

# Intergenerational solidarity: urban perspectives

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# Manchester context:

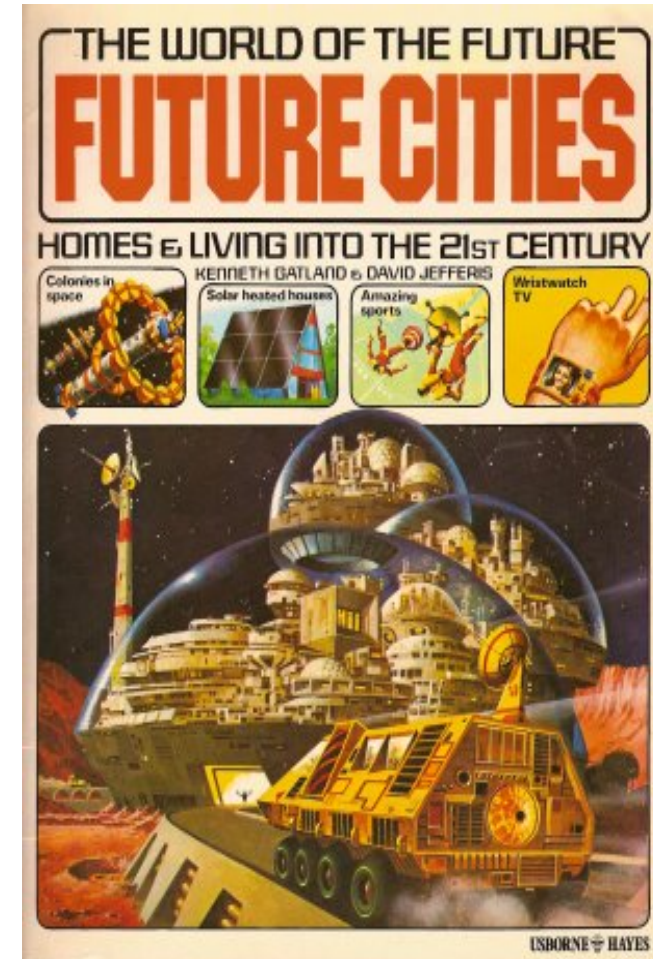
## Centre of the Greater Manchester city-region

- High levels poverty, ill health and social exclusion
- Low educational attainment and high teenage pregnancy rate
- Significant regeneration programme since 1990s



# Manchester approach to IP: themes and applications

- Defined by challenges of disadvantaged urban populations
- Intersection of social exclusion and age discrimination
  - Community cohesion
  - Social capital
  - Health inequalities
  - Worklessness
- Dangers of stereotyping young and old



# Manchester Generations

## Together programme - overview

- Part of the Manchester Ageing Strategy
- Led by the Valuing Older People team
- Partnership with Beth Johnson Foundation
- The 'Trojan-horse' approach
- 13 projects across four themes



# Manchester Generations Together programme – emerging good practice

- The Roby Mental Health Project aims to address mental health issues within black and minority ethnic communities
- Sharing the City supports intergenerational engagement to raise awareness of the design implications of shared spaces



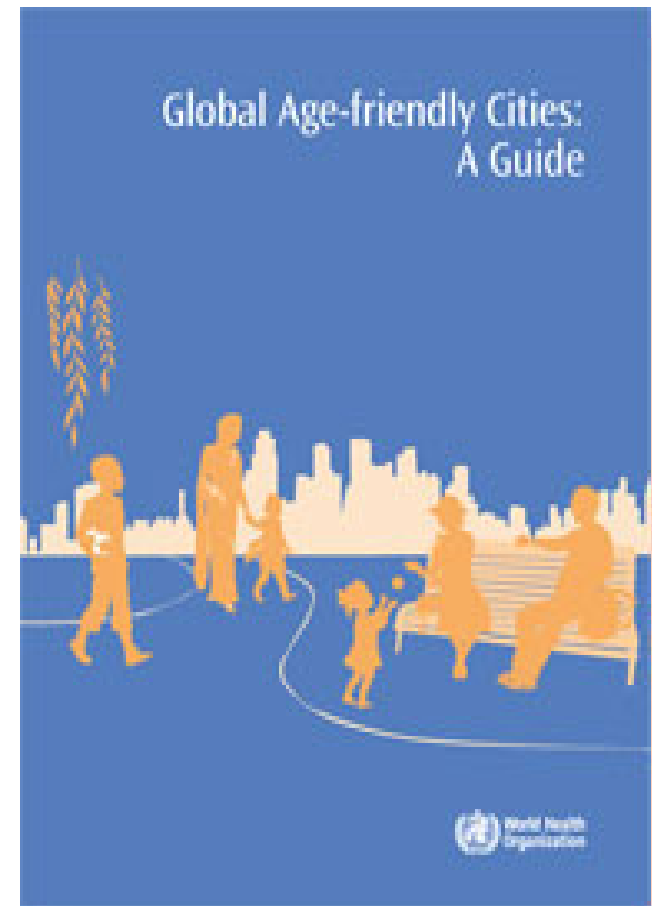
# Manchester Generations Together programme – looking forward

- A new narrative for generational solidarity
- From ‘touchy-feely’ to improving communities
- Adding value to mainstream services and strategies
- Evaluation and evidence base



# Challenges for the EU: Intergenerational solidarity

- Generational relationships in urban areas
- Link to WHO Age-friendly cities programme
- Impact of globalisation and migration
- Life-long learning as a tool for generational solidarity
- An 'age-friendly' economic recovery



Thank you  
Gracias



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