

LGA Call for evidence 2014

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Good Morning

As a 74 year old husband and grandfather still working of course, I thought I would just take a look to see what my Local Government Association was doing on my behalf as a pensioner.

Imagine my astonishment when I found http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/adult-social-care/-/journal_content/56/10180/6624144/ARTICLE which of course is written in Gobbledygook ie: "The LGA's Community Wellbeing Board has requested that a cross-cutting Task and Finish Group be set up, to".....did it mean a COST CUTTING task?

I tried to find out what a Community Wellbeing Board consisted of and the more I dug, the further into the quagmire I sank into an incomprehensible list of Councillors, Boards, Assemblies, Committees Panels and Members and finally Special Interest Groups.

Frankly not a hope in hell of getting the rocket off the ground with all that hot air going in the wrong direction.

See point 2 where it says
"dentify the range of challenges that an ageing society represents " just a simple spelling mistake but one that should have been checked before publication.

While it is easy to criticise, and I applaud any effort to address the problems of an ageing society, my main reason for contacting you is to recommend that instead of stirring up a veritable whirlpool of verbiage which is hard to read and almost impossible to follow, it would be better quicker and simpler to actually ask US what we think.

The problem of both National and Local Government is it's inability to communicate with its electorate. In this age of super communication it really is not difficult to just ask us.

The main fear those of us approaching a decrepit future have is the fact that if we have anything left that might have been handed on to our children, it will simply be gobbled up by the cost of Care Homes.

Finally, the advice on how to apply for HONOURS just about sums it up.

Amazing
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