Love is simply not enough

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Rabindranath Tagore

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How does the system work today?

You’re going to have to change to fit into the system.

Or how about you change the system so we can all fit?
The Challenges Ahead

We all think it is just about Austerity.

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

in Control

my life
Was Joe being seen as a citizen in his community like everyone else?
The ‘Gift’ model

1. Community
2. Contribution via Taxation
3. Government
4. Funding for Services
5. Professional
6. Assessment and support
7. Person in Need
NO – we were being given the ‘gift’ of services
The Citizenship Model

- Citizen
- Community
- Government
- Professional

- Negotiated service
- Entitlement to funding
- Contribution via taxation
So how did it work for Joe?

- 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
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”
The story continues........caving in the Lakes!!!!
Is still part of the family with roles and responsibilities to fulfill as a brother, son, uncle 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

Joe - 60 feet up a tree in the Lake District at Kepplewray
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
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
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

*Hold tenderly that which you cherish*

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, definitely 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
From micro to macro – how we created My Life
Services have promised generations of families so much, it's NOW time to deliver because people who need support don't have the time to wait to get a GOOD LIFE.
It can all be done

- We know how to do it
- Some are doing it well
- It will be hard work
- The most important work is always hard.
Thank you for letting me join you today

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