Love is simply not enough

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Rabindranath Tagore

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A welfare state fit for purpose

• The first world war
• We have a Great British welfare state to be proud of?
• **BUT** is it fit for purpose for the next generation?
The Challenges Ahead

We all think it is just about the ‘The Comprehensive Spending Review’.

The Challenges have been there a long time – they are just catching up with us.

We cannot continue to be all things to all people
Keys to Citizenship

Supports/Services

Goals/Outcomes... in Community

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Was Joe being seen as a citizen in his community like everyone else?
The ‘Gift’ model
NO – we were being given the ‘gift’ of services
The Citizenship Model
A person centred approach
Circle of friends
Assessment
Resource Allocation
Support Plan
My Skills and gifts
My plans now, next year and in the future.
How I control my own life
Organising the help I need
The Community

So how did it work for Joe?
Joe found a great team to support him
He got his own car
He started college ...but needed more things to do
Clothes, collecting, reusing and recycling with the ODD SOCKS ENTERPRISE. And importing fair trade goods made from recycled materials.
Ready for more clothes collections with my trailer
Went on holiday
Bought my own home – “Sunnyville”
Is still part of the family with roles and responsibilities to fulfill as a brother, son, nephew etc....
...and really started to enjoy life
So......
don’t STOP me now!!!!!!!!!!!
A man is either free or not. There cannot be any apprenticeship for freedom.

Imamu Amiri Baraka
The love of liberty is the love of others, the love of power is the love of ourselves.

William Hazlett
You only have power over people so long as you don’t take everything away from them.

But when you have robbed a man of everything he’s no longer in your power - he’s free again.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn
None of those who have been free can understand the terrible fascinating power of the ‘hope of freedom’ on those who are not free.

Pearl S. Buck

Joe being towed by a speed boat across the Mediterranean with Clare and Jonny, our friends who lived in Spain.
Laughing WITH not at Joe as he prepares to absail.
Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
A life spent in making mistakes is not only more honourable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

George Bernard Shaw

Joe meeting Fred Flintstone in Madame Tussauds
Who knows? Maybe my life belongs to God. Maybe it belongs to me. But I do know one thing: I’m damned if it belongs to the Government!

Arthur Hoppe

Joe and friends stood on the glass at the top of Blackpool Tower
Joy is not in things, it is in us
Richard Wagner

Joe at home with his family
Hold tenderly that which you cherish

Joe waiting for the limo to pick him up for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Ball to receive his award.

Joe has now completed his Silver Award and is working towards his GOLD

Rob Albert
He achieved his GOLD duke of Edinburgh award in November 2008.
Who was it that said I don’t communicate?
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Joe just being the usual ‘cheeky’ Joe
Dancing queen........young and sweet, definately not seventeen!!!!
Yet another social function - going by Stretch Limo this time though!!
So Joe what do you think of your PA’s?
Joe at the side of “SunnyVille”
Chilling with Dad!!

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched.

They must be felt with the heart.

Helen Adams Keller
Having a minute!!

Love is but the discovery of ourselves in others, and the delight in the recognition.

Alexander Smith
Joe working at his sale
Feeling a little tired after the 8 mile sponsored walk
So who’s in control now?

Joe enjoying life in his own home
Jacob doing what he does best........being a monkey!
Hey Rosie, watch you don’t bite your tongue!
Rosie and Jacob growing up and living their life
So sweet and precious is family life
James McBride
Thank you for letting me join you today

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