



## ***‘Citizenship and Care in Cities and Settlements of the Future’***

### **Carers**

Throughout the world, families, friends and neighbours provide the majority of care and support to people who need assistance in day to day life because they are ill, frail or disabled.

The economic and social contribution made by these unpaid carers is highly significant and often equates or exceeds the contribution of services provided by government, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. Carers underwrite state provision and are an important but often unrecognised feature of national life.

Increasing longevity, population ageing and the rapid growth of non-communicable diseases mean that increasing numbers of people worldwide will become carers and will juggle work, education, care and other family responsibilities.

People of all ages already become carers and may well draw strength from it but when the demands go beyond a certain level, caring responsibilities damage education, health, work, finances and social activities. Caring can draw people out of work and community life altogether. The loss to individuals, local economies and communities is almost incalculable.

### **The October Windsor Roundtable**

In response to these growing challenges of providing care, the Age of Connectivity Roundtable (Windsor Castle, October 2007) focused on the importance of Citizenship and Care in Cities and Settlements of the Future. It drew inspiration from the European ACE project, the WHO Age Friendly Cities Project and the work of the African Research on Ageing Network (AFRAN). It concentrated on releasing and enhancing the potential of carers. The 26 participants were drawn from business, design, architecture, education, research and local government as well as from international NGOs and UN Habitat.

The principal conclusion was that support for carers should be just as much a part of the everyday infrastructure of cities and settlements as roads, hospitals and schools. Such support will help to strengthen households, communities and economies and provide better care of vulnerable people.

Participants resolved to:

- Promote greater global awareness of the value of including carer perspectives in city and rural development
- Develop and share resources, knowledge and practice through a cross-disciplinary research effort, a virtual academy and an internet based care village or city



**Windsor Age of Connectivity Dialogues**  
**‘Citizenship and Care in Cities and Settlements of the Future’ Roundtable**  
**Windsor Castle, 23 – 24 October 2007**

**Chaired by Baroness Pitkeathley, House of Lords, London**

**Programme**

**Tuesday, 23 October 2007**

**4:30** Opening General Session - Vicar’s Hall

- Setting the stage - *Peter Mathias*  
Citizenship and Care: The ACE Partnership - *Madeleine Starr and Sue Yeandle*  
African Perspectives – *Jaco Hoffman*  
The United Nations Background - *coordinated by Dianne Davis*
- UN-HABITAT - Cities: Magnets of Hope *Jean Bakole*
  - WHO- Age-Friendly Cities *James Goodwin and Simon Biggs*

**Open Forum**

**5.30** Short break then General Session *continued* **Imagining the Possible**

- The future of work : *Peter Siderman*
- Developments in education and training *Chris Harman*
- Taking experience further *Jackie Richards and Trevor Burchick*
- Possibilities in digital health and care *Pramod Gaur and Elizabeth Hanson*
- Trends in design *Simon Cavelle with notes from Gisela Loehlein*
- City Portals *Notes from Motoo Kusakabe*

**9.00** After dinner address: **Baroness Pitkeathley**

**Wednesday, 24 October 2007**

**9: 00** Break-out Sessions

*(i) Environments that make a difference, (ii) Access to employment and education (iii) Digital Possibilities*

**1.30 Closing Session: Future Horizons .... Next steps**

Key summary points from the break out sessions  
Action plan  
Open Forum  
Closing remarks

**3.00 Roundtable Ends**