

NCVO'S MESSAGES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION – AND WHAT NOW?

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MAKE IT EASIER AND MORE REWARDING FOR PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER

- Getting more employers to allow time off work for volunteering, including time off for charity trustees
- Providing a support fund to address barriers to volunteering for people with disabilities
- Doing more to recognise the difference that volunteers make to their communities
- Strengthening volunteer development and management

SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR A GENERATION TO COME

- Build on the success story of local community foundations by creating income-generating endowment funds
- Put more assets in community ownership
- There's an opportunity with **dormant assets** – but what's happening now isn't entirely clear

MAKE IT EASIER FOR CHARITIES AND VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC SERVICES

- Better services with better commissioning
- Asking services such as the NHS to set targets for the management and development of volunteering
- Asking our senior public service leaders to become volunteering champions

MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO BUILD THEIR SKILLS AND GET A GOOD JOB

- Replace European Union programmes that help people get back to work or start a social enterprise with new, lighter-touch, flexible programmes
- Make it easier for unemployed people looking for work to volunteer, by getting rid of red tape and confusion about the rules

GIVE EVERYBODY A STAKE IN POST-BREXIT BRITAIN

- We can get more people involved if when parliament legislates to replace EU laws and regulations through the Great Repeal Bill
- We ask that as part of the negotiations to leave the EU, the right to stay of people from elsewhere in Europe is resolved without delay
- We ask that simple and effective visa requirements, or a waiver programme, are in place to enable this

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QUEEN'S SPEECH

- Likely to be revised given need for a deal with DUP and unpopularity of some Conservative manifesto promises
- Pressure from Tory MPs for the PM to change tack
- Pledges on social care, pensions triple lock, means testing of winter fuel allowance, fox hunting could be dropped
- Economics – less austerity? Pendulum swung?

BREXIT - NEGOTIATIONS

- Loss of Conservative majority and deal with DUP suggests 'softer' Brexit
- Will have to be balanced against pro-hard Brexit Conservative MPs
- Possibility of a cross-party approach?

DISCUSSION

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