

First international meeting of the Learning Partnership:

### **SG, Sandwich Generation and Intergenerational Caring**

Sandwich Generation LP addresses the non-formal learning needs of women and men who have care responsibilities for frail elderly relatives.

The two problems frequently faced by these non-professional caregivers are:

- 1) many interesting experiences get lost because many caregivers, lacking the knowledge of foreign languages, are not familiar with the range of practices developed in other European countries, useful to have the basic set of information needed when dealing every day with frail elderly;
- 2) these carers, often “baby boomers”, are struggling to juggle caring for their elderly relatives while supporting their own families. Therefore traditional Support Groups are not useful to these carers, simply because they do not have time to attend.

This Learning Partnership aims at responding to these needs by:

- Organising local study circles to share problems and solutions in each participating Country.
- Debating the results in international workshops to promote mutual learning through sharing common interests and issues.
- Defining the structure and contents of online learning supported by mentors, aimed at those who have not time for traditional support groups, allowing them to share their experiences and to develop useful approaches based on the real lives of others sharing the same problems.
- Disseminating the findings through local meetings, newsletters, brochures and leaflets

SG Partners are:

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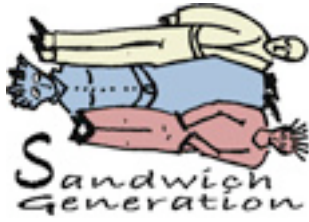
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Working language: English



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### Workshop

Provincia di Genova, Via Cesarea 14, Second floor, Room 23

09.30 – 13.00

### The contents: Caring for frail elderly

#### **The Learning Partnership: Sandwich Generation and Intergenerational Caring**

Rita Bencivenga, Studio Taf, Genova.

#### **Working with families and friends as carers**

Alessandra Tinti, Studio Taf, Genova

Coffee break 10.30 – 11.00

#### **Alzheimer Disease. Working in the field of support for relatives. The experience of “Associazione Familiari Alzheimer Pordenone.ONLUS”**

Daniela Mannu Presidente AFAP ONLUS

#### **ELSA: Empowering Lives, Supporting Affectivity. Gruntvig Multilateral project**

Laura Barberini, Benedetta Sella TEAM s.r.l. Genova

14.30 – 15.30

### The tool: Study Circles

#### **Study Circles: the experience of the Province of Genoa**

Giovanna Nastasi, Province of Genoa

#### **Study Circles: background and Principles**

Jonathan Kaplan, Kaplan Consultants, Paris

16.00 – 17.00

### The Actors

#### **The formation to service of the unexpressed needs**

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#### **An introduction to Self-managed Learning Groups in the UK - a modern approach to learning.**

John Konrad, Konrad Associates International, Chichester, UK

#### **Elderly relatives caring problems in Lithuania**

Centre for Psychosocial and Labour Integration, Vilnius, Lithuania