

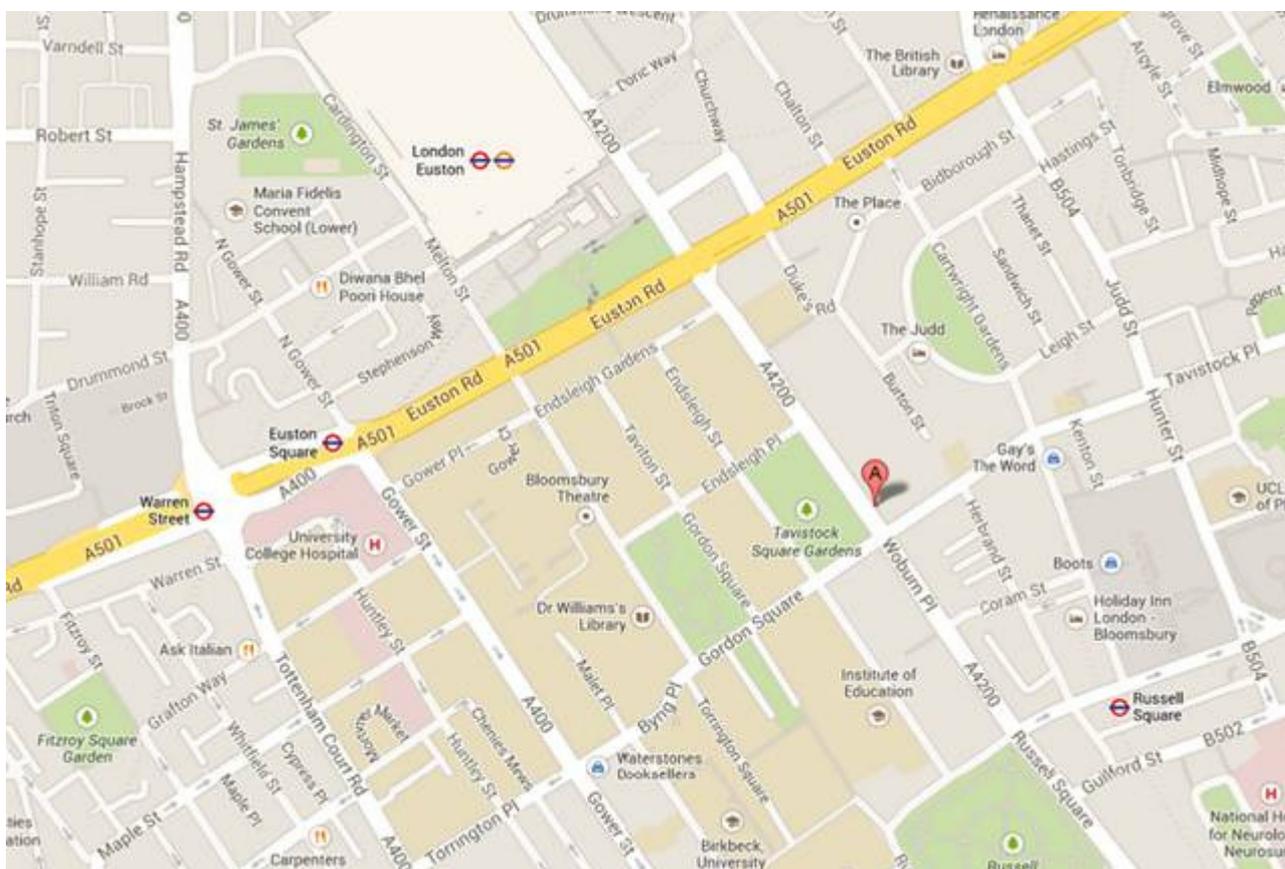
Community Matters – are our communities ready for ageing? Seminar 1: ‘Getting out and about’

Speaker’s Briefing

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The event is taking place on **Tuesday, 11 March, 2014** at Age UK, Tavis House, 1-6 Tavistock Square, London, W1G 0RN.

Map below



Registration will begin at 13.30, with the event starting at 14.00. There will be teas and coffees served at the start, and another serving in the break at 15.30.

AGENDA/TIMING

When?	What?	Who?
13:30 – 14:00	Registration, teas and coffees	ALL
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and opening comments	Malcolm Dean
14:10 – 14:15	Welcome	Phil Rossall, Age UK
14:15 – 14:20	Welcome	David Sinclair, ILC-UK
Setting the scene – where are we now and where do we want to be		
14:20 – 14:30	Response	Charlie Musselwhite, <i>University of Swansea</i>
14:30 – 14:40	Response	Catharine Ward-Thompson, <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
14:40 – 14:50	Response	Sophie Handler, <i>RIBA/Manchester Council</i>
14:50 – 15:00	Response	Kit Mitchell, formerly British <i>Transport Research Library</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Q&A for speakers and open discussion	ALL
15:30 – 15:45	Break – Networking, teas and coffees	ALL
Solutions – how do we get there?		
15:45 – 15:50	Summing up of previous discussion, lead into solution-focussed discussion	Malcolm Dean
15.50 – 16.55	Open discussion	ALL
16:55 – 17:00	Close	Malcolm Dean

BIOGRAPHIES OF CHAIR AND SPEAKERS (in speaking order)

(Chair) Malcolm Dean, Nuffield College, Oxford (formerly *The Guardian*)

Malcolm Dean worked on *The Guardian* for 38 years as a roving reporter, social affairs leader-writer and an assistant editor. He served on the Carnegie Commission on the Third Age, wrote the laypersons's guide to the ESRC Growing Older programme, and chaired a Joseph Rowntree commission on older people. On his retirement from *The Guardian* in 2006, he was awarded a fellowship at Nuffield College, Oxford, where he is still an Associate. His book 'Democracy Under Attack: how the media distort policy and politics' was issued in hardback in 2011 and an updated paperback was published in 2013.

Phil Rossall, Research Manager, Age UK

Phil is a Research Manager at Age UK, responsible for knowledge management (knowledge transfer, exchange and impact). He has had this role since Age UK was formed in 2009, having worked previously in Help the Aged, the Myasthenia Gravis Association, a children's wheelchair skills-training charity and various secondary schools. He has worked on several major projects in the last few years, including the Improving Later Life book series and the London Age Friendly Cities guide. He is responsible for the accuracy of Age UK's outputs, including press releases and research and statistical reports, including the annual policy publication Agenda for Later Life.

David Sinclair, Assistant Director, Policy and Communications, ILC-UK

David is responsible for the policy and communications activities of the International Longevity Centre-UK. David has honorary research positions at the University of Manchester and UCL. David has a particular interest in financial services, older consumers, active ageing and meaningful occupation, and the role of technology in an ageing society. David has a strong knowledge of UK and global ageing society issues, from healthcare to pensions and from housing to transport. David is a Chair of a London based charity (Open Age) which enables older people to sustain their physical and mental fitness, maintain active lifestyles and develop new and stimulating interests.

David is Vice-Chair of the pan-European Age Platform expert group on ICT and Transport. He works as a member of three DWP Age Action Alliance Working Groups. David is the former Vice-Chair of the Consumer Expert Group for Digital Switchover. He is also a member of the Editorial Board for "Working with Older People".

Dr Charles Musselwhite, Associate Professor, University of Swansea

Charles is Associate Professor (Reader) in Gerontology at the [Centre for Innovative Ageing \(CIA\)](#) at [Swansea University](#) and heads-up the Environments and Ageing research interests strand. He is Deputy Director of [OPAN Cymru](#), an initiative to develop and enhance research, policy and practice for older people across Wales. He has a particular interest in ageing, travel and transport, addressing technological, environmental, health and sustainability contexts of transportation and built environment studies. His research addressing ageing and transport spans four interconnected areas:-

- (1) [Attitudes to transport and travel](#)
- (2) [Older people, travel behaviour change and health and wellbeing.](#)
- (3) [Giving-up driving for later life.](#)
- (4) [Road user safety and ageing.](#)

He has advised the Parliamentary Council for Transport Safety on older people's transport issues and is an Executive member of the British Society of Gerontology. His research on older people and their travel and driving behaviour has involved several invited International and national presentations at conferences and

invited presentations to the House of Commons and House of Lords. He has appeared on BBC TV and Internationally on the radio about his research. He is an avid Gosport Borough Football Club fan and is delighted they are appearing at Wembley in the FA Trophy final in just over a week. He likes progressive rock music.

Professor Catharine Ward-Thompson, Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Edinburgh

Catharine Ward Thompson is professor of landscape architecture at the University of Edinburgh. She is Director of OPENspace the research centre for inclusive access to outdoor environments based at the Universities of Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt. She is a qualified landscape architect and a fellow of the Landscape Institute. Her research focuses on inclusive access to outdoor environments, including work with children, young people and older people. Current research includes a focus on the relationship between the quality and accessibility of green space and people's health and wellbeing.

From 2003-2011, she directed the I'DGO (Inclusive Design for Getting Outdoors) research consortium, studying the benefits and barriers to getting outdoors for older people and the implications for their quality of life www.idgo.ac.uk. She currently leads a new project, Mobility, Mood and Place, <http://sites.ace.ed.ac.uk/mmp/>, taking a user-centred approach to design of built environments to make mobility easy, enjoyable and meaningful for older people. The research includes innovative, mobile neural imaging methods to explore real-time emotional responses to place and, working with cohorts of people in their 70s and 90s, will consider the influence of local environments in which people have resided from childhood on their mobility, cognition and wellbeing in old age.

Sophie Handler, Research and Planning Officer, Age-Friendly Manchester

As Research and Planning Officer for Age-Friendly Manchester, Sophie works between Manchester City Council, the University of Manchester and the UK Urban Ageing Consortium, to advance research and policy understandings of Age-Friendly City concepts: developing the UK's first Research and Evaluation Framework for Age-Friendly Cities; supporting the application of Age-Friendly City concepts into urban practice – and reflecting on how these concepts are interpreted and adopted by policymakers and practitioners. With a background in practice-led architectural research Sophie has a particular interest in alternative forms of urban practice as a way of enabling older people to reconfigure their everyday relationships to urban space. She is Chair of the RIBA's working group on Ageing: a year-long programme of work within the RIBA looking to engage the profession in thinking about ageing issues within architectural practice.

Dr C.G.B. 'Kit' Mitchell

Dr C G B (Kit) Mitchell worked at RRL/TRRL/Transport Research Laboratory from 1970 to 1994 on public transport, transport planning, the effects of transport policies on different groups of people, and environmental issues. From the early 1980s he also ran TRRL's research on transport for disabled people, and was co-chair of the US Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility 2003–09. Recipient of the William G Bell Award for services to accessible transportation, 2001 and Emeritus Member TRB 2011.

Since retirement he has remained active and was editor for the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) guidelines 'Planning for Public Transport in Developments' and author of the guidelines 'Moving Freight'. He provides the statistics database for the Institute of Advanced Motorists' (IAM) 'Motoring Facts', and his interest in safety has grown from studies concerned with older drivers and pedestrians. In 2010 he produced a review of research on older drivers for the RAC Foundation, and during 2009–10 assisted the UN Development Programme with a study to improve the accessibility of public transport in Penang State, Malaysia.
