Young People Teaching Older People (Persuasive)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
There is nothing that young people can teach older people. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.
- DAN INGMAN

No one is ever old enough to know better. - HOLBROOK JACKSON
It's silly to talk of old age: there's always a young person inside.
- SYBIL THORNDIKE

The human society is dynamic. It is changing and adapting daily. Something new comes up every minute of the day. Such as new songs, new movies, new style of clothes, new gadgets, new destinations, new cars, new television programs, new websites, new softwares, new hand held phones, new buildings, and so on. Even if you age in years, there is no limit in learning something new.

Likewise, there are things that older people can learn from the younger generation. The Internet is one good example. This was introduced in the 1980s, mostly used in the business sector. Gradually, it was offered to the public through Internet cafés. Nowadays, it is widely used for enhanced communications. We now have electronic mails (e-mail), messengers, VOIP, and web cams. The older generation is not familiar with these gadgets. They learn how to use them from the younger generation. Through web cams, Internet phones, cell phones, and Net Messengers, family members are able to talk to one another in real time despite long distances.

The youth can also bridge the age gap with the elders through songs and dances. Music is a universal language and appreciated by all people around the world despite cultural differences. Songs of love will always have an audience, young and old alike.

Another interesting activity is traveling. Since most of the young people are active, mobile, and sociable, they are also well informed of the latest destinations and recreation centers. On family day, usually Sunday, the elderly persons are taken to these popular places. Along with their children and grandchildren, the elders enjoy the sights, sounds, and new product offerings especially if they are given away for free.

Therefore, everyday is always a new day to learn. The older generation can teach wisdom while the younger members can teach them trendy living. Through the youths, the older people can maintain contact with them and still be relevant in the society. The younger generation will keep the older generation in touch with the community.

If I'd known I was going to live to be 100, I would have taken better care of myself.
- ANON