cost has been maintained at 100,000 shillings - the same as in 2014. A fraction of the cost of attending an international conference & tailored to Ugandan needs & aspirations. This annual conference has proved to be achievable; affordable & sustainable. This year's conference in Uganda will be in September – date not confirmed yet. We can and should do this in as many countries as possible. The vast majority of teachers cannot afford to attend big international conferences - National / regional conferences / meetings get the message down to the grassroots in an efficient and cost-effective way. In Uganda contributions from delegates covered cost – in fact a small surplus was made. Now that there are 43 Learn with Grandma Groups, I wanted an educational project that everyone could join in – from any country. It had to be cheap – achievable & sustainable using the resources; ingenuity; talent; skills & technology that people already have. The only technology really needed is a mobile phone! It had to bring the generations together to learn technological skills from each other. I decided on Folk stories because we are in danger of losing the rich tradition of folk stories – especially the little very local legends that exist all over the world as books published in 19c & 20c go out of print. e-books can NEVER go out of Print! We have the skills; knowledge & technology to record all the folk stories from around the world & make them available to the whole world. Grandma's Digital Library. The main priority is NOT to create e-books! It is to promote community integration and the educational skills learned - the e-books are the by-product of the educational programme.

Innovation (if any)

The only innovation is in using the internet as the bridge to reunite the generations. The LwG concept is old as the hills! Learn with Grandma is partly based on Psalm 78 – which tells us to teach our children what our fathers taught us. Modern Technology has divided the generations but it can also be a bridge. Elders have skills; knowledge that the young NEED & elders also need to use this modern technology to communicate. We can all learn from each other.

Related Web site(s) (What are the Web sites or documents (if any) related to the GP?)

<http://www.learnwithgrandma.com> NOT operational yet!

Replicability and adaptability (What are the possibilities of replicating the good practice in other countries? How can it be adapted to the new settings? What are the requirements (institutional, economic, social, and environmental) that need to be in place for the good practice to be successfully replicated or improved in your country?)

As mentioned, Projects are being replicated! I cannot send money so I share ideas of ways people can help themselves. Ways to help their communities that are Achievable; Affordable and Sustainable; that will go on and on giving lasting benefits and reduce the dependency on grant funding.

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