



# Agenda

## A good place to grow older

United Kingdom, 18-19 January 2011



On behalf of the  
European Commission  
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities



## Monday 17 January

Arrival of participants in London

The Strand Palace Hotel  
372 Strand, London  
WC2R 0JJ  
+44 (0)20 7836 8080

[www.strandpalacehotel.co.uk](http://www.strandpalacehotel.co.uk)

## Tuesday 18 January

**Venue:** The Adelphi building, 1-11, John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6HT

Chair: John Coxon, DWP Later Life Engagement Team Manager  
Discussion facilitated by Nigel Meager and Monika Natter, ÖSB Consortium

- 09:00 – 09:20     **Welcome address**
- by John Coxon, Department for Work and Pensions
- Presentation of the programme  
by Nigel Meager, ÖSB Consortium  
and by Fritz von Nordheim, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
- 09:20 – 10:00     **Introduction of the UK policy context**  
by Hugh Pullinger, Head of DWP Older People and Ageing Society Division  
and Andy Harrop, Head of Policy, Age UK
- 10:00 – 10:30     **Introduction of the EU policy context** (European Year for Active Ageing 2012, European Partnership Initiative on Healthy and Active Ageing etc.)  
by Fritz von Nordheim, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission  
by Jorge Pinto Antunes, DG for Health and Consumers, European Commission
- 10:30 – 11:00     Questions and answers
- 11:00 – 11:20     *Coffee break*
- 11:20 – 11:40     **Implementation of the UK initiatives at local level**  
by Paul McGarry, Senior Strategy Manager, Manchester City Council
- 11:40 – 12:15     **Questions and answers followed by general discussion**
- 12:15 – 13:00     *Lunch*
- Transfer to the site visit venue by minibus*
- 13:00 – 17:00     **Site visit to the LinkAge Plus pilot in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets**  
Welcome by Barbara Disney, Commissioning Manager for Older People
- Transfer to the hotel by minibus*
- 19:30                *Dinner* in Johnston's Brasserie, at The Strand Palace Hotel provided by the Department for Work and Pensions

## Wednesday 19 January

Venue: The Adelphi building, 1-11, John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6HT

Chair: Geoff Ashton, DWP National Engagement Team Leader

Discussion facilitated by Nigel Meager and Monika Natter, ÖSB Consortium

- 09:00 – 09:20     **NGO statements (AGE, ESN)**  
by Rodd Bond (AGE) and Stephen Barnett / Reinhard Pohlmann, (ESN / City of Dortmund)  
Presenting the viewpoint of the organisation and/or the represented beneficiaries within a comparative European perspective
- 09:20 – 09:40     **Presentation of the discussion paper**  
by the thematic expert Clemens Tesch-Roemer, German Centre of Gerontology
- 09:40 – 12:30     **Peer country discussion** (in 2 working groups)  
(including a coffee break)
- What are the priorities in respect to ageing and demographic change in your country? (What is your experience of integrating successful pilot projects into the policy framework? What are the related challenges?)
  - What characterises 'a good place to grow older' in your country?
  - How can communities be supported to become good places to grow older?
  - What is the attitude towards taking into account and making use of local diversity in your country?
  - Do you use indicators for evaluating policy measures? What is your country's approach to the (early) participation of researchers in the evaluation process?
- 12:30 – 13:00     Feed-back from the working groups and discussion
- 13:00 – 13:45     *Buffet Lunch*
- 13:45 – 14:00     **Relevance and key learning elements for peer countries and stakeholder representatives**  
by the thematic expert Clemens Tesch-Roemer, German Centre of Gerontology
- 14:00 – 14:30     **Closing remarks**  
by Fritz von Nordheim, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
- by Geoff Ashton, Department for Work and Pensions
- 14:30                *Close of review*