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THE EUROPEAN BLIND UNION CELEBRATES INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND LAUNCHES THE INTERGENERATIONS.EU WEBSITE

This 29 April 2009 marks the first European Day of Intergenerational Solidarity and Active Ageing. It is a day to celebrate diversity and to promote an inclusive society for all where blind and partially sighted people of all ages can enjoy full independence. It is also on this occasion that the European Blind Union (EBU) launches its new project website www.intergenerations.eu.

Because we believe that bringing different generations together empowers individuals and promotes sustainable community life, we are conducting a project to look at how junior and senior people with visual impairment can come together and share their skills and know-how.

This project is funded by the Education and Culture DG of the European Commission. It involves six partner organisations from the EBU network. Workshops with junior and senior visually impaired people and professional trainers will be held by each project partner in Germany, Italy and Turkey.

Young participants will share their enthusiasm for new technologies by introducing their senior peers to devices such as mobile phones and emailing systems. In turn, senior participants will pass on their daily living skills teaching younger people how to perform essential tasks such as cooking and gardening.

The project ultimately aims to use the input from all participants to develop innovative workshop guidelines. These practical guidelines will be made available on the website at the end of the project. They will also be widely disseminated to youth, senior and disability organisations, as well as training and rehabilitation professionals.

Further information please visit our website www.intergenerations.eu.
Or contact the EBU Office ebu@euroblind.org.

The European Blind Union is a non-governmental European organisation representing, protecting and promoting the interests of blind and partially-sighted people in Europe.