



# GENERATIONAL SINGING

## SINGING AS A KEY TO SOCIAL BELONGING

You are invited to an informative ShareShop focusing on how generational singing creates a sense of security, supports language development, and fosters community and joy for both children and older adults. We will share experiences from the work at Skarbøvik Kindergarten with musical encounters across generations.

How can singing bring generations together?

### GENERATIONAL SINGING

Generational Singing is a collaboration between kindergartens and institutions for older adults. Here, voices both young and old come together in shared singing sessions that build connections, strengthen identity, and create space for traditions, play, and new forms of community.

The presentation will show how singing in everyday life can:

- Support children’s language development
- Strengthen a sense of security and social belonging
- Build bridges between generations
- Create an inclusive community through play and learning



### GENERATIONAL SINGING IN SKARBØVIK BARNEHAGE

Interaction, community, and cultural heritage across generations

#### Community and relationships

Older adults contribute calmness, time, and presence, which support children’s emotional security.

Children experience recognition, joy, and a sense of achievement through participation.

#### Language and communication

The rhythm and repetition of songs support the development of children’s vocabulary and pronunciation.

The use of movements and instruments strengthens understanding and engagement.

The use of visual supports and concrete aids (AAC).



# GENERATIONAL SINGING IN SKARBØVIK BARNEHAGE

## Cultural heritage and belonging

Traditions give children insight into Norwegian cultural heritage and song traditions.

The activity creates stronger bonds between the kindergarten and the local community in Skarbøvik.

Diversity is embraced by including songs from the children's different cultural backgrounds.

Skarbøvik Kindergarten and Skarbøvik Nursing Home have a long tradition of collaboration. Throughout the year, we meet for events such as the Constitution Day, the St. Hans (Midsummer) celebration featuring the traditional bridal couple, and the atmospheric Lucia celebration during the Advent season. These regular gatherings create a sense of belonging, strengthen community, and bring great joy to children, residents, and staff alike.



## Planning and implementation

- Children meet older adults on fixed and predictable days.
- Small groups contribute to a sense of security and enable close interaction.
- Preparation and practice in advance.
- Adults participate actively to support, guide, and create positive frameworks for the encounters.

## Benefits – for children, older adults, and the community

Children develop stronger language skills, social confidence, empathy, and a sense of achievement.

Older adults experience increased joy in life, social belonging, and a sense of being valued.

The local community is strengthened through interaction that builds community and serves as a bridge across age groups and cultures.

## WELCOME TO SHARESHOP

Welcome to an inspiring session on how singing—this simple yet powerful tool—can give children more than words:

It can give them a voice, a place, and a sense of belonging.

We look forward to sharing experiences, methods, and insights into how generational singing can strengthen both the kindergarten and the local community in Skarbøvik.

