

# Spaces for Transitions in Intergenerational Childhood Experiences

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## Abstract

This chapter focuses on exploring spaces given to children's voices in the discourse of intergenerational interactions through a review of literature done systematically. Particular focus is given to voices of young children – where are the children's voices in these interactions? How are they listened to? How are their voices collected?

The decision to focus on children's voices in the realm of intergenerational experiences draws from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC, 1989) which upholds the view that children are competent, strong, active, participatory, meaning-makers, and fellow citizens that have a right to be involved in decisions affecting them and have the freedom to express their thoughts and opinions.

Literature on intergenerational interactions was reviewed systematically through a PRISMA-inspired workflow process. Specific inclusion and exclusion criteria were utilised for database searches. Content analysis of the methodologies used in identified literature was conducted to see analyse recurring themes, trends or issues. A matrix has been developed and presented to summarise results.

Results revealed potential spaces for transformations in intergenerational research to make a bigger space for younger children's voices to be heard. A promising trend observed through an increase in use of qualitative participatory methodologies seems to be venue where children's voices are acknowledged. This is a transitional and transformational space for intergenerational research *with* children, and not on or of them.

## Keywords

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## 1 Introduction

In exploring spaces given to children's voices in the realm of intergenerational interactions through a review of literature done systematically, this chapter will discuss recurring themes concerning interactions of older adults and young children. What do we already know, and what else do we need to know? What spaces are available for these intergenerational interactions to happen, flourish and prosper? What transitions and transformations occur in these spaces? Voices of young children is given focus – what transitions and spaces are available for children's voices to be acted upon?

## 2 Intergenerational Interactions in Popular and Social Media

The topic of intergenerational learning and experiences particularly between younger children and older adults is one that is gaining more attention in the recent years. Browsing through social media platforms like Facebook, YouTube and even in online newspapers and magazines like Nordre Aker Budstikke in Norway and Independent.co.uk, there have been numerous features of intergenerational interactions of younger children and older adults from all over the world. Basing on the number of likes, the amount of comments and the number of times these features have been shared, it can easily be said that it is a topic that interests general public viewers. In fact, because of interest in the topic, two television shows were produced and aired primarily in United Kingdom. These are Channel 4's Old People's Home for 4-year olds, and BBC's Toddlers Who Took on Dementia, which aired in 2017 and 2018 respectively.

TABLE 5.1 Experimental questions

Old people's home for 4-year olds <sup>a</sup>	Toddlers who took on dementia <sup>b</sup>
If four-year-olds and 84-year-olds work and play together, will it improve the health and happiness of the older group? Ten pre-schoolers welcome 11 pensioners into their classroom.	In a bold new experiment, a group of toddlers head to a dementia day-care centre to share three days of time and activities with adults in their 70s and 80s.

a Source: [https://www.channel4.com/programmes/old-peoples-home-for-4-year-olds?fbclid=IwAR1RrSNp\\_jdZ5uJJGhwpiafVhTJD0TwvvoN\\_vk8ais8aPsugMxB1jmzzZ8U](https://www.channel4.com/programmes/old-peoples-home-for-4-year-olds?fbclid=IwAR1RrSNp_jdZ5uJJGhwpiafVhTJD0TwvvoN_vk8ais8aPsugMxB1jmzzZ8U)

b Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/po67t39n>

Both television shows have been conceptualised to answer experimental questions focusing on the well-being of older adults.

As the experimental questions (see Table 5.1) were stated in a way that called for children as variable and means to get the desired outcome and while older adult's health and well-being are as equally important, it would seem that children's voices are not given as much importance. Beyond being cute and entertaining for adults, where are the children's voices in these interactions? How are they listened to? How are their voices collected?

### **3 Intergenerational Interactions in Research**

Growing interest in intergenerational interactions and experiences does not only exist in popular and social media. As part of their initiative to work towards achieving the 2030 Agenda and 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set forth by their institution, United Nations has also included intergenerational work in their repertoire. Of the 17 SDGs, five are closely linked to intergenerational research: SDG 1 No Poverty, SDG 2 Zero Hunger, SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 4 Quality Education and SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. With particular focus on the context families and family policies, these Sustainable Development Goals can be attained if different generations work with each other. Further, in the General Assembly resolution 73/144 adopted in 17 December 2018, it is explicitly stated that members states are encouraged to invest in inclusive, family-oriented policies and programmes, including early childhood development and education towards advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

### **4 Viewing Younger Children and the Older Adults**

In searching for children's voices in this discourse, this review would like to highlight the young children's ability to participate in matters that involve them and their path on being to becoming. Congruently, the research would also like to recognise the younger adults' wisdom, strengths that they could contribute to the society, most especially to younger children. Both age groups are similar in that they have their own unique cultures that the other age group could benefit from, and that both age groups seek empowerment from their position as dependents of society (The TOY Consortium, 2013).

This review considers younger children and older adults to be in a socio-cultural context where they prosper and make meaning through interactions with their environment and each other (James & Prout, 1990). Framed in a relational sociology of childhood, this chapter views children as active social agents, who participate in knowledge construction and daily experience of childhood (James & Prout, 1997a; James et al., 1998; Alanen & Mayall, 2001; Mayall, 2002; Alanen, 2009). In such a frame, children's points of views, opinions, perspectives, perceptions and aspirations are recognised and respected (Alanen, 2014). Further, in seeing children as more than just becoming, Uprichard (2008) has written about a perspective to view children as both 'being and becoming.' She wrote that "perceiving children as 'being and becoming' does not decrease children's agency, but increases it, as the onus of their agency is in both the present and future" (Uprichard, 2008, p. 311). In such a perspective, young children are viewed as agents who are deemed capable and are active authors of their own narratives and lived experiences (Garvis, Ødegaard, & Lemon, 2015).

For the purposes of this chapter, I will define some terminologies used. *Intergenerational experiences* refers to engagements between younger children and older adults and could be deemed as the stories lived and told by individuals as they are embedded within cultural, social, institutional, familial, political, and linguistic narratives (Clandinin, 2013). It also necessarily situates one in a social, cultural and historical situation with motives within activities and practices situated in traditions and cultures (Hedegaard & Fleer, 2008). Intergenerational experiences, then, from a narrative inquiry and cultural-historical points of views is an acknowledgement of the phenomenology of childhood – or childhoods, intentionally pluralised in order to highlight that there is no one universal childhood, but instead there are different social and cultural life worlds and experiences of individual children within that particular social space of childhood (Alanen, 2014). This terminology is used concurrently and alternatively with *intergenerational interactions* and *intergenerational activities*.

As this framework situates children in social, cultural and relational situations, settings and circumstances, and as such occurs naturally in a familial setting where generational ordering is necessarily in place, the discourse of intergenerational interactions of younger children and older adults is one that includes familial settings but also takes it further to include intentional non-familial intergenerational interactions. Accordingly, henceforth, *older adults* will refer to the members of the older generations, ages 50 years and above, regardless of their relationship with the younger children. This terminology

was purposefully selected as it is deemed the more respectful term in reference to people of this age group (Walker & Gemeinschaften, 1993; UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 1995; Falconer & O'Neill, 2007). On the other hand, *younger children* will refer to children in the earliest stage of the human life cycle and generational ordering, which typically includes children from birth until adolescence, encompassing early childhood and primary school years.

Particular to this study, we refer to *voice* as children's participation in intergenerational research where feedback was obtained from them and not just from adults. These voices can be oral/verbal but may also be in the form of body language captured in photos, drawings and video recordings during intergenerational interactions as represented in research.

## 5 Valuing the Various Ways Children Communicate

The decision to search for children's voices in the realm of intergenerational experiences draws from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC, 1989). Ratified in most countries of the world, the UNCRC is a framework that has been the basis for changes in policy, research and practice in childhood studies. It plays a major role in how children are viewed and treated as there are stipulations as to what the role of the state, adults and of the children are (Hayes, 2002; Taylor, 2000).

Article 16 of the UNCRC calls for protection of children, chiefly as regards their privacy and protection. While this is an important discourse, the UNCRC also upholds the view that children as being competent, strong, active, participatory, meaning-makers, and fellow citizens as highlighted in Article 12 and 13 in particular. These articles state that children have a right to be involved in decisions affecting them and their freedom to express their thoughts and opinions, as well as to receive information that is allowed by the law (UNCRC, 1989). These Articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child have the potential to serve as an agent for change and action at policy level to give children the opportunity and a voice within society (Hayes, 2002).

In line with the transitional force in the past 20 years that saw a reconceptualisation of childhood studies, particularly in early childhood, there is now a focus on children's voices in research to better investigate their lived experiences (Einarsdóttir, 2014; Clark & Moss, 2011; Clark, Clark, 2007, 2010, 2019; Harcourt & Mazzoni, 2012; Baird, 2013; Palaiologou, 2019). This transitional paradigm shift is particularly important especially since it has been noted that children continue to lack voice in policy and research contexts (Pascal & Bertram, 2009), and most times, children have been the invisible and voiceless

objects of concern, and not understood as competent, autonomous persons who have a point of view' (Smith & Taylor, 2000, p. ix). And while children's viewpoints are being sought and respected particularly in Nordic research, children's voices are still underrepresented despite claims of otherwise (Emilson & Johansson, 2018).

Several systematic reviews of literature on intergenerational experiences have already been published. In 2013, a review of related literature was conducted by the Together Old and Young Consortium funded by the European Commission to examine intergenerational learning in seven European countries namely Ireland, Italy, Spain, Slovenia, the Netherlands, Poland and Portugal (The TOY Project Consortium, 2013). In their review, they discussed a phenomenon of growing separation between children and older adults, as well as the benefits intergenerational practices have for both young children and older adults. While their review included focus on interaction of younger children and older adults, there was not particular focus on children's voice. Rather, they described several intergenerational practices from the identified seven European countries.

Another group of researchers in Spain conducted a systematic review of related literature on the topic of intergenerational experiences. They focused primarily on the effectiveness of various intergenerational programmes by evaluating empirically based interventions, which they find have scarcely been done in the intergenerational context (Canedo-García et al., 2017). While their review methodology was largely variable analysis of intergenerational programmes, part of their findings encourage development and implementation of these programmes that would meet users' needs, break down communication barriers between generations and break down social isolation of age groups (Canedo-García et al., 2017).

Another review was published in 2017 to examine the benefits of intergenerational volunteering in long-term care (Blais et al., 2017). Their review framed interactions of youth volunteers, from high-schools and colleges, and older adults, and the perceived benefits and challenges of intergenerational volunteering in long-term-care homes in Canada. Another article in JIR sought a literature search on intergenerational learning programmes that follow conditions of the intergroup contact theory to reduce prejudice and achieve positive effects (Gendron et al., 2018). They found 10 programmes to analyse within the intergroup contact theory, which they deem is an appropriate theoretical framework to develop intergenerational programmes.

A review of different intergenerational care models that may inform the process of putting up an intergenerational care programme in Australia has also been published. They looked at a specific type of programme that involves

caring for older adults and young children in a shared setting under the supervision of a formally trained caregiver where both the younger and older generations are receiving programmed care in an environment where activities and resources are shared between them, in Australia (Radford et al., 2016). They defined 'younger generations' as being 0–5 years old, while the 'elderly' were people 65+ years of age. Through the use of Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines (Liberati et al., 2009), they set forth criteria for their review and found three major intergenerational care model types – visitations, co-located, and single site (Radford et al., 2018). *Visitations* refer to intergenerational programmes across two separate institutions, typically with the younger group visiting the older group. For this type of programming to work in term of cost-effectiveness, the two institutions should be within close proximity with each other. The *co-located* type of intergenerational programming, on the other hand, can be further divided into two categories: *co-located visitation*, referring to care institutions that do not have specific and identified areas where intergenerational interactions can happen, and *co-located shared space*, where there are specific physical space as part of their facilities for intergenerational interactions to happen. These type of intergenerational programming benefits institutions in terms of shared overhead costs. However, Radford et al. (2016) pointed out that although there may be specific spaces allocated for unstructured intergenerational interactions, there is still a need for intentional and structured activities for more meaningful interactions to happen. The third type the review has identified is *single-site*, where intergenerational care is delivered in a single setting without a formal and structured [educational] programme underpinning interactions of the older and younger groups. Homes with groups or families of different generations can be considered part of this type. However, while this type of intergenerational setting offers practical solutions for care of both older and younger age-group, educational benefits are lost without formal, intentional and structured intergenerational programmes (Radford et al., 2016).

Another relevant systematic review of literature was conducted by a team in Torino, Italy summarising the effects of intergenerational programs and activities on both elderly and children (Gualano et al., 2018). They have considered papers reporting data about intergenerational programs involving older adults and children in the early years and in primary school. They have done their search in the PubMed and Scopus databases and summarised 10 studies discussing effects on children, and 17 studies discussing effects on the elderly. Their general conclusion yielded a positive impact on both the children and the elderly.

While all mentioned literature reviews have added important knowledge in the realm of intergenerational studies, most intergenerational reviews focus on intergenerational programmes – the development, effectiveness and types and models. A gap is seen in terms of intentionally seeking out a space for the end-users of these programmes as no review has focused on finding out spaces for children's voices to be heard. As such, in the succeeding portion of this chapter, there will be a discussion on a review of related literature done systematically focusing on these concerns.

## 6 Methodology

Focused on finding young children's voices in the discourse of intergenerational research as an identified space for transformation, this review set forth a process for selecting studies to review. In order to make the selection process be systematic, inspiration was taken from the work-flow of Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA). Although primarily used in the medical field for reporting systematic reviews particularly for randomised medical trials or interventions, the proponents of PRISMA have created a checklist and a flow diagram focused on transparent reporting of systematic reviews and meta-analyses that can be used for systematic reviews in other academic fields (Liberati et al., 2009). They have prescribed a work-flow for selecting studies into the review that has four parts – identification, screening, eligibility towards a decision for final inclusion. This work-flow allows for systematic sifting through the resources leading to the decision of which studies to include or not.

### 6.1 *Databases*

Databases used for searching literature for this review have been selected based on Creswell's (2014) list of suggested databases. Additionally, search from these databases have been conducted with the guidance of a university research librarian for appropriate search terms and techniques. As such, databases hosted by EBSCO have been utilised which include the following: ERIC, Medline, Teacher Reference Center, CINAHL, SocIndex, Academic Search Elite. The databases searched were a mix of sources for pedagogy and health care.

### 6.2 *Key Terms for Identification*

As above, with the guidance of a university research librarian, the following key terminologies and search strategies have been used for initial identification of articles:

- S1: intergeneration\*

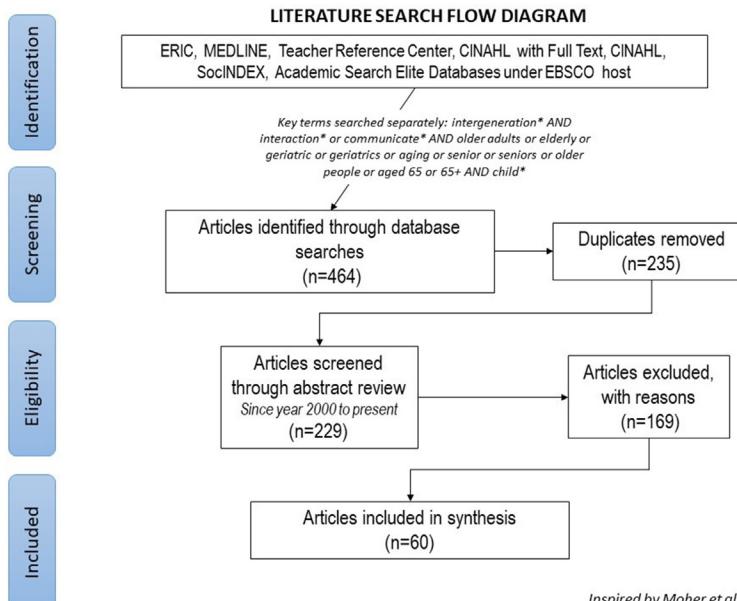


FIGURE 5.1 PRISMA-inspired work flow (based on Moher et al., 2009)

- S2: interaction\*
- S3: communicate\*
- S4: S2 or S3
- S5: S1 and S4
- S6: older adults or elderly or geriatric or geriatrics or aging or senior or seniors or older people
- S7: S5 & S6
- S8: child\*
- S9: S7 and S8
- S10: limited to date published from 2000 to 2019

Search from the databases using these terminologies brought back 464 articles (see Figure 5.1). The database automatically removed duplicates ( $n = 235$ ). Afterwards, these articles were further screened for eligibility through an abstract review ( $n = 229$ ). This step excluded  $n = 169$  articles for reasons enumerated below. A total number of  $n = 60$  articles were included for content analysis of the methods of listening to children's voices.

### 6.3 Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria for Screening

Databases used for searching literature for this review have been selected based on Creswell's (2014) list of suggested databases. Additionally, search

from these databases have been conducted with the guidance of a university research librarian for appropriate search terms and techniques. As such, databases hosted by EBSCO have been utilised which include the following: ERIC, Medline, Teacher Reference Center, CINAHL, SocIndex, Academic Search Elite. The databases searched were a mix of sources for pedagogy and health care.

Articles that have been included in the synthesis ( $n = 60$ ) had to have the following:

- Presence of interaction between children (early years until primary years) and older adults.
- Voices of the children were documented through their reported methodologies.

Initially, literature that had primary school children interacting with older adults were excluded in hopes to make the systematic review more focused in the early childhood years, to the voices of the youngest children. However, upon further consideration and realisation that early childhood is often lumped together in just one category, then literature with children ages 0–13 to also include primary school aged children as part of young children. This decision was brought on from the position that these literature would still prove to be relevant because childhood is an element of social structure according to their ages (Qvortrup, 1987, as cited in Alanen, 2009) which positions children as a separate social category that is interrelated to other social categories (Alanen, 2009). Further, not taking childhood as one social category may be difficult especially since there is a system of social ordering that pertains to children as a specific social category circumscribed in particular social locations from which they act and participate (Alanen, 2009). Including this social category is important as it is a nod to children's involvement in the daily construction of their own lives through their relationships with other people.

A total of 169 articles were excluded from being synthesised for the following reasons:

- While children were involved in interactions, only voices of the older adults, institution staff, older adolescents, teenagers, college students, parents, young adults were sought. Articles that have included voices of older children in highschool and college have been excluded to concentrate on the voices of the youngest children.
- Program profiles, program planning and their benefits were highlighted – children were present, but their voices were not sought.
- Some articles have been written in languages other than English have also been excluded because of the author's incapability to read Chinese, Japanese, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

#### 6.4 *Data Analysis*

Upon having identified which research to include in the synthesis of related literature through the process described above, content analysis mainly of the methodologies used was conducted to see whether or not there are recurring themes, trends or issues. In order to summarise data from all the reviews of related literature, the matrix below has been developed to include the data seeking out young children's voices in the discourse of intergenerational relationships (see Table 5.2).

#### 6.5 *Limitations of the Study*

Although the researcher has taken a PRISMA-inspired workflow as the methodological process used to find and select studies in the hope to reduce bias and have results that are more likely to produce reliable and accurate conclusions, this study acknowledges some limitations. First, this study is not a systematic review of related literature. As such, there may be databases including pertinent journal articles that have not been covered by the search criteria. Second, choices in the databases used for the search only yields journals included within their archives. Third, book chapters and other academic texts such as theses and dissertation manuscripts have not been included as a delimitation in the search criteria. Because of these limitations, this study does not claim to be a conclusive and in no way can be considered generalizable. Rather, it can be viewed as a preliminary review done systematically.

### 7 Results

#### 7.1 *Younger Children's Voices*

As the search for children's voices in the discourse of intergenerational experiences was conducted through a literature review, the first paradox jumped out from the article selection process. Despite having 464 journal articles to review, only 60 articles (13%) have reported including children's voices. The 60 journal articles that were included in the review were synthesised into the matrix as shown in Table 5.2.

#### 7.2 *Profile of Child Respondents: Age, Country, Kind of Setting*

While the data shows that the age range of children who participated in the reviewed articles were from two until 24 years of age, the most common age range was from six to 12 years old for both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Three researches included two year-olds as their participants (Davis

TABLE 5.2 Results matrix

Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2000	Chowdhary et al.	Intergenerating Activities and Aging Appreciation of Elementary School Children	USA	Primary school	8–10 years old	Mixed methods, mostly quantitative	Questionnaires, drawings	Children's perceptions on aging	Educational Gerontology
2002	Middlecamp & Gross	Intergenerational Day Care and Preschoolers' Attitudes about Aging	USA	Day care	3–5 years old	Mixed methods	CATE, Children's Attitudes Toward the Elderly Word Associations and Activity Scale	Children's attitudes about aging	Educational Gerontology
2003	Hayes	An Observational Study in Developing an Intergenerational Shared Site Program	USA	Shared site	3–4 years old	Qualitative	Videos Observation Researcher journal notes	Children's reactions to intergenerational program	Intergenerational Relationships
2004	Boström	Intergenerational Learning in Stockholm County in Sweden: A Practical Example of Elderly Men Working in Compulsory Schools as a Benefit for Children	Sweden	Primary school	School aged	Quantitative	Questionnaires	Children's perceptions of granddad's job in school	Intergenerational Relationships

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TABLE 5.2 Results matrix (*cont.*)

Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2004	Orel, Dupuy & Wright	Auxiliary Caregivers	USA	Home	7–17 years old	Qualitative	Interviews	Caregiving tasks and reflections
2005	Okoye	Young Children's Perception of the Elderly	Nigeria	Primary school	10–11 years old	Quantitative	Child-Adolescent facts on Aging Quiz (CAFAQ)	Intergenerational Relationships
2006	Macdonald	Intergenerational Interactions	Canada	Kinder-garten	5–6 years old	Qualitative	Videos observation researcher journal notes	Intergenerational Relationships
		Occurring within a Shared Reading Program					Interviews Questionnaires (Children's Environmental Attitudes and Knowledge Scale); experimental intervention	Intergenerational Relationships
2006	Agate et al.	An Intergenerational Approach for Enriching Children's Environmental Attitudes and Knowledge	USA	Primary school	5th and 6th graders	Mixed methods	Children's Environmental Attitudes and Knowledge	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent setting	Kind of children respondents	Age of children respondents	Methodology Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2006	Epstein & Boisvert	Let's Do Something Together: Identifying the Effective Components of Intergenerational Programs	USA	Shared site	Infants to 6 years	Mixed methods	Intergenerational Program Quality Assessment (I-G PQA)/The High-Scope Intergenerational Program Quality Assessment (Observations of Interactions)	Program quality observed through behavior Intergenerational Relationships
2006	Kaplan, Kieman, James	Inter generational Family Conversations and Decision Making about Eating Healthfully	USA	Single site	10–13 years old	Qualitative	Focus group discussions	Decisions about eating healthfully Nutrition Education and Behavior
2007	Lynott & Merola	Improving the Attitudes of 4th Graders toward Older People through a Multidimensional Intergenerational Program	USA	Primary school	8–10 years old (4th grade)	Mixed methods	17 item questionnaire	Children's attitudes about older people Educational Gerontology

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2007	Heydon	Making Meaning Together: Multi-Modal Literacy Learning Opportunities in an Inter-Generational Art Programme	Canada	Single site	Children mean age is 4 years old	Qualitative	Naturalistic: videos of sessions, observer field notes, informal discussions	Children's voices (utterances) through interactions with older adults	Curriculum Studies
2007	de Souza & Grundy	Intergenerational Interaction, Social Capital and Health: Results from a Randomised Controlled Trial in Brazil	Brazil	Single site	12–18 years old	Mixed Methods	Randomized control trial; questionnaires, interviews	Social capital, family relationships, and self-rated health	Social Science and Medicine
2008	Hall & Batey	Children's Ideas about Aging before and after an Intergenerational Read-Aloud	USA	Primary school	3rd graders	Mixed methods	Word association test and informal interviews	Ideas about aging	Educational Gerontology

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2008	Davis et al.	"I Wish We Could Get Together": Exploring Intergenerational Play across a Distance via a 'Magic Box'	Australia	Home	2–10 years old	Qualitative	Interviews Magic Box activity	Intergenerational play in the family context	Intergenerational Relationships
2008	Davidson, Luo & Fulton	Stereotyped Views of Older Adults in USA Children from the People's Republic of China and from the United States	China and Primary school USA	Primary school	6–11 years old	Quantitative, experimental	Stereotype Assessment Task in experiment format	Children's biases toward older adults	Intergenerational Relationships
2008	Hannon & Geldner	The Impact of Short-Term Quality Intergenerational Contact on Children's Attitudes toward Older Adults	USA	Summer camp	6–12 years old	Quantitative, experimental	Questionnaire including Newman's Children's Views of Aging and Polizzi's Semantic Differential	Children's attitudes toward older adults	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2008	Heyman & Gutheil	"They Touch Our Hearts": The Experiences of Shared Site Intergenerational Program Participants	USA	Shared site	not specified but attends day care	Qualitative	Focus group discussions	Intergenerational activities	Intergenerational Relationships
2009	Chorndunhan & Casadonne	Children's Attitudes and Classroom Interaction in an Intergenerational Education Program	USA	Primary school	Primary and junior high students	Mixed methods	Children's View on Aging survey	Children's attitudes and classroom interaction	Educational Gerontology
2009	Saito & Yasuda	An Empirical Study of the Frequency of Intergenerational Contacts of Family Members in Japan	Japan	Home	not specified but attends primary school	Quantitative	Survey questionnaires	Frequency of intergenerational contact	Intergenerational Relationships
2009	Kinoshita	Charting Generational Differences in Conceptions and Opportunities for Play in a Japanese Neighborhood	Japan	Community	10-12 years old	Qualitative, participatory	Participatory map making Interviews	Play spaces in the neighborhood	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2010	Hurme, Westerback & Quadrello	Traditional and New Forms of Contact between Grandparents and Grandchildren	Finland	Home	11–13 and 16–17 years old	Quantitative	New technologies questionnaire	Forms of contact between grandparents and grandchildren	Intergenerational Relationships
2010	McNair & Moore	The Effects of Intergenerational Programs on Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia	USA	Shared site vs preschool	Adolescents, Mixed preschoolers methods	Mixed	Children's Views on Aging (cvoA) pre and posttest; drawings and an interview	Children's Perceptions of the Elderly; Gerontologic Care; Psychiatry/ Psychology	Therapeutic Recreation
2011	Belgrave	The Effect of a Music Therapy Intergenerational Program on Children and Older Adults'	USA	Retirement living facility	4th graders collectively	Mixed methods	CATE, Children's Attitudes Toward the Elderly, observations videotaped	Children's attitudes about older people	Music Therapy

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2011	Kamei et al.	Six Month Outcomes of an Innovative Weekly Intergenerational Day Program with Older Adults and School-Aged Children in a Japanese Urban Community	Japan	Single site	Elementary school children	Mixed methods	Participant observations and interviews, semantic differential scales in questionnaires	Childrens perceptions of older adults	Nursing Science
2011	Carson, Kobayashi, Kuehne	The Meadows School Project: Case Study of a Unique Shared Site Intergenerational Program	Canada	Shared site	10-12 years old	Qualitative	Audio of individual semistructured interviews, reflective journal entries on project experiences, field researcher notes	Exploring potential health and educational impacts of the program	Intergenerational Relationships
2011	Kleinspehn-Ammerlahn et al.	Dyadic Drumming across the Lifespan Reveals a Zone of Proximal Development in Children	Germany	Single site	5 and 12 year olds	Experimental, quantitative	Dyadic drumming	Observation of children's drumming with partners	Developmental Psychology

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2011	Roos	The Generational Other: The Cultural Appropriateness of an Intergenerational Group Reflecting Technique	South Africa	Community centre	3–13 years old	Mixed methods	Intergenerational group reflecting technique (IGRT), individual interviews, focus group discussions	How grandparents communicate important information	Intergenerational Relationships
2011	Heyman, Gutheil & White-Ryan	Preschool Children's Attitudes toward Older Adults: Comparison of Intergenerational and Traditional Day Care	USA	Kindergarten	3–5 years old	Quantitative	Drawings to elicit response, Children's Attitudes Toward the Elderly (CATE) measure	Children's attitudes toward older adults	Intergenerational Relationships
2012	Luchesi, Dupas & Pavarini	Evaluation of the Attitudes of Children Living with Seniors toward Aging	Brazil	Community centre	7–10 years old	Mixed methods	Interviews; Todaro Scale for the assessment of attitudes of children toward the elderly	Children's attitudes about living with older people	Nursing Science
2012	Xie et al.	Connecting Generations: Developing Co-Design Methods for Older Adults and Children	USA	Single site	6–9 years old	Qualitative, co-design	Co-design activities, conversations	Children gave feedback on co-designing process	Behaviour and Information Technology

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2013	Morita & Kobayashi	Interactive Programs with Preschool Children Bring Smiles and Conversation to Older Adults: Time-Sampling Study	Japan	Single Site	5-6 years old	Mixed methods	Video, observations, behavior time sampling	Observations of changes in visual attention, facial expression, engagement/ behaviour, and intergenerational conversations with older adults	Geriatrics
2013	Larkin, Wilson & Freer	Images of Old: Teaching about Aging through Children's Literature	USA	Kindergarten	5-10 years old	Qualitative	Observations Teacher's journal reflections	Teaching aging though storybooks	Intergenerational Relationships
2013	Mann, Khan, Leeson	Variations in Grandchildren's Perceptions of Their Grandfathers and Grandmothers: Dynamics of Age and Gender	UK	Home	4-18 years old	Quantitative	Participatory Venn diagram activity Questionnaire, completed with parents	Children's perceptions of their grandparents	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2014	Gamlie & Gabay	Knowledge Exchange, Social Interactions, and Empowerment in an Intergenerational Technology Program at School	Jerusalem	Primary school	Children aged 11–12	Mixed methods	Closed-ended feedback questionnaires, quantitative data were collected from face-to-face interviews, qualitative data were collected via two hours per week of observations and unstructured interviews	Feedback for iG tech program	Educational Gerontology
2015	Low et al.	Grandfriends, an Intergenerational Program for Nursing-Home Residents and Preschoolers: A Randomized Trial	Australia	Shared site	4 years old	Quantitative	Children's Attitudes to the Elderly Interview (CAEI)	Children's biases toward older adults	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent setting	Kind of children respondents	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2015	Jirata	Intergenerational Continuity and Change in Conceptualization of the "Child" among Guji People of Ethiopia	Ethiopia	Community	Not specified but part of the Guji children population	Qualitative	Participant observation, narrative interview, ethnographic methodology	Conceptualization of being a child	Intergenerational Relationships
2015	Tafere	Intergenerational Relationships and the Life Course: Children-Caregivers' Relations in Ethiopia	Ethiopia	Community	8–15 years old	Qualitative	Drawings; interviews	Family life in Ethiopia	Intergenerational Relationships
2016	Babcock; MaloneBeach & Woodworth-Hou	Intergenerational Intervention to Mitigate Children's Bias against the Elderly	USA	Primary school	10–11 years old	Quantitative	Child-Age Implicit Association Test (IAT)	Children's biases toward older adults	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2016	Yasunaga et al.	Multiple Impacts of an Intergenerational Program in Japan: Evidence from the Research on Productivity through Intergenerational Sympathy Project	Japan	Single site	Children in the first to sixth grade	Quantitative	Survey questionnaire; program effect testing	Informing effects of the REPRINTS program	Geriatrics and Gerontology
2016	Lane	"Are You Going to Come and See Us Again Soon?" An Intergenerational Event between Stroke Survivors and School-Children	England	Primary school	6-7 years old	Qualitative	Field notes of observations of handwriting, hand-tracing and talking about pictures	Increase the citizenship experience of young children and their awareness of what it means to live with stroke	Ageing and Older Adults

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2016	Burgman & Mulvaney	An Intergenerational Program Connecting Children and Older Adults with Emotional, Behavioral, Cognitive or Physical Challenges: Gift of Mutual Understanding	USA	Primary school	5-14 years old	Quantitative test	Children's attitude toward the elderly test	Children's attitudes toward older adults	Intergenerational Relationships
2016	Babcock et al.	Development of a Children's IAT to Measure Bias against the Elderly	Germany	Primary School	8-12 years old	Quantitative Association Test (Child IAT)	Child-Age Implicit Association Test toward older adults	Children's biases toward older adults	Intergenerational Relationships

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TABLE 5.2 Results matrix (*cont.*)

Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2016	Cerruti, Shepley, & Oakland	The Effects of Spatial Enclosure on Social Interaction between Older Adults with Dementia and Young Children	USA	Shared site	2-5 years old	Mixed Methods	Video observations; photographic stimulation; quasi-experiment and semi- structured interviews; elder-child social interaction (ECSI) observation instrument	Intergenerational shared spaces	Health Environments
2017	Weckström	Steps Together: Children's Experiences of Participation in Club Activities with the Elderly	Finland	Single site	4-12 years old	Qualitative	Observations and interviews	Children's experiences of participation in club activities with the elderly	Intergenerational Relationships
2017	Whiteland	Claymation for Collective Intelligence and Intergenerational Learning in an Educational Environment	USA	Single site	8-11 years old	Qualitative, Participatory	Questionnaires; interviews	Intergenerational activities	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2017	Senior & Green	Through the Ages: Developing Relationships between the Young and the Old	Australia	Primary school	10–11 years old	Quantitative	Children's Perceptions of Aging and Elderly (CPAE) test	Intergenerational activities	Intergenerational Relationships
2017	Chien & Tann	Study of a Multigenerational Learning Program in Taiwan	Taiwan	Single site	Primary school children lumped with university students (younger group)	Mixed methods	Observations and unstructured interviews with questionnaires	Awareness of MLP benefits and the feedback from participants	Educational Gerontology
2018	Bertram et al.	Generations Learning Together: Pilot Study for a Multigenerational Program	USA	Shared site	4 years old	Qualitative	Interviews	Setting up a multigenerational program	Intergenerational Relationships
2018	David et al.	Connecting the Young and the Young at Heart: An Intergenerational Music Program	Canada	Primary school	Elementary students collectively	Qualitative	Discussions post workshop	Accounts about the intergenerational music program	Intergenerational Relationships

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TABLE 5:2 Results matrix (*cont.*)

Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2018	Belgrave & Keown	Examining Cross-Age Experiences in a Distance-Based Intergenerational Music Project: Comfort and Expectations in Collaborating with Opposite Generation through Virtual Exchanges	USA	Community centre	9–14 years old	Qualitative	Reflective journals to answer three writing prompts after viewing each “virtual” video-recorded exchange study	Cross-age comfort, Medicine preconceived notions, and expectations as part of feasibility	Intergenerational Relationships
2018	Agate et al.	Roots and Wings: An Exploration of Intergenerational Play	USA	Home	7–10 years old	Qualitative, participatory	Drawings questionnaire with open-ended questions	Intergenerational play	Intergenerational Relationships
2018	Bates	Grillin' with My Grandchild©: Multigenerational Programming for Grandfathers and Grandchildren	USA	University	9–18 years old	Qualitative, participatory	Interviews Electronic memory book (videos, photographs, images)	Intergenerational activities	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Topic	Journal field of study
2018	Hannmore-Cawley & Scharf	Intergenerational Learning: Collaborations to Develop Civic Literacy in Young Children in Irish Primary School	Ireland	Primary school	9–10 years old	Quantitative, mixed methods	Civic literacy and leadership in interactions	Intergenerational Relationships
2018	Babcock, MaloneBeach & Salomon	A Quantitative and Qualitative Evaluation of the Impact of an Intergenerational Program on Children's Biases Toward Older Adults	USA	Primary school	10–11 years old	Quantitative	Child-Age Implicit Association Test (Child IAT)	Children's biases toward older adults
2018	Cucinelli et al.	Intergenerational Learning through a Participatory Video Game Design Workshop	Canada	Primary school	7 years old onwards	Qualitative, Participatory	Workshop interviews	Video game co-designing
2018	Johnston	Linking Generations UK in Northern Ireland: Age Friendly School Project	UK	Primary school	8–10 years old	Qualitative	Interviews	Intergenerational activities

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TABLE 5.2 Results matrix (*cont.*)

Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2018	Santini et al.	Intergenerational Programs Involving Adolescents, Institutionalized Elderly, and Older Volunteers: Results from a Pilot Research-Action in Italy	Italy	Shared site	Adolescents (mean age: 14 years old)	Qualitative	Focus group and interviews	Insights for intergenerational programming	BioMed
2018	Pace & Gabel	Using Photovoice to Understand Barriers and Enablers to Southern Labrador Inuit Intergenerational Interaction	Canada	Community	8–24 years old	Qualitative, participatory	Photography interviews, photo exhibit	Barriers and enablers to intergenerational interaction	Intergenerational Relationships

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Year of publication	Authors	Research title	Country/ continent	Kind of setting	Age of children respondents	Methodology	Methods	Topic	Journal field of study
2019	Mosor et al.	An Intergenerational Program Based on Psycho-Motor Activity Promotes Well-Being and Interaction between Preschool Children and Older Adults: Results of a Process and Outcome Evaluation Study in Austria	Austria	Single site	2 to 7 years old	Mixed methods	Mixed methods	Intervention – intergenerational contact through psychomotor activity	Public Health

et al., 2008; Cerruti, Shepley, & Oakland, 2016; Mosor et al., 2019) thoroughly mostly observations, although in Davis et al. (2008), they were reported to have more participatory roles with their siblings and grandparents for exploring intergenerational play even though they live distances apart from each other through the Magic Box activity. On the other hand, the 24-year olds were clustered with the younger group than the older group for the Photovoice methodology (Pace & Gavel, 2018).

The review features articles from 18 countries – Australia, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Nigeria, Sweden, United Kingdom, Taiwan, South Africa, Jerusalem, Italy, Brazil and USA. Twenty-six of the articles were from the USA, six came from Canada, five came from Japan, three from Australia and the UK. Brazil, Ethiopia, Finland, and Germany each had two articles, and the rest of the countries were represented by one article each.

Most of the data in the reviewed articles were collected single-sites where intergenerational interactions occurred for the reports but does not have an institutionalised intergenerational program in place. Primary schools are part of this group, making up 55% of the 60 articles included in the review. This finding is congruent to the most common age-range of the child respondents. The second most common research locale were shared-sites (23%), where intergenerational interaction happens intentionally. Community and home made up 12% and 10% of the articles respectively.

### **7.3      *Year of Publication and Methodologies***

While there has been at least one article that includes children's voices in intergenerational interactions per year, it is noteworthy that the most significant increase in number of articles to include children's voices was observed in 2018. It also noticeable that although both quantitative and qualitative methodologies were used since 2000 until the present, 2018 also saw an increase in the use of qualitative methodologies, particularly of participatory approaches, to listen to children's voices. This also shows the increasing trend for this type of research, especially with young children.

Upon closer look on the methods used to include children's voices, it has been found that questionnaires, checklists were the most common, particularly for primary school children.

Different kinds of tests have been conducted, some of which are experimental in nature. These include the following:

- Child-Adolescent facts on Aging Quiz (CAFAQ),
- Questionnaire including Newman's Children's Views of Aging and Polizzi's Semantic Differential,
- Children's Attitudes to the Elderly Interview (CATI),

<b>Row Labels</b>	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
Mixed Methods	1				2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	
Qualitative		1	1	1	2	1	2		1	1			2	1	1	5			18	
Qualitative, co-design											1								1	
Qualitative, participatory									1										6	
Quantitative			1	1					1	1	1		1		1	4	1	1	13	
Quantitative, experimental								2											2	
Experimental, Quantitative											1								1	
Mixed Methods, mostly quantitative	1																		1	
Quantitative, mixed methods																1	1			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>

FIGURE 5.2 Year of publication and methodologies

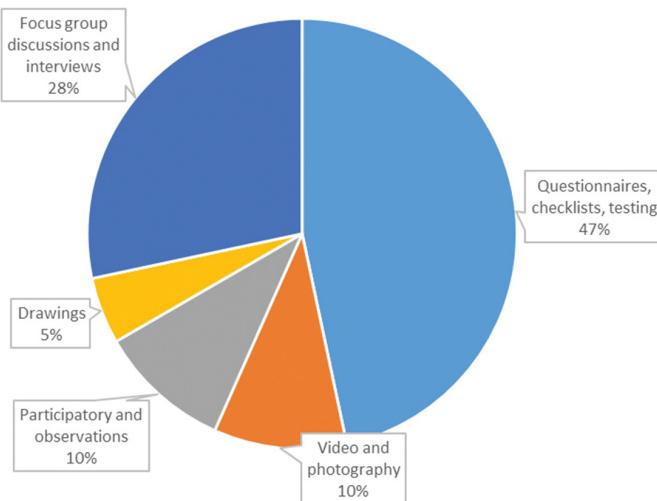


FIGURE 5.3  
Methods used

- Implicit Association Test (IAT),
- Children's Perceptions of Aging and Elderly (CPAE) test,
- Child-Age Implicit Association Test (Child IAT),
- Children's Attitudes Toward the Elderly (CATE),
- Questionnaires developed by the authors themselves.

Another interesting finding of the data collected from the literature review was the field of study of the journals where they have been published. It is very noticeable that majority of the publications came from allied health medical professions and geriatric studies rather than from education and pedagogy. This finding confirms that intergenerational interactions has had a long history in the field of gerontology as discussed by Brownell and Resnick (2005) as they dissected the terminology's its etymology as against 'multigenerational.' Both terminologies are frequently used in the context of the study of old age, or the processes concerning older adults and ageing, intergenerational interactions involve discussions of understanding generational differences in an effort to bring generations together.

In the realm of social studies and pedagogy, the concept of 'generational ordering' (Alanen, 2001, 2009) may be used more frequently as regards childhood studies in relation to the older generations. The concept of generational ordering and its derivatives (generationing, generational order), is rooted in the premises of the new sociology of childhoods (Alanen, 2019). Effectively, literature that uses these terminologies and concepts, put children's voice and views in high regard, but also works with concepts of children's agency, and power relations. As such, this concept is more often than not applied in studying childhood cultures because it is seemingly focused on distinctions between

TABLE 5.3 Journal field of study

<b>Journal field of study</b>	
Intergenerational Relationships	36
Educational Gerontology	7
Nursing Science	2
Nutrition Education and Behavior	2
Ageing and Older Adults	1
Behaviour and Information Technology	1
BioMed	1
Curriculum Studies	1
Developmental Psychology	1
Geriatrics	1
Geriatrics and Gerontology	1
Health Environments	1
Medicine	1
Music Therapy	1
Public Health	1
Social Science and Medicine	1
Therapeutic Recreation	1
Grand total	60

childhood and adulthood – what makes the generations separate and different from each other. However, intergenerationality is a concept of the shared and of intersectionality – finding meaning in the experiences coming about from interactions of generations. It is, therefore, a conscious decision that the terminology '*intergenerational*' was chosen to frame the search of children's voices because it is in a field dominated by discourses often coming from perspectives concerning the well-being of older adults. This is an identified transitional and transformational space for childhood culture, the new relational sociology of children and phenomenology of childhoods to be analysed and make an impact to transform further research.

## 8 Discussion: The Way Forward

Overall, the results seem to indicate the following points and paradoxes, leading to potential spaces of transformations for children's voices to be heard in the discourse of intergenerational experiences.

### **8.1      *On Landscapes and Places***

Intergenerational experiences happen all over the world, as reflected by the different countries, contexts and settings included in this review. While there are more publications coming from one country, which is the USA, this does not discount articles coming from other countries. This is an indication of more potential countries for voices, particularly of young children, to be sought and be heard. Future research from different countries and contexts, and hence interactions in landscapes and global and local, or glocal artefacts, would add to this existing pool of knowledge. Glocal artefacts is part of the conceptualisation that though there may be globalisation discourse in place in a landscape, it does not necessarily penetrate every aspect of the local culture, traditions and views (Ødegaard, 2016).

### **8.2      *On Making Bigger Space***

There is space for young children to be heard in intergenerational experiences. Currently, the review seems to indicate that space seeking out young children's voices in the intergenerational research arena is not as substantial and popular as seeking out older children and adult voices. But there is a space, and with more research focusing on seeking out young children's voices in the intergenerational field would be a transitional and transformational move towards a bigger space for participation of children in a discourse dominated by adults.

### **8.3      *Repercussions for Pedagogical Practices***

Additionally, there is space for the intergenerational discourse within pedagogy. Seeing as intergenerational interactions are mostly discussed within the field of allied health professions, it is a space that practitioners in childhood institutions such as schools, communities and the home can participate in. It is a concept that is seemingly often taken for granted because families and homes are naturally multi-generational in nature, but intergenerational interactions would necessarily go beyond the closest institutions around children's lives, such as the school and community centres. There is a need to talk about repercussions of having intentional intergenerational interactions in pedagogical practices.

### **8.4      *On Methodologies, and Research WITH and Not ON Them***

While there are still various tests, questionnaires and checklists being developed to examine children's attitudes, biases and responses, the increase in use of qualitative participatory methodologies in 2018 seems to be an indication of a transitional and transformational space where children's voices are acknowledged not just through the more traditional methods of listening (e.g. interviews, focus group discussions), but also through emerging multi-modal

approaches such as through mapping, and the use of photography and videos. The use of a multi-modal methodologies such as narrative inquiry and visual methodologies in intergenerational experiences of younger children acknowledges the many different ways the younger children and even the older adults can communicate to fully understand their lived experiences and shed light to relationships and interactions (Garvis & Pramling, 2017). Particular to listening to younger children's voices, the visual narrative methodology has been applied by a number of researchers to hear infants' and children's voices (Ridgway, Li, & Quinones, 2016; Sikder & Fleer, 2015; White, 2011; Sumsion et al., 2014). White (2015) has utilised this methodology and described it in length in her book titled *Introducing Dialogic Pedagogy Provocations for the Early Years*. Inspired by Bakhtinian principles to dialogism, she speaks of the importance of engaging with polyphonic videos alongside transcripts of the conversations because meaning-making and language is always concerned with the social space between people and artefacts (White, 2015). There is potential to this methodology in intergenerational experiences as it is a nod towards the direction of intergenerational research *WITH* children, and not just *ON* and *OF* them. Another possibility is for younger children and older adults to engage in co-creative activities such as collaborative narratives where older adults can build on children's interest and experiences are by engaging them in co-narrating conversations (Ødegaard & Pramling, 2013). In doing so, both are engaged in a linguistic and cultural tool for meaning making, as well as empowering children to become agents of their own learning (Ødegaard & Pramling, 2013; Garvis, Ødegaard, & Lemon, 2015). Engaging in intergenerational experiences and activities is a matter of participation – of something that they have a right to voice out and be involved in as it directly affects them (UNCRC, 1989).

Another approach to listening to young children was born as a response to the call for social researchers to use research methodologies that aid in listening to young children's voices and to understand their lived experiences and that is the Mosaic Approach (Clark & Moss, 2011). This approach is an integrated way of listening that acknowledges both children and adults as co-constructors of meaning through a combination of visual and verbal methods (Clark & Moss, 2011). It is particularly helpful for doing research with younger children because it is a framework that uses different methods in recognition of the different languages and voices of children through the use of participatory activities to highlight the children's role as experts and agents in their lives (Clark & Moss, 2011). The Mosaic Approach regards children as having an active role in research and pedagogy. Clark (2005) discusses this shift in the view of children as she discusses the conception of the Mosaic Approach

through the use of child-friendly methodologies to listen to children acknowledges their role and part in the society. Such methodologies also give children a venue to voice their concerns and participate in a wider context that has been dominated by adults far too long.

### 8.5 *On Matters That Affect Them*

As also observed from the synthesis of the review, topics within the intergenerational research seeking out children's voices are varied. There are articles focused on planning out intergenerational programs, some discuss potential intergenerational activities and play. Children's perceptions, attitudes and biases against older adults were also observed to be of interest to researchers. However, some topics are results of emerging discourses in intergenerational experiences. Alongside discussions of global phenomenon that have affected and transformed lives of people, particularly of childhoods, all over the world such as industrialisation, digitalisation, migration, technology for communication emerge topics like kinship care, frequency of intergenerational contact, possible intergenerational play despite being physically distant, the need to make use of digital tools to communicate with each other. Even changes in play spaces in the neighbourhood have been explored to find out just how different physical spaces for play are throughout the years. Repercussions from this finding is the realisation that as these topics are often too complex for just one field of expertise to make light of, and hence intergenerational research would benefit from interdisciplinarity.

### 8.6 *Space for Empirical Research*

Ultimately, the data collected from this review speaks of a space for explorative and possibly transitional and transformative empirical research that would pave a bigger discourse of intergenerationality in institutions beyond the home, in different contexts, and through the use of multi-modal creative methodologies to listen to children's and older adults' voices. Doing so would also push forth UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda in local and global contexts.

## 9 Conclusion

To conclude, this chapter has described and discussed the process and results of conducting a review of related literature done systematically focusing on children's voices in intergenerational experiences. It was deemed necessary

to give this review a space in the research project because of a lack of recent systematic reviews of research particularly focused on the intergenerational experiences of younger children. In addition to this, it was important to synthesise what is currently known regarding the topic because of evidence of growing interest in this topic in different social media platforms all over the world. Results of the review speak of potential spaces of transformations in intergenerational research to make a bigger space for younger children's voices to be heard.

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