



intergenerational

activities

### *Title*

**Showing Off my School**

### *Season*

Any – an indoors activity

### *Time*

An hour or so

### *Target groups*

All ages – but the older people need to be mobile

### *Objectives*

For the older people to see how schools work today and for the young people to learn about schools in the past.

### *Resources*

The young people need to prepare their guided tour before the visit of the older people. This takes about an hour as the young people decide what to show the older people, work out their route around the school and prepare some questions to ask them about school in their day. The young people also need to think about the needs of older people as they walk around – are any in wheel chairs – will they need access to toilets and so on. It is also important that they plan how to welcome the older people to their school – do they need to meet the head teacher – who will explain health and safety issues and other questions. The young people might also want to plan to give the older people a hot drink and snack at the end of the visit.

### *Description*

The young people should welcome and then show the older people around the school asking them questions as they walk around. A teacher might like to review the visit asking the young people to compare school now and school then!



There are lots of variations of this activity depending on the size of the group, their mobility and so on. It can be a very challenging activity if the young people are in complete charge – making all the organizational decisions about the visit. This means that they will have to consider all sorts of issues such as how the older people are going to be invited, deciding the date and so on. This activity is great not just for the older people but can be used to build the organizational and social skills of the younger people.